

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Island Savings Centre Commission held in the Centre Board Room, 2687 James Street, Duncan, on Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 2:30 pm.

PRESENT: A. Siebring, L. Duncan, B. Lines, J. Woike,
Alternate L. Heinio

ALSO PRESENT: R. Austen, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
J. Wakeham, Manager, Facility, Fleet & Transit
J. Elzinga, Manager, Island Savings Centre
B. Coleman, Coordinator, North/Central Cowichan Facility
A. Plunet, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: K. Schrader, S. Jackson, T. Duncan, L. Iannidinaro

CALL TO ORDER
2:31 pm

The Manager of the Island Savings Centre called the meeting to order.

**ELECTION OF
CHAIR**

Nominations were requested by the Manager for the office of Chair of the Island Savings Centre Commission for the year 2013.

A. Siebring was nominated for the position of Chair. A. Siebring accepted the nomination.

**DECLARATION
OF CHAIR FOR
2013**

There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed and A. Siebring was declared elected by acclamation to the position of Chair of the Island Savings Centre Commission for the year 2013.

**ELECTION OF
VICE-CHAIR**

Nominations were requested by the Manager for the office of Vice Chair of the Island Savings Centre Commission for the year 2013.

B. Lines was nominated for the position of Vice Chair.

B. Lines declined the nomination.

In the absence of other Commission members, nominations for the position of Vice Chair were deferred by acclamation for the next meeting.

2013-01

It was moved and seconded that nominations for the position of Vice Chair be deferred until the February meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

**ASSUMPTION OF
CHAIR**

A. Siebring assumed the position of Chair.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA
2013- 02**

**It was moved and seconded that the agenda be amended to include:
NB2 Arts & Culture Division Funding;**

and that it be approved in the order as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES
2013-03**

**It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Dec. 8, 2012
regular meeting of the Island Savings Centre Commission be
approved.**

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS
ARISING
BA1**

Sustainable Plan Meetings Update – As directed by the Commission, community groups have been targeted to provide additional feedback on the Island Savings Centre Sustainable Plan. Presentations will be given to the Kinsmen Service Group and the local Chamber of Commerce prior to the Feb. 14 Commission meeting. It was discussed that the presentations will be shortened to meet the time frames of the groups, with a focus on transfer to reserve for the long term building replacement. Commission members requested to see the shortened version and have the opportunity to comment prior to the presentations.

**DEPARTMENTAL
STAFF REPORTS:**

B. Coleman, North/Central Cowichan Facility Coordinator, reported:

- 2012 projects have been mostly completed. The painting project is underway to upgrade CVAC Portals and the Cowichan Suite.
- Assistance with covering the ice surface has been coordinated with the schools for the Provincial school wrestling championships.
- Work on the fast track electric car charger station is targeted for completion by the end of March. Costs to repair the sidewalk area around the charging station will be covered by grant funding.
- Electrical updates are needed to update wiring of the Big Stick light sockets. Staff are researching grants and subsidies to assist with funding of this project.

Reporting for K. Schrader, Manager of Arts & Culture, J. Elzinga stated:

- N. Nilsson, long time programmer, has retired. Kirsten will be discussing other recent changes with staffing at the February Commission meeting.

J. Elzinga, Island Savings Centre Division Manager stated:

- Kuan, energy manager for CVRD, will be addressing a vision of shared efficiencies among facilities of the Cowichan Place Partners, including bio mass usage and geo thermal opportunities.

- CV Capitals Jr. Hockey Team has been sold to an out of town group, with announcement of new owners to be made at season's end.
- ISC has been awarded the BC Hockey U-16 Female BC Cup April 4/13.
- Discussions are underway for Cowichan Arena usage during a Russian Hockey goodwill tour that will take place on Vancouver Island in April/13. Further information on tour expenses will be brought forward to the Commission at the next meeting.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

No unfinished business

CORRESPONDENCE

C1

A letter December 20, 2012 from the CV Performing Arts Foundation, requested a reduction on studio rental fees for a dance workshop at the ISC.

C2

A letter January 15, 2013 from Volunteer Cowichan requested support through complementary use of the Heritage Hall for a youth volunteer recognition program 'The Leaders of Tomorrow'.

Although the ISC has a youth related fund that targets special needs and requests of youth, support for activities such as the Leaders of Tomorrow Awards Program and event ceremony are typically outside of funds given by the ISC. Requests for support have increased over time, and staff requested a clear direction from the Commission.

As the Centre is already highly subsidized, the Commission stated that rental fees would remain enforced, and application for funding was denied.

2013-04

It was moved and seconded that the request for funding by Volunteer Cowichan for the Leaders of Tomorrow Awards Program be denied.

MOTION CARRIED

C3

An email, January 9, 2013 from the CV Football Association inquired on the possibility of installing a trophy case at the ISC to represent the Cowichan Bulldogs community football program.

The ISC currently displays hockey, skating and box lacrosse trophies/pictures/banners primarily because it is their venue of participation. Expansion to include groups beyond those stated could cause difficulty with general space requirements of the facility.

2013-05

It was moved and seconded to deny the request of CV Football Association to install a trophy case at the Island Savings Centre.

MOTION CARRIED

NB1

The ISC Manager has represented Cowichan on the VI Sport Tourism Council, a mid-island group targeting bringing larger sporting events to mid Vancouver Island. The ISC Manager requested direction from the Commission in the area of connecting sports with tourism for large scale events.

Discussion ensued. It was generally agreed that although recreation centre facilities are essential to the big picture of Sports & Cultural Tourism, staff should work closely with the Economic Development Commission for a broader, more regional tax base when developing large community events.

Some concern was voiced should staff spend too many hours in their involvement with large scale events. It was noted that although ISC staff are involved with staff from North Cowichan on a large sports event bid, the potential large scale community event would be based on a volunteer model, and the staff hours would reflect that.

It was suggested that the Cowichan Valley Region look at supporting application for potentially large events, and that Sports, Recreation & Culture staff be encouraged to be involved as per their mandate, with development of the events.

2013-06

It was moved and seconded that the staff write a report recommending a course of action to raise the profile of Sport Tourism awareness in the Cowichan Valley.

MOTION CARRIED

Staff will bring the report back for further discussion at the March Commission meeting.

It was suggested that staff and members of the Commission request delegation status at the next Economic Development Commission meeting to discuss Sports Tourism, and that staff from North Cowichan Parks & Recreation be invited to attend.

NB2

Commission members requested clarification from the Regional District on the historical background and origins of the Arts & Culture Division, for a proper understanding and definition of the funding and position of the Arts & Culture Manager.

The General Manager added context with a brief historical account dating back to the 2008 study and recommendation to the Regional Board that an Arts & Culture Division be created with a mandate to bring awareness of Arts & Culture region wide, and to specifically program within the tax base of the Cowichan Theatre, Areas A, B, C, D, E, City of Duncan, Municipality of North Cowichan and Ladysmith.

2013-07

It was moved and seconded that the Island Savings Centre Commission direct the Corporate Secretary of the CVRD to prepare a report on the history and origins of the CVRD Arts & Culture Division, and that the report include options for funding of that Division.

MOTION CARRIED

An opposing vote was registered by J. Woike.

ADJOURNMENT

2013-08

4:00 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Chairperson

Secretary

Dated: