



2023 Annual General Meeting Vice-President Report

Respectfully submitted by: Benoît Pinsonnault

In 2022, I was still in charge of one OVO Walk Box: PT # 277, Tribute to Canadian Armed Forces and also guided the Remembrance Day Walk on Friday, November 11, 2022 to the National Cenotaph Annual Ceremony in downtown Ottawa.

In February 2022, I prepared a draft copy of my 2021 Vice-President Annual Report circulated to the OVO Executive for our upcoming OVO AGM by Zoom, scheduled on April 23, 2022, which I participated in.

I was still the Chair of the Joint Committee of the OVO and the Nomads for the 2022 More Days Walk and Bike Event, which finally took place in Val-David, QC, on August 19-21, 2022, after having been postponed for the last two years due to COVID-19. Since the main building of the Auberge du Vieux Foyer in Val-David burned down on January 3-4, 2022 and that all their other accommodation buildings were not touched, many discussions then took place to find out if they could still accommodate our event, which resulted into an agreeable arrangement for all. The pre-walk and cycling were done on July 15, 2022 by 6 volunteers: 4 on bike and 2 for the walking portion. The participation in the said event was as follows: 12 people for the walk (two completed the entire distance) and 5 for the cycle event (two completed the entire distance). I am retiring from organizing this event, the 2022 one was my last one, unless someone else would like to tackle that challenge or replace it by something else.

Finally in September 2022, I have prepared a brief History on the More Days Walk/Cycle Event: This event started in 2004 and was then sponsored by the Ottawa-Carleton Volkssport Association. Ole Olson was the President of this organization, which was regrouping all the CVF local Clubs. Ole, with the help of many volunteers, started to organize such an outstanding annual event from 2004 to 2012. The Ottawa-Carleton Volkssport Association ceased its operation on December 31, 2012. Starting in 2013, it was decided that this event would now be organized by a committee, chaired by Benoît Pinsonneault and composed of members from the two local CVF Clubs in the National Capital: the Ottawa Voyageurs Walking Club and the Nepean Nomads Walking Club. In 2014, cycling was added to this event for the first time and every year thereafter up to 2022. No event took place in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID pandemic.