

Y-Con Gaming & Comics Convention  
Final Report to the Board of Directors

2021

Similar to 2020, COVID-19 has impacted much of the world. Socially, financially, many of the freedoms that we enjoyed had to be severely curtailed in order to mitigate the spread of this infectious virus. As such, the impact of the pandemic ultimately forced the Board of Directors to cancel any further planning of the events that were being readied.

The idea of holding an indoor 3-day event was not a feasible one due to the uncertainties regarding the restrictions in place by the Nova Scotia Government and Health Authority. A state of emergency remains in effect and limits on gathering were in place. Further, mask wearing, social distancing and limits to what business could be open in May of 2021 during the third wave brought doubt into our ability to run any events safely.

Initially, it was planned that several one day events held over the spring, summer, and fall of 2021 would make it easier to manage the risk. However it was clear that with rising numbers of infections and a tightening of restrictions meant that Y-Con would have to postpone until the 2022 season.

The events planned however brought ideas to the table that were not considered before and may well be carried into the New Year. The Geek Flea Market, The Scavenger Hunt, The Pet Cosplay are all events that may make their debut in 2022.

Currently, the pandemic, although still with us, has shifted from eliminating the virus to incorporation into our daily lives. Restrictions are lifting as vaccination levels rise. With this there is a new sense of hope that Y-Con 2022 will pick up where we left off back in April of 2020.

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President, Y-Con 2021

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# EVENTS LIST

**Below is an overview of the events that were planned for Y-Con 2021. It was agreed that instead of attempting to hold our standard 3-day event, we would spread it over several smaller one day events throughout the year. These are in no particular order.**

## **WHITECHAPEL**

A one day event integrating gaming with a specific themed activity, escape room. With the assistance of museum employee Lisette Gaudette, puzzles and challenges are pre-arranged going through parts of the Yarmouth museum dressed as a Victorian-era backdrop, matching the same era of the infamous killer. While groups of 4 (max. 6) go through the walk-through and escape room itself, others will be in a room with board games available such as our previous games day.

## **GAMING THROUGH THE AGES**

A games day style event where several consoles from the history of gaming from the 70's up to current day are available for play. The day would also include themed trivia, and prizes for all involved. Competitions, head to head play, and other contests would be included.

## **MIB PRESENT STEVE JACKSON TAVERN**

A one-day Steve Jackson GameDay: MIB presents Steve Jackson tavern (a custom games day of all of Steve Jackson's games with prizes provided by MIB). There will also be tables set up for gaming. We will be looking to have other games available to play as well. A schedule of competition opportunities to learn to play games.

## **COSPLAY BY THE SEA**

A cosplay contest hosted on either the Yarmouth Waterfront or Cape Forchu Lighthouse. The contest would include a parade, photoshoot, and judging competition. Contestants would also spend the day mingling with fans and other costumed visitors.

## **Y-CON SCAVENGER HUNT**

A scavenger hunt with both online and outdoor components. The initial clue can be given to the participants via text / FB message. This will allow the start time for each participant to be tracked. The clues will send them to a location where they can get the next clue. The clues can be on various web pages or facebook pages, at local stores who may choose to participate in the hunt, or can be set up as geo caches. The participants would need to take a photo of themselves at the final location, which could be a store or a landmark.

## **Y-CON D&D EPIC TOURNAMENT**

D&D Epic Adventure, two or more tables (potentially 4 tables) to play simultaneously All players would play the same story, but different parts of the story. It features an element that allows some controlled interaction between play tables notes and messages handed between 'messagers' to DMs. The event will run for 4 to 5 hours.

**Y-CON FLEA MARKET**

A one day flea market where anyone can set up a table to sell, trade, giveaway, or exchange their comic books, board games, video games, books, toys, role playing games, card games, model kits, or anything nerd adjacent. There will also be tables set up for gaming.