

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

PRESENT: Councillors D. Haywood, Al Siebring, G. Seymour,
T. Duncan
Director L. Heinio

ALSO

PRESENT: R. Austen, GM, Parks, Recreation & Culture, CVRD
J. Elzinga, Manager, ISC
T. Hamilton, Manager, Arts & Culture, CVRD
B. Coleman, Operations Coordinator, CVRD
D. Begley, Youth Outreach Programmer, ISC
A. Plunet, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA
09-04**

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

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES
09-05**

It was moved and seconded that the January 8 Regular Minutes of the Island Savings Centre Commission be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**MANAGER
INTRODUCTION**

The General Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture, Ron Austen, introduced new managers John Elzinga and Tracy Hamilton to the Island Savings Centre Commission. Some changes affecting the ISC due to the Re-Organizational Transition include the Centre now containing three Divisions: 1) John Elzinga, Manager of ISC, formerly Manager of Cowichan Lake Recreation; 2) Tracy Hamilton, Arts & Culture Manager for the CVRD Region, formerly Manager of Cowichan Theatre, and 3) Brad Coleman, Operations Coordinator representing the ISC within the CVRD Engineering and Environmental Services Department.

J. Elzinga stated that as Manager of ISC he will also be sharing his time and energies on the completion of projects and events committed to previously as Manager of Cowichan Lake Recreation.

**YOUTH
OUTREACH
PROGRAM**

Programmer D. Begley gave an update on Youth Outreach projects currently being developed within the Community: The SE' SHEN Business Development Society is considering a job creation program to encourage youth to develop successful business procedures in areas of interest; Volunteer Cowichan has offered to partner with the Youth to celebrate National Volunteer Day in April.

Inter-Agency monthly meetings are held so that agencies can share what is currently happening with their programs as well as discuss current issues. Recent meetings have identified the youth homelessness issue, and a subsequent working group has been created to identify and assist those youth who do not meet the age criteria to qualify for Ministry assistance. Working together with Cowichan Tribes and the House of Friendship, the Ministry of Children & Families has allocated funds to help carry out their Crime Prevention project, with a focus on the Cairnsmore Neighbourhood as well as the Boys Road/Mallek Road area. The Cairnsmore Neighbourhood Project is being offered a room within the local Gala Vista Apartments to act as a Youth Resource Centre.

OPERATIONS

B. Coleman stated that sharing of resources with other regional facilities is but one of the positive aspects of change occurring as a result of transitional re-organization in the CVRD. He clarified that although he will remain working out of the ISC, the position of Operations Manager has now become a Coordinator position operating within the Engineering Division of the Regional District.

**ARTS &
CULTURE**

T. Hamilton stated that diversification has been vital to the development of the Cowichan Theatre. Due to the finite number of seats available in the Cowichan Theatre, further diversification will be possible by branching out into the communities, bringing performances to several community stages.

The Cowichan Theatre maintains an active relationship with the Friends of the Theatre Society charitable organization. The Cowichan Theatre also maintains a working partnership with the Cowichan Symphony in the development of Symphony Brochures and the marketing of school performances.

**BUSINESS
ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES**

BA1

Aquannis Centre
Indoor Pool
Conversion

- The District of North Cowichan and City of Duncan are currently developing proposals to address the ongoing issue of costs and alternative actions associated with the decommissioning of the Aquannis Pool.

BA2

Energy Management
System

- B.Coleman stated that with the near completion of 2008 Capital Improvement Projects, focus in 2009 will be turned to the updating of lighting projects as identified for the Island Savings Centre in the 2002 Hydro audit. Replacement of lights around the World's Largest Hockey Stick will be paid with funding provided through the Federal Gas Tax Grant. As significant savings can be found in developing energy efficient lighting systems, Brad will continue to research for available grants.

BA3

2015 Canada Winter
Games

- J. Elzinga reported back to the Commission regarding the CVRD's potential to host the Canada Winter Games in 2015. Although the potential was acknowledged, it was determined that an event of this magnitude could only be managed successfully as a fully regional event with a shared vision.

Citing the recent success of the North American Indigenous Games, R. Austen, GM Parks, Recreation & Culture, and J. Elzinga, ISC Manager, agreed to hold discussions on strategies of Sport Tourism relating to the 2015 Canada Winter Games. J. Elzinga will provide a report to the Island Savings Centre Commission for their review.

Mr. Rick Brant, CEO of NAIG recently offered the CVRD the opportunity to showcase a display representing the 2008 NAIG Event. The Island Savings Centre was considered to be a desirable location as a permanent resting place for the display, due to the high volume of traffic, and the overall central position within the community.

09-06

It was moved and seconded that the Island Savings Centre be considered as a placement for the North American Indigenous Games legacy artifact, as well as the inclusion of the Spirit Pole.

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion ensued on dimensions and possible placement of both the display and the accompanying Spirit Pole, and as space will be determined based on the size of the display, J. Elzinga will research the dimensions of the display and report back to the ISC Commission.

**COMMUNI-
CATIONS**

No correspondence

INFORMATION

No information

REPORTS

No Reports

NEW BUSINESS

NB1

ISC 2009 Budget
Update

Identifying a formal change and new direction to the way Budgets have previously been presented, the ISC Budget will be presented to the CVRD Board on Feb. 12/09 for discussion as it pertains to the Core Budget. The Budget will then be referred back to the Commissions for review, before being presented to the Board for approval on Feb. 26/09.

Discussion ensued on the new direction being taken, and Commission members expressed strong concern regarding the process and perceived marginal involvement of the Commission in the budget process prior to the decision of the Board.

09-07

It was moved and seconded that further to the Board's receipt of the Budget, the Island Savings Centre strongly supports reviewing of the Budget prior to the presentation of the Board in order to make recommendations.

MOTION CARRIED

It was agreed that a Special Budget meeting be called prior to the Feb. 26/09 Board Meeting.

NB2

Regional Recreation
Report

A review of the Regional Recreation Funding Options was presented in the form of the Regional Recreation Report showing the Regional/Sub-Regional Recreation Funding Model. The report represents a first step in a new attempt to introduce a more equitable and sustainable approach to funding recreation services in Cowichan.

NB3
West Coast
Amusements

As the Cowichan Exhibition Society no longer maintains ownership of the grounds in close proximity to the ISC, West Coast Amusements has requested permission to rent the West Parking Lot from the Island Savings Centre in order to hold a carnival.

Ensuing discussion determined that although the carnival is a community event, it is not without challenges. With the removal of the Exhibition Society's security fencing and in preparation for construction of Cowichan Place, the decision was made to deny the request to rent the West Parking Lot in the coming year to West Coast Amusements.

09-08

It was moved and seconded that rental of the Island Savings Centre West Parking Lot not be considered for rent to the West Coast Amusements in 2009.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT
09-09

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

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

The next regular Island Savings Centre Commission Meeting will be held March 12, 2009, at 2:30 pm, or at the call of the Chair.

Certified Correct:

Chairperson

Secretary

Dated: