

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Island Savings Centre Commission held in the Centre Board Room, 2687 James Street, Duncan, on Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 2:30 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors J. Winfrey, Director T. Duncan,  
Alternate Director L. Heinio

**ALSO**

**PRESENT** J. Elzinga, Manager, ISC  
K. Schrader, Manager, Arts & Culture  
B. Coleman, Operations Coordinator  
D. Begley, Youth Outreach Programmer  
L. Rogerson, Youth Outreach Programmer  
A. Plunet, Recording Secretary

**CALL TO  
ORDER**

The Island Savings Centre Commission Chair called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

**In the absence of a quorum, the agenda was accepted with amendments and changes in order as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
MINUTES**

**In the absence of a quorum, approval of the minutes of the March 11, 2010 regular meeting of the Island Savings Centre Commission was deferred for the May 13, 2010 meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**STAFF  
REPORTS**

**ARTS &  
CULTURE  
REPORT**

Arts & Culture Division Manager K. Schrader reported:

The Cowichan Theatre is experiencing its busiest time of the year with both professional touring and community shows. Ballet Victoria this week drew the largest dance audience since the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. The upcoming Cowichan International Aboriginal Festival of Film and Art will include a variety of cultural experiences including a blanketing ceremony

to welcome His and Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor Steven Point and Mrs. Gwendolyn Point as Honorary Patrons of the Festival.

Artists and performers are actively being booked for the 2010/2011 season, and a new children's theatre series is being researched.

Current and potential user groups will soon be invited to a Cowichan Theatre Open House taking place in early June to discuss issues or barriers regarding use of the theatre, and to discuss in an open forum, ways the theatre can become more relevant to all arts and cultural events taking place throughout the community. A fundraiser is being considered in conjunction with the Cowichan Folk Guild as a means to assist Theatre user groups who have lost their gaming grant funds.

The new wireless microphone system is in the process of being upgraded. Options are being researched for the purchase of a new sound system, and a full report is expected to be presented at the May Commission meeting.

## **OPERATIONS REPORT**

Operations Coordinator B. Coleman reported:

Attempts to repair a leaky boiler have been made more difficult as the model has since become discontinued. Although recent tests on pipes in other areas of the old pool facility have produced no evidence of asbestos, pipes in the boiler room will be subject to precautionary testing for asbestos.

The heating/cooling system has been completed in the old pool space currently in use by Duncan Dynamics, allowing staff to more accurately monitor usage and air quality.

As road construction continues for the Vancouver Island University, a lighting plan is now in place to include placement of three light standards in the West Parking Lot. A temporary egress is planned for theatre buses to exit safely during this preliminary time.

## **YOUTH OUTREACH REPORT**

Youth Outreach Programmers D. Begley and Leah Rogerson reported:

The youth have been recently offered many opportunities to be involved in the community, including the chance to assist with the Grand Opening of local business Sé Shen. Meetings with support organizations continue on a regular basis.

Supplement programs in the Chemainus/Crofton area maintain regular attendance by youth. The Chemainus Neighbourhood House has provided

media equipment for the Youth Action Krew's use in their endeavor to create film projects. The youth will be hosting, as well as showing, two of their films made by youth for youth, April 15, 2010 at the Chemainus Secondary School. The L.I.T. program will continue to run throughout the summer. Creation of a street-art mural will be discussed further at the next month's Commission meeting.

**ISC MANAGER'S  
REPORT**

Island Savings Centre Manager J. Elzinga reported:

Recent format changes to the ISC Recreation Brochure have been made possible through partnership with the District of North Cowichan, resulting in production of a static document outlining facilities and services of both the Island Savings Centre and the Aquatic Centre. Supplements will regularly update the public with program information, and will return a cost savings to both North Cowichan and the ISC. Discussions with programmers representing VIU and School District 79 are anticipated.

