

THE WILSON CENTRE SENIORS' ADVISORY BOARD

MONTHLY MEETING

JUNE 12, 2019

THE COMMUNITY ROOM, THE GATHERING PLACE

10:30 A.M.

Members Present:

Joan Gould, Roland Mitchell, Douglas Taylor, Jerine Jago, Ann Pratt, Karen Dobson

Staff:

Carmel LePine

No quorum

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Joan Gould

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda for June 12, 2019 approved with the addendum, under New Business of "The Honour Board" by Roland Mitchell. Seconded by Douglas Taylor. Motion Carried.

Approval of May Minutes:

Motion by Roland Mitchell to approve the minutes of the May 8 meeting. Seconded by Douglas Taylor. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

Staff report given by Carmel LePine (within the minutes). Motion to approve staff report made by Douglas Taylor. Seconded by Karen Dobson. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

A letter dated May 2019 from the Carpet Bowling Wilson Centre members (3) who will be attending the 55+ BC Games in Kelowna requesting some financial assistance.

A motion by Roland Mitchell, "that the Board pay \$225.00 (\$75.00 x 3) participant registration fees." Seconded by Douglas Taylor, Karen Dobson recused herself as she is a member of the Carpet Bowling team. Ann Pratt phoned Juanita Franco and Teresa Foreman, who are Board members, and got their "Aye" vote. Motion carried.

Correspondence filed.

Treasurer's Report:

April budget vs. actual moved approved by Roland Mitchell, seconded by Douglas Taylor. Motion carried.

May budget vs. actual presented for Board perusal.

Business Arising:

Farmers' Market – the City will hand out coupons and do the reports. Ellen Fowler, Market Manager, will be contacted re: an invoice for the Board in regard to our three additional sponsored seniors.

Joan Gould moved, "That the Board have a weekly draw at the Farmers' Market table for 10 memberships in Wilson Seniors, commencing July 4. The winners would have to be current residents of Port Coquitlam, and not current members of Wilson Centre. The winners would have a free membership to Wilson Centre for a year. Seconded by Ann Pratt. Motion carried.

Website – portcoquitlamseniors.com is up and running. Stephanie has begun inputting the AGM minutes.

Works Yard – Weather was very wet, not a good turn out but interesting.

Health Fair – The Health Fair will be held September 21, 2019 in the Gathering Place and the Outlet. Physio to You will sponsor it along with the City. It will be known as "Boomers and Beyond."

Monthly new members/birthday party – It will be called Wilson Seniors' Social Celebration. The frequency will be as the City schedule will allow, as opposed to monthly. A motion by Douglas Taylor, "That the Board increase the expenditures up to \$275.00 per celebration." Seconded by Karen Dobson. Motion carried. Ann Pratt phoned and got an "Aye" vote from Juanita Franco and Teresa Foreman, board members, for this monetary vote.

Honour Boards – Roland Mitchell is inquiring as to the fate of these two boards. Carmel LePine will check with Lori Bowie and Yvonne Comfort as to the plans for the future of these two artifacts.

New Business:

Joan Gould moved, "That the meetings in July and August be suspended." Seconded by Ann Pratt. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be September 11, 2019 at 10:30 in the Community Room of the Gathering Place.

Attachments:

Staff Report
Stakeholders; Report
Vice President Report

City of Port Coquitlam - Report to the Wilson Centre Seniors' Advisory Association –June 13, 2019

Presented by Carmel Lepine, Recreation Program Assistant – Adult Services

City Updates

1. Staff has worked very hard to provide updates to our senior patrons. We still encourage participants to connect with the front desk to sign up for the email updates.
2. Our last day in the current recreation complex is July 14. After that the following two weeks will be used to move into the new facility. As soon as we confirm an opening date for programming we will pass that along.
3. Chris Eastman is currently on vacation until June 23.
4. We have not been provided a date that the Advisory Board will have opportunity to tour the new facility but as soon as we get that we'll pass that information along.

Special Events and Programs

- 1.) June's Birthday Party/Tea started with a maximum of 50 people, but since registration was high, we bumped it to 80. This soon sold out as well, so we are at hundred and two with people on the waitlist. We will be working our hardest to ensure no one is left out of this final event but also need to ensure that there is opportunity for people to dance as that is been identified as one of the main draws to this event. Remember to wear your Hawaiian shirt!

Program and Facility Updates

- Mail outs continue to be sent to those who signed up to receive construction updates.
- We are in talks to work through details in regard to programming and as soon as we have more information regarding the transition to Shelley Alford and the fitness team we will pass that along.
- Maple Ridge Seniors Society has a senior support driving program. Information on this can be located in their publication of *Grape Vine* which is similar to our *What's up Wilson*. We have left a message for the senior Society who operates a driving program which may be a benefit to our current access and parking situation. The Society is solely responsible for this project, but the city of Maple Ridge has partnered with them for promotion purposes only. We will search for additional details and provide them as soon as we obtain them.

Concession and Kitchen Sales

CONCESSION - May 2019		\$5,245.00	KITCHEN - May 2019		\$5,045.75
CONCESSION - May 2018		\$5,387.75	KITCHEN - May 2018		\$4,317.50
PY Variance		(\$142.75)	PY Variance		\$728.25
MONTH	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS				
May 2019	1736				
May 2018	1429				
CHANGE		21%			

***NOTE:**

2. Wilson Centre | Registered Programs

MONTH	ENROLLMENT-RESIDENT	ENROLLMENT-NON-RESIDENT	DROP-INS	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANT
May 2019	40	8	0	48
May 2018	86	30	0	116

CHANGE				-59%
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***NOTE:**

3. Wilson Centre | Membership Sales

MONTH	MEMBERSHIPS-NEW	MEMBERSHIPS(\$)-NEW	MEMBERSHIP-RENEWAL	MEMