

## **KL Festivals appoints Richard-Gorman as New Chair**

The Kirkland Lake Festivals Committee has appointed Director Julie Richard-Gorman as its new Chair. The local lawyer assumes her new role as the committee wraps up its most successful year in its 13-year history.

“I’m honoured to be taking on the role of Chair,” Gorman said. “It was an easy decision because of the great group of committed Directors who work so hard just because they love our community.”

Richard-Gorman takes over for Robin Connelly, who had chaired the committee for the past four years. Connelly will remain a Director and continue in his role as the committee’s live music coordinator.

“Robin has left some pretty big shoes to fill,” Gorman added. “I look forward to his guidance while we continue to raise the bar with our events and live concerts featuring some of the most sought-after music acts.”

The Festivals Committee has also added Drew Enouy as a new member. Enouy joins Bonnie Sackrider, Kyle Sinclair, Erin Robazza, Eugene Ivanov, Doug LaBerge, Liz Robazza, Don Lively and Connelly on the current Board of Directors.

Following an extremely successful Homecoming Week this summer, the committee recently started preparing for the 2014 Kirkland Lake Winter Carnival, which will include 18 days of events from February 13-March 2.

Winter Carnival will feature live concerts, the \$50,000 fish

derby, the Rotary hockey tournament, three nights of Kabaret, a kid's carnival, the Skating Club's ice show, the Stars of Pop and more.

The Festivals Committee has made arrangements with the CJKL Carnival Queen Committee to have the queen crowning and fashion show as the opening event of Winter Carnival on February 13.

In addition, Kirkland Lake Gold will be sponsoring several nights of free sleigh rides and six free kids matinees during next year's Winter Carnival.

Kirkland Lake Gold is one of the committee's 80 corporate sponsors, a group of supporters including local businesses, organizations, families and government agencies.

Local groups and organizations are welcome to join in the festivities by hosting their own events. Interested parties should contact a Festivals Committee member if they have ideas for events between February 13 and March 2.

Last year's Kirkland Lake Winter Carnival featured a record-breaking number of sold out events and received a Top 100 Festivals Award from Festivals and Events Ontario.

In addition to hosting Kirkland Lake's Winter Carnival, the Festivals Committee also organizes the annual Homecoming Week. The 2014 festival is scheduled for June 25-July 1.