**BUSINESS  
ARISING**

**BA1**

Facility Allocation

In order to be consistent with other recreation facilities on Vancouver Island, the ISC has launched a more structured process for the allocation of ice time, as well as rental allocation of the Multi Purpose Hall and Heritage Hall. As decisions in the past have been prioritized through a more historical nature, this process will include an annual review which will allow all taxpayers the ability to access the facility.

**BA2**

Mid Prime Rate

A mid prime rate has been introduced to serve the community, maintain profitability and consistency of the sale of mid day ice, and to offer financial assistance for groups in a budgetary shortfall. The newly formed rate will fall between the ice primetime and non primetime rate schedule.

In the absence of a quorum, the ISC Commission agreed that letters to the user groups be sent out the following week identifying the proposed rates.

**BA3**

Catering Transition

Discussions have taken place between Labour and Management, regarding changes passed by the CVRD Board regarding the ISC Food and Beverage transition. As four confirmed events will take place after the proposed May 31 timeline, the Manager requested direction from the Commission regarding the ability to honour these previously booked commitments. K. Schrader has requested direction from the Commission about the Cowichan Theatre's contractually agreed upon riders occurring beyond the May 31 deadline. These contractual obligations will continue to be on-

going for the Theatre.

Permission was given by the Commission to honour the previously booked commitments with catering requests.

**BA4**

**Kidsport**

The purpose of the Cowichan Valley Kidsport Chapter is to help local children and youth overcome economic barriers which prevent or limit their participation in sport, through the distribution of grants for registration fees.

As an ISC existing policy states no free rental space will be allocated to user groups, the Manager requested the ability to waive rental fees to Kidsport, in order for the local chapter to allocate funds for the children.

The subject was tabled for further discussion at the next Commission meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1**

Largely due to the recent success of the North American Indigenous Games, discussions have taken place between NAIG organizer R. Brant and ISC Manager J. Elzinga, regarding the opportunity to bring the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships to the Cowichan Valley in 2011. As the Championships will be subsidized to a certain degree, discussions with Cowichan Tribes are planned to garner support for this event. If support is granted for the event, the bidding process will go forward.

ISC Commission Chair J. Winfrey gave his consent to further investigation of the event.

**NB2**

The Commissioners Workshop May 8/10 with PERC speaker Brian Johnston has been reduced to a morning session, to enable the speaker to offer another workshop in the afternoon. The morning workshop will continue to be on the rationale for municipal / local government recreation services and fees and charges.

**NB3**

The Island Savings Centre and the District of North Cowichan are discussing the North End Youth Outreach Programmer position working exclusively in the Crofton/ Chemainus area. Discussions will continue on ways to provide supervision for this position.

**NB4**

The ISC will shortly have three facilities no longer in regular use, the Café Central, Aquannis Centre Change Rooms, and Social Lounge. As

additional facility space is regularly required, the enhancement of the Social Lounge through some demolition and rebuilding was discussed as a means to provide greater service to the public, by creating a large additional multi use space.

Agreement was given to staff to research and identify potential uses for the Social Lounge space.

The subject of addressing the District of North Cowichan's vacant pool change rooms was tabled for further discussion at the May 13 Commission meeting.

**NB5** Chair J. Winfrey and Alternate Director L. Heinio agreed to review the received 2010 Arts & Sports Scholarship applications, and to award two \$500 Art Scholarships and two \$500 Sports Scholarships to winning recipients.

**NB6** Councillor Duncan introduced the opportunity for the Youth Outreach Program to receive funding for an art project through a program offered by the Cowichan Intercultural Society. Suggestions for artwork include creation of murals or construction of portable canvasses for the drop in centre, the opportunity to learn some metal working involving fabricating of decorative sculptures, theatrical and outdoor projects. Youth would be invited to express indication of participation prior to movement forward with the proposal.

The subject was tabled for further discussion.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm

The next regular Island Savings Centre Commission Meeting will be held May 13, 2010, at 2:30 pm, or at the call of the Chair.

Certified Correct:

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Chairperson

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Secretary

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Dated: