

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Island Savings Centre Commission held in the Centre Board Room, 2687 James Street, Duncan, on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 2:30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Jesse Winfrey, T. Duncan, G. Seymour, A. Siebring, D. Haywood, Alternate Director L. Heinio

ALSO

PRESENT: Ron Austen, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, CVRD
J. Elzinga, Manager, ISC
J. Weicker, Sports & Events Coordinator, CVRD
D. Weibelzahl, Acting Manager, Arts & Culture, CVRD
B. Coleman, Operations Coordinator, CVRD
D. Begley, Youth Outreach Programmer
A. Plunet, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA
09- 74**

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

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES
09-75**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the October 8/09 Regular Meeting of the Island Savings Centre Commission be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**YOUTH
OUTREACH
REPORT**

Programmer D. Begley stated:

The Youth Outreach Programme has settled nicely into their new space on the main floor. The upcoming season of programming is underway, coordinating the workload among those in the inter-agency committee. Once an actual count is taken of those that are homeless, the issue of youth homelessness in the Cowichan Valley will be addressed in an attempt to offer solutions for a better situation.

A discussion took place on the lack of shelters for youth in the Cowichan Valley, and questions were asked as to what next steps could be taken to assist the homeless youth throughout the winter months. The ISC Manager will be attending the upcoming inter-agency meeting.

**OPERATION
REPORT**

B. Coleman stated:

The two zambonies have been ordered, and will be delivered at the earliest in 2010. The Hockey Stick Acknowledgement Signage had a timely completion prior to the Olympic Torch Celebration Event.

Tenders have been awarded for completion of HVAC and lighting upgrades within the spaces designated for the Duncan Dynamics and the Youth Outreach Program.

**ARTS &
CULTURE
REPORT**

D. Weibelzahl stated:

Attending the annual CAPACOA Conference in Calgary provided a great opportunity to network with managers of similar venues for the next season of entertainment.

The Friends of the Theatre Society have been very supportive of the Cowichan Theatre, recently donating light booms for Dance, as well as \$13,600 US, designated for the purchase of a new Harlequin Dance Floor. As the previous stage floor had outlived its life expectancy, the old floor is no longer usable.

The ISC Commission directed Staff to write a Media Release to acknowledge the Friends of the Cowichan Theatre for their generous donation.

**BUSINESS
ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES
Olympic Torch
Relay**

The ISC Commission thanked the ISC staff for helping to organize the very successful Olympic Torch Community Event.

ISC Manager J. Elzinga concurred with the sentiment, thanking the Route Core and all Route Communities for their efforts. Staff was acknowledged for a job well done, including the creation of a highly popular bobsled run by the ISC Operations Staff. A lengthy stage setup was compounded negatively by a lack of communication with VANOC representatives, to create an impact felt by many community entertainers. However, the Celebration Event overall was seen as a very positive success for the Downtown Core and surrounding Route Communities.

Video Screens

Video Screen advertising of programs and events will be pursued at a later date, once management has had the opportunity to review other options with video screens and provide a recommendation to the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Hockey Stick Wall
of Fame

As spokesman for the ISC, local businessman Dick Drew has drawn international recognition to the World's Largest Hockey Stick and Puck, which was recently given a place on the BC Place Sports Wall of Fame.

REPORTS

Manager's Report – Retirement of ISC Employee

Long time employee Sports and Events Coordinator Jim Weicker was recognized for 29 years of dedicated service with the Cowichan Valley Regional District. Many individuals and groups of people of all ages and cultures have been shown his generosity of spirit and understanding throughout the years. He is well known for his compassion to the young in his employ, nurturing them through the years to become productive adults. A life member of Cowichan Valley Minor Hockey, past president of Recreation Facilities Association of BC, and BC Hockey volunteer, Jim leaves the ISC not to retire, but to move on to work with the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Committee.

The ISC Commission offered J. Weicker a congratulatory letter of recognition, giving him support for years of dedication and best wishes for the years ahead.

ADJOURNMENT 09-76

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

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm

The next regular Island Savings Centre Commission Meeting will be held December 10, 2009, at 2:30 pm, or at the call of the Chair.

Certified Correct:

Chairperson

Secretary

Dated:

