

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, May 22, 2008 at 3:30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J. Winfrey, G. Seymour, A. Murray,
K. Newcomb, G. Ridgway
Director M. Tansley

ALSO

PRESENT: P. Kent, Mayor, City of Duncan
M. Hailey, Councillor, Dist. Of North Cowichan
R. Austen, General Manager, Cowichan Centre
A. Plunet, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA
08-16**

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

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES
08-17**

It was moved and seconded that the April 10, 2008 Regular Minutes of the Cowichan Centre Commission be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

- May 9, 2008 Staff Report to Ms S. Moss from R. Austen provided the winning applicant names of the four local students who will be awarded \$500 Arts & Sports Scholarship Awards for the year 2008: Ms Devon Knadle; Mr. Conrad Kay; Mr. Edward Bracken and Ms Courtenay Large.

**CHEQUE
PRESENTATION**

Two of the four students chosen by a committee of the Cowichan Centre Commission as recipients of the Cowichan Centre Commission sponsored 2008 Cowichan and Chemainus Valley's Arts & Sports Scholarship Awards, sponsored by the 1987 BC Festival of the Arts Legacy Fund and the BC Hydro Cowichan and Chemainus Valley's Commonwealth Games Power Smart Sports and Culture Tour (1994), were present to accept their \$500 Scholarship cheques to further their education, as presented by Chair Winfrey:

- Mr Conrad Kay -- Arts Scholarship, Cowichan Secondary School
- Mr. Edward Bracken –Sports Scholarship, Cowichan Secondary School

The other two Scholarship winners not in attendance will receive their awards at a later date.

The Centre Commission wished the winners success as they continue with their education.

YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAM

April 25/08 Citizen newspaper article that the focus of the May 2/08 Youth Empowerment Day was to bring Cowichan Valley youth and Youth Workers together to explore a variety of topics that youth are facing today, with a focus of building healthy connections, creating awareness, empowering youth, and having fun through the process.

A Special Event Report by Recreation Youth Outreach Programmer Leah Rogerson, detailed events of the Cowichan Youth Empowerment Day May 2/08. The report described the second official Youth Empowerment Day as an event to have fun; raise awareness of the CC YAK and up and coming youth programs activities and events in and around the Cowichan Valley; strengthen and develop planning and leadership skills and abilities; and to raise donations for the overall program.

YOP REPORT

- The Youth Action Krew has doubled the numbers of participating youth over the past year, providing the leaders with an awarding yet challenging year. The Chemainus YAK has shown increased participation at the Fire-Hall, with approximately 24 youth using the Drop In Zone for activities. A recent visit from RCMP members helped to further a positive relationship connection with the youth. Programmer D. Begley has held several early morning meetings with local RCMP to offer an update of the YOP program, and to request input from their agency. Meetings have also been held with leaders from North Cowichan and Crofton Community Centre to develop and offer programs. An attempt will continue to be made to contact the Chemainus Legion and church youth groups.

The YOP has qualified for a \$1000 grant supplied through the Duncan Rotary Club, which will be used to purchase computers; a \$1000 grant donated from DASH BC will be applied to Community Kitchens. The local Peninsula Coop has also been canvassed for support. The need for a van as a means of transportation remains outstanding.

The May 2, 2008 Youth Empowerment Day was well attended with activities, breakout sessions, entertainment and presentations. The event tied in with the Spirit of Cowichan Day celebrations, and some youth were able to attend both events. Volunteer participation would be welcomed during a Graffiti Clean-Up Day arranged for June 14 to take place along the Highway Corridor and Downtown Duncan. YOP programmers would welcome any information about upcoming community special events that could be offered to the Youth for participation.

L. Rogerson and D. Begley left the meeting at 4:00 pm.

**RESOLVE INTO
CLOSED
SESSION
08-18**

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

MOTION CARRIED

**RISE FROM
CLOSED
SESSION
08-23
6:38 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**

Centre Security
Issues

- April 25/08 Citizen newspaper article stated that the Centre recently caught on surveillance cameras suspicious activity surrounding the

breakout of a fire in a Ryan vending machine located by the Centre's Multipurpose Hall. Centre staff extinguished the fire quickly, and the surveillance video has been forwarded to local RCMP for review.

Spirit of Cowichan
Days Event

Youth attending the Centre's Youth Outreach Program's Empowerment Day on May 2, 2008, included as part of their event schedule participating in the Spirit of Cowichan Days special event in Downtown Duncan.

**COMMUNI-
CATIONS**

No correspondence

INFORMATION

Special Events

Cowichan Centre's Special Events List May 17 – August 25/ 08

CC East Entrance
and West Side
Parking

For Commission information, a proposed Cowichan Place Road Configuration Design was provided, portraying road transitions and access as it pertains to Cowichan Centre's West Side Parking and James Street East Entrance (under construction).

World U-17
Hockey

A schedule was provided detailing Teams, Dates and Venues of hockey games proposed to take place during the 2009 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge.

REPORTS

Revenue/Expense
Revenue Report

For Commission Information, the Cowichan Centre/Aquannis Centre Revenue/ Expense Summary detailed Financial activities as of the Month Ending March 31/08

**NEW
BUSINESS**

No New Business

**ADJOURNMENT
08-24**

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

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Next regular Cowichan Centre Commission Meeting to be held at the call of the Chair.

Certified Correct:

Chairperson

Secretary

Dated: