

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Island Savings Centre Commission held in the Centre Board Room, 2687 James Street, Duncan, on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 2:30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J. Winfrey, T. Duncan, D. Haywood, A. Siebring, G. Seymour, Alternate Director L. Heinio

ALSO

PRESENT: J. Elzinga, Manager, ISC
T. Hamilton, Manager, Arts & Culture, CVRD
B. Coleman, Operations Coordinator, CVRD
L. Rogerson, Youth Outreach Programmer, ISC
A. Plunet, Recording Secretary

Amendments to the Agenda under New Business include:
Allocations of corporate funds; Area E residents' concern regarding fitness programming.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA
09-20**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with amendments and changes in order as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES
09-21**

It was moved and seconded that the March 12/09 Regular Minutes of the Island Savings Centre Commission be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**YOUTH
OUTREACH
PROGRAM**

- Programmer Leah Rogerson stated:

Chemainus youth were recently invited to participate in discussions relating to choices and accountability at a meeting between local police and concerned members of the Chemainus community. Although the Chemainus Community Kitchens program will not be re-offered in the upcoming season, the well attended program will continue to be offered in Duncan. Programming changes to the Youth Dances have produced inter-community dances that are well attended, with positive feedback from parents and support groups.

L. Rogerson left the meeting at 2:43 pm.

OPERATIONS

B. Coleman stated:

- The Hockey Stick landscaping project has been completed with the replacement of turf under the stick. Under the direction of the District of North Cowichan, the process of decommissioning the Aquannis Centre has begun with the shutting down of the boiler unit.
- The Cowichan Arena's Zamboni will require replacement within the next two years. Taking into account a waiting list of approximately 18 months to deliver a new Zamboni, an order will need to be placed to meet the expiration timeline of the present Zamboni.

**ARTS &
CULTURE**

T. Hamilton stated:

- The Cowichan Theatre has completed both a very successful music festival season as well as a musical production by Shawnigan Lake School. Upcoming events include a Cancer Fundraiser Rock Concert, and the annual Aboriginal Film Festival. Replacement of the Theatre's aging Sound Board system has become urgent, and staff continues to research the most cost effective means for replacement.
- Valuable networking contacts were developed by staff while attending the Pacific Contact Conference. The Arts and Culture Division/Cowichan Theatre is developing Outreach Programs to better serve the Communities within the Cowichan Region. This program will open opportunities for various shows/performances, both local and touring, to be seen throughout the region.

Discussion ensued and the suggestion offered that Regional Recreation Models be researched as a means of developing regional funding initiatives that would contribute to theatre funding upgrades.

**BUSINESS
ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES**

BA1

Code of Behaviour

- On Sunday March 29, Island Savings Centre staff held a successful breakfast meeting with an invitation to local members of the Canadian Mental Health Society, Vancouver Island Regional Library staff, and youth and homeless who frequent the Centre. General discussion took place regarding an acceptable code of behavior for all members of the public. It was revealed that access to public showers is greatly lacking, and could be considered to be a high priority for those without shelter.

After lengthy discussion, a Pilot Project was proposed in which the Island Savings Centre would provide limited access to showers in the Cowichan Arena dressing rooms 3 and 6, with access provided from the exterior of the building only, on a trial period every Thursday and Friday morning from 6:30 am to 8:30 am only. Island Savings Centre Staff would provide facility access, and shower use would be under the supervision of Canadian Mental Health staff Chuck McCandless or an identified alternate. The project would continue from April 17 until June 26, 2009, after which time the arrangement will be reviewed pending a successful trial period. Should alcohol or illegal drugs be found in the rooms, or damage to the rooms occurs, this project will immediately cease.

09-22

It was moved and seconded that the Island Savings Centre Commission approve the Island Savings Centre Pilot Project to provide showers to the homeless for a trial period of two days a week beginning April 17, 2009 under the supervision of Island Savings Centre staff and Canadian Mental Health officials, and that the project be re-evaluated after June 26, 2009.

MOTION CARRIED

As definition of acceptable behavior remains a significant issue, staff will continue to develop a code of conduct, with a focus on youth.

BA2
NAIG Display

- The Island Savings Centre staff are determining appropriate placement for an enclosed display case within the Centre in which to display smaller artifacts of the 2008 North American Indigenous Games.

BA3
Big Stick
Refurbishing

- Community involvement continues to be positive in regards to the refurbishment of the Hockey Stick and Puck. Staff continues to pursue the most cost efficient means of repairing the Stick and Puck, including a cost savings rental of a two man bucket lift, and possible assistance from the Cowichan Secondary School student carpentry class. Replacement of the Puck remains a priority due to disintegration of materials. As the integrity of the stick remains, refurbishment will occur in its existing position above the Cowichan Arena.

- BA4**
Olympic Torch
Relay
- John Elzinga, Manager of the Island Savings Centre, and Garrett Elliot, Councillor of North Cowichan, have been appointed Co-Chairs of the local Celebration Committee for the Olympic Torch Relay. This community Special Event will stop in front of the Cowichan Arena for the first of the daytime celebrations, on October 31/09.

As a financial institution backs the Olympic Torch Relay, in consideration of accepted terms with the Island Savings Credit Union naming rights, J. Elzinga will discuss signage of the event with the Island Savings Credit Union.

COMMUNI- CATIONS

INFORMATION

REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

- NB1**
Boxing Match
- For Information Purposes: June 6, 2009 the Island Savings Centre will host a WBC International Featherweight Title Boxing Match between Jeannine Garside and Dominga Olivo in the Cowichan Arena.

- NB2**
Ice Scheduling
- Staff representing Fuller Lake, Cowichan Lake, Island Savings Centre and Kerry Park arenas, met recently to develop a sports tourism strategy regarding regional ice scheduling. ISC staff are currently anticipating extending the ice availability later into the spring

- NB3**
Cowichan Lake
Arena
- For Information Purposes: John Elzinga, ISC Manager, will be working out of the Cowichan Lake Arena office on Wednesdays, in order to move forward the Arena Renovation Project.

- NB4**
Arts & Sports
Scholarship Fund
- Cowichan and Chemainus Valley's Arts & Sports Scholarship applications will be accepted up until Friday, April 24/09. Councillor Jesse Winfrey and Alternate Director Leslie Heinio have accepted the task of reviewing the applications, and the awarding of two \$500 arts awards and two \$500 sports awards to students attending post secondary school in the 2009-2010 year. Scholarship winners will be awarded their cheques at the students' respective school awards presentations.

NB5
Topics for
Discussion

For Information Purposes: Specific topics to be discussed at future meetings include Facility Allocation; Cancellation Policies; Partnership with Vancouver Island University; Youth in the ISC Lobby.

NB6
Island Savings
Credit Union
Allocated Funds

Staff clarified the process of prioritizing capital expenditures using the annual \$100,000 allocated through Corporate Sponsorship from the Island Savings Credit Union over the next 10 years.

The first installment of \$100,000 in Dec/08 and the second installment of \$100,000 in Jan/09 received from ISCU were combined with monies received from the 2008 BC Hydro Gas Tax Grant in order to complete capital projects as identified in the 2009 budget.

NB7
Area E Concern

Director Loren Duncan has expressed concern that the decision to restrict fitness programming to the Cowichan Aquatic Centre and wellness programs to the Island Savings Centre would result in economic hardship for Area E residents required to pay the out of area two tiered fees.

Discussion ensued. As the focus of the Island Savings Centre is on provision of service, ISC Commission members agreed that clarity and distinction of programs being offered should ensure no duplication among facilities. It was also determined that public requests for facility rentals for fitness be denied.

General discussion determined that residents wishing to express their displeasure regarding the two tiered fee structure be directed back to their Directors for clarity of participation.

ADJOURNMENT
09-23

It was moved and seconded that the Regular meeting of the Island Savings Centre Commission adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

The next regular Island Savings Centre Commission Meeting will be held May 14, 2009, at 2:30 pm, or at the call of the Chair.

Certified Correct:

Chairperson

Secretary

Dated: