



**ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT PRESENTED BY NNAMDI NDUBUKA
AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN PRINCE ALBERT ON
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It has been an honor and privilege to serve another year as President of Prince Albert Youth Soccer Association. On behalf of the PAYSIA Board of Directors and staff, I would like to welcome you all to the Annual General Meeting of our great Association.

As an Association, we are honored to be responsible for the administration of youth soccer for the City of Prince Albert and surrounding rural areas. I would like to highlight some of our accomplishments during the past soccer season.

1. Post Pandemic Response

The past year was our first year back after COVID-19 to be able to operate without any restrictions (team size, mask, etc.). Our Club was fortunate as the impact of the restrictions were minimal. We are now seeing a continuing rise in registration numbers. We were prepared and ready for all the players to return.

2. Equipment

We purchased additional soccer balls, goal nets, and made a financial donation to the City to support the turf replacement.

3. Club Membership

Our Club continue to grow and in previous year we had the largest number of registered players involved in Saskatchewan. We had 734 players in the indoor season and 1115 during the spring season. Our First Nation groups continued to support PAYSIA.

4. Soccer programs

i. Celtic

Under the leadership of our Technical Director, Dragutin Ivkovic, PAYSIA Celtic program continues to maintain a high performance. Overall, there were 49 gold or silver medals in the tournaments and 5 Provincials medals (2 Gold and 3 silver). That is an excellent achievement and hope we will continue the same way in this upcoming season.

We had a few Club days with teams from SUSC, Astra and Lakewood. We appreciate the effort of our athletes, parents, and volunteers in making these events a huge success.



ii. House League

Efforts are ongoing to enhance member experience in the PAYS A recreational soccer program – House League. The season started on time with 911 registered players. Considering the size of our community, that is an impressive number and the largest number in PAYS A history.

iii. First Nation Soccer Development

We appreciate the ongoing collaborative efforts of our First Nation partners. PAYS A continues to partner with First Nation bands in delivering high-quality training sessions as part of our commitment to improving grass root soccer in surrounding communities. Players from seven First Nations communities have registered to participate in the House League 2023-24 indoor season.

5. Coaches Development

PAYS A recognizes the importance of continuing professional development for coaches. The Technical Director has continued to create opportunities for coaching development and mentorship in collaboration with the Saskatchewan Soccer Association (SSA). We continue to support coaches to obtain their soccer licensure and maintain competence.

6. Club Administration

Our Technical Director, Dragan Ivkovic and Office Manager, Mitzi Pytlak continues to administer the day-to-day operations of our club. Their administrative experience and leadership continue to be an asset to PAYS A, and we appreciate their hard work. As the Age Group Coordinator, Trina Bell continues to organize all house league teams and coaches, with guidance from Dragan and Mitzi. She continues to demonstrate competence in her role.

7. Appreciation

i. Sponsorships and partners

We would like to acknowledge our sponsors and partners: Leon's for continuing to sponsor our coaches' apparel; Tim Hortons for contributing to all U5/U7. Our Contract expired with Adidas and due to the inflated cost of their athletic apparel we decided not to renew it. We are now in process of looking for a new partnership for our House league.



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Our Celtic teams will continue to wear the Adidas brand for the next few years, as Source for Sports has purchased enough apparel to cover the teams.

ii. Referee Development

We would like to express our profound gratitude to Rory McIntosh, who continues to be responsible for PAYS A's Referee Development and Coordination. Thank you for all your hard work these past years.

iii. Out-going PAYS A Board members

We acknowledge our outgoing Board member – Barry Morin for his dedication and selfless service to PAYS A. Barry have made significant contribution in moving our Association forward.

I would like to acknowledge all PAYS A Board members for their contribution over this past year. Thank you for your countless volunteer hours in leading PAYS A in the right direction.

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