

Thank you to all volunteers and participants

On behalf of everyone associated with the Fire and Ice Festival and Alton Millpond Hockey Classic, I am writing to express our most sincere thanks and appreciation for your contribution to both events.

We were blessed with a number of things that converged to make this year's events the most successful yet: Amazing weather that made for near-perfect ice conditions on the millpond, temperatures that were cold but not too cold for snow and ice carving, fat biking, hiking, fire sculpture and more; a roster of more than 40 volunteers of all ages; dedicated staff and artist tenants at the Alton Mill, vendors, sponsors and other participants; enthusiastic hockey players and fans; and a supportive community and municipality. With approximately 1,100 attendees Saturday and 500 Sunday, the overall attendance for the weekend was the highest we've ever had for a public event at the Alton Mill.

Over the next few days, we'll be doing the accounting for the Hockey Classic to determine how much was raised for the millpond project. I am confident we will meet or exceed our target figure of \$10,000, thanks to the hard work and contributions from so many people.

The overall 'vibe' was positive, fun and authentic, which is exactly what we were hoping for.

Jeremy Grant, co-owner,
Alton Mill Arts Centre