

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of the Cowichan Centre Commission held in the Centre Board Room, 2687 James Street, Duncan, on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 3:00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J. Winfrey, G. Seymour, A. Murray, Sharon Jackson, Director M. Tansley

ALSO

PRESENT: W. Jones, Administrator, CVRD Administrator
R. Austen, General Manager, Cowichan Centre
A. Plunet, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA
08-04**

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

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES
08-05**

It was moved and seconded that the February 14, 2008 Regular Minutes of the Cowichan Centre Commission be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**YOUTH
OUTREACH
PROGRAM
REPORT**

- Denise Begley, Youth Outreach Programer, reported the following:

Youth participation in Youth Corner continues to fluctuate and increase on a daily basis. New staff have been hired, and although donations of food have assisted with the issue of hunger, more donations continue to be sought, to supply the youth both with food on a regular basis, and with a donation of a van to encourage attendance on out-trips. The Girls on the Move program struggles for success in the outer communities. Although Break-Out Recreation is attended by approximately 30 youth at Quamichan School, and 8 youth at Crofton, there has been limited success to date in the Chemainus area. Programmers will attempt to increase awareness through contacting the local schools.

The Youth Action Krew continues to offer movie nights and fundraisers. Upcoming events include May 2 Youth Empowerment Day; participation with Spirit Week in the downtown core and Cowichan Bay areas; and volunteering during NAIG July/August. Recognizing that youth are largely responsible for local graffiti action, the Graffiti Task Force continues to try to be a solution to the problem of graffiti.

Proximity is problematic for youth attending programs in outer areas where attendance requires walking a fair distance. Personal safety is stressed when workers attend programs out of the Centre.

Ms Beagley noted the struggle faced by youth and their workers to arrive at the same location at the same time when support is needed, and stated that the success of the Youth Outreach Program is shown when youth at the Centre receive support as needed on a regular basis.

**BUSINESS
ARISING OUT
OF MINUTES**

World U-17
Hockey Challenge

- Minutes of Feb. 21/08 2009 World U-17 Hockey Challenge Partner
- Community Meeting detailed promotions and events, media presentations and partnership agreements.

Aquannis Centre
Agreement

- Letter dated March 3/08 from City of Duncan to W. Jones, CVRD advised of the February 11/08 Council Resolution to Terminate the 1980 CVRD/City of Duncan/District of North Cowichan Aquannis Centre Management Agreement.

**COMMUNI-
CATIONS
(08-05-02)**

- Letter dated Feb. 5/08 from W. Jones, CVRD to Mr. R. Brant, C.E.O., North American Indigenous Games Society announced the appointment of R.Austen CVRD staff member, to act as a liaison with the CVRD for N.A.I.G.

(08-08-02)

- Letter dated Feb. 8/08 from Ms N. Michel, Vancouver Island Health Authority to Cowichan Centre requested that the Centre participate in the VIHA Employee Preferred Purchasing (EPP) program.

- (08-21-02)** - Letter dated Feb. 21/08 from R. Austen to Vancouver Island Health Authority declined the offer to participate in the EPP program, as the Centre's fees and charges are already heavily subsidized through local government tax requisition.

INFORMATION

- Centre Security Issues - Minutes of Feb. 12/08 Cowichan Centre Department Heads Meeting gave perspective to health, safety, and security issues facing Centre staff.
- Gas Tax Transfer - Feb. 26/08 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Budget 2008 Report spoke on the decision by the Government to make the gas tax transfer permanent, and establish ways to eliminate the infrastructure deficit as well as meet other ongoing needs.
- Note to Theatre Staff - March 1/08 Note of Thanks to Cowichan Theatre Staff from Maxwell School for a job well done with their Feb. 29/08 Dance Workshop in the Cowichan Theatre.
- Active Communities Program - March 5/08 Cowichan Centre Staff Report recommended that the CVRD Board approve a Sponsorship Agreement with Jace Holdings Ltd. (Thrifty Foods) and Vancouver Island's Regional/Municipal Recreation Departments as part of the Active Communities program to provide nutritional seminars and other programs sponsored through the Nutrition Initiative.
- Special Events - Cowichan Centre Special Events List March – May 08

REPORTS

**NEW
BUSINESS**

Motion that the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter Section Part 4, Division 3, Section 90, subsections as noted in accordance with each agenda item.

**RESOLVE INTO
CLOSED
SESSION**

08-06

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, Section 90, Subsection (1) (k).

MOTION CARRIED

**RISE FROM
CLOSED
SESSION**

08-08

It was moved and seconded that the Board rise without Report and return to the Regular portion of the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

08-09

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Next regular Cowichan Centre Commission Meeting to be held Thursday, April 10, 2008, 3:00 pm in the Centre Board Room.

Certified Correct:

Chairperson

Secretary

Dated: _____