

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, April 10, 2008 at 3:00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J. Winfrey, G. Seymour, A. Murray,
Ken Newcomb, G. Ridgway

ALSO

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

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA
08-10**

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

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES
08-11**

It was moved and seconded that the March 13, 2008 Regular Minutes of the Cowichan Centre Commission be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**YOUTH
OUTREACH
PROGRAM**

March 19/08 Citizen article, "Youth outreach offering alternatives for hanging out" articulated the coordinated effort between Cowichan Tribes and Cowichan Centre Youth Outreach Programmers to run programs that might be beneficial to First Nations youth who frequent the Cowichan Centre.

Letter dated March 31, 2008 from Ms Barbara Imlack, Youth Guardianship Social Worker, BC Ministry of Children and Family Development, expressed appreciation for the Cowichan Centre based "Youth Corner" Program and its programmers, and encouraged the Centre's continued support of youth programming.

YOP REPORT

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

Members of the Youth Action Krew will be volunteering their time on June 14, a day set aside to clean up graffiti around Duncan. The Youth Empowerment Day Symposium, May 2/08 will take place primarily in the Centre's Social Lounge, and will offer a full day of round table and breakout sessions. As downtown Duncan will be hosting the Spirit of Cowichan events on May 2/08, the youth will be encouraged to attend the events, including participating in the carving of the Spirit Pole.

Youth attendance has increased in the Crofton area, and the Drop-In program run out of the Crofton Fire Hall has been extended to now meet daily on weekdays. The Cowichan Centre's Youth Corner has shown an influx of approximately 25 additional youth. Summer scheduling events are underway with plans to incorporate specific days of the week with a planned event. The issue of Transportation between events continues to be a challenge. The "Train the Trainer" Crisis Intervention course attended by Ms Begley, has now qualified her to train other staff in Crisis Intervention.

Ms Begley left the meeting at 3:20 pm.

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
08-12**

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) and (1) (c) .

MOTION CARRIED

**RISE FROM
CLOSED
SESSION
08-14
4:10 pm**

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

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS
ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES**

World U-17
Hockey

- March 26/08 Media Release announced the sale of Ticket Packages as of April 1, 2008 for the 2009 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge Tournament.

NAIG

March 28/08 Citizen newspaper article NAIG's extensive use of the Cowichan Centre with the exception of use of the library. Acting as a focal point of NAIG, the Centre will serve as the Athlete Centre in which only athletes and accredited staff will have access to the Cowichan Centre during the time of the Games, from Aug. 3-10/08.

Centre Security
Issues

Cowichan Centre security issues mentioned in the March 18/08 Cowichan Centre Department Heads Meeting Minutes have been identified, and staff are now in the process of addressing the concerns and implementing changes.

**COMMUNI-
CATIONS
(08-04-08)**

- Letter dated April 1/08 from Craig St. Brewing Co. and the MS Society thanked the Cowichan Centre for the support and community involvement during a recent fundraising event.

INFORMATION

March 26/08 Memorandum to all Centre Staff detailed the New BC Government Anti-Smoking Regulations that would be put into effect at the Cowichan Centre as of March 31, 2008. Centre staff will research the possibilities of assisting employees wishing to quit smoking, using VIHA's model to support staff through a no-smoking program.

April 3/08 Memorandum to all Centre staff stated that with the Aquatic Deck staff all trained to operate the AED Unit (Automatic External Defibrillator) at the Centre, the AED unit is now in official operation as of April 4/08 and will be available for use during all operational hours of the Aquannis Pool. Additional first aid certification and AED training will be offered to employees through the Spring of 2008.

An Automated External Defibrillator BC Survey reflected that results taken from 19 facilities showed 52 AED units in use, with the majority of municipal park and recreation departments housing only one AED unit. It was noted that the objective of housing an AED unit was not to replace ambulance services, but to provide the public with a first level response.

March 28/08 Vancouver Sun newspaper article that Canada's public arenas are in need of significant overhaul or replacement, with approximately 70 per cent of indoor recreational facilities in the province of BC being over 35 years old by the year 2010.

April 4/08 Staff Memorandum confirmed that the Aquannis Centre was once again given "The Highest Participation Award" for the provision of Red Cross Lifesaving Programs to a population less than 20,000 people in the Province of BC and the Yukon.

REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

Spirit of Cowichan Event

As one of four central areas, the downtown core of the City of Duncan is being utilized to display the "Spirit of Cowichan" special event, on May 2/08. The use of Theatre risers from the Cowichan Centre were requested for this special event; however, as staffing costs are incurred through use of the Theatre Risers, the request will be reassessed. Councillor Murray spoke on events surrounding the Spirit of Cowichan Days, beginning with the invitation to individually carve a piece of the Spirit Totem Pole as it begins its journey to other communities across BC, returning to Duncan in time for NAIG.

Discussion revolved around cross communication between communities, and event promotion. Although the Centre does not promote programs and events from competitors, it was generally agreed that the community could be offered clearer inter regional communication through the advertising of each area's programs and events in one central brochure.

Willingness was shown among Commission members to adjust the date and time for the May/08 Commission meeting, and to adjust the regularly scheduled Cowichan Centre Commission meetings to 3:30 pm, rather than 3:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

08-15

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Next regular Cowichan Centre Commission Meeting to be held
Thursday, May 22, 2008, 3:30 pm in the Centre Board Room.

Certified Correct:

Chairperson

Secretary

Dated: _____