

Minutes of the meeting of the Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission held at the Cowichan Lake Sports Arena Curling Lounge, Thursday November 20, 2008. Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson S. McFarlane
Members D. Darling, R. Wise, L. Olson,
B. Hodson, R. Wear, B. Peters,
Alternate member P. Foster

ALSO J. Elzinga, Manager, Cowichan Lake Recreation
PRESENT: R. Frost, Operations Manager

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded:

That the agenda as amended by the addition of reconsideration of application for Local Motion grant be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded:

That the minutes of the October 23, 2008 Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission meeting be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM THE
MINUTES**

Renovation Project.

The Manager and the appointed members of the Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission first noted that a thank you should be given to the three current elected officials, Joe Allan, Brooke Hodson, and Jack Peake, on the amount of work they have spent on both the renovation project, and the Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission in general.

The Manager provided the final results of the referendum, and explained the delay in communicating the final results to the public. The total votes in favour were 1050, and opposed were 962. The Manager also thanked the Commission for all their efforts in informing the public on the facts and recommendations with the arena renovation.

The Manager outlined three next steps to be taken in moving the project forward:

1. The application for grants to lessen the cost.
2. The hiring of a project manager to move the renovation from concept to construction.
3. The development of a construction schedule, so that user groups can be alerted to possible cancellations. The Manager and the Commission confirmed that the intent is to disrupt user groups as little as possible through the renovation.

The Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission confirmed their direction to the Manager to apply for grants. The Commission reconsidered their motion from the previous meeting regarding application for a Local Motion Grant, feeling that an application would not be in competition with the Town of Lake Cowichan.

It was moved and seconded:

That a Local Motion grant application be considered when applying for grants for the renovation project.

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion ensued on the original building of the Cowichan Lake Sports Arena, under the direction of current resident Jim Peterson.

It was moved and seconded:

That Jim Peterson be considered as the project manager for the Cowichan Lake Sports Arena renovation project.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

NEW BUSINESS

Access to Computers Agreement.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission recommend to the CVRD Board to re-enter into an agreement for funding and operation of the CAP Internet access site at the Youbou Community Hall with the Victoria Free-Net Association.

MOTION CARRIED

Spirit of BC event. The Manager gave an update on the Spirit of BC event on Friday, February 20, 2009, to celebrate a one year countdown to the Olympics. Activities are now expected to include:

By Cowichan Lake Recreation:

- a three on three hockey tournament
- speed skating races, and recreational skating
- a bus trip to Mount Washington for skiing

By Cowichan Rocks Curling Society

- Open house with a learn to curl component

By the Kaatza Art Group

- An art show
- Face painting

By Cowichan Lake Community Services

- A children's art corner to paint ceiling tiles

By Film Cowichan

- A film making component
- A display of aboriginal films

By Success by 6

- Crafts and games for children aged 0 – 6

By the Vancouver Island Regional Library

- A story telling corner

By Literacy Now Cowichan

- A reading component

By BC Hydro

- An interactive PowerSmart component

By Lake Cowichan First Nation and Cowichan Tribes

- A drumming and dancing ceremony

By the Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee

- A visit from the 2010 Mascots.

Commission appointments.

As some commission members expressed interest in continuing on the Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission, the Manager discussed the Commission bylaw, and that appointments would be made by the Regional District Board on the recommendation of the three newly elected directors from our area.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager thanked the Commission for their efforts. The Manager noted that this was anticipated to be the last meeting of this Commission, with a new Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission beginning in January.

NEXT MEETING

January 8, 2009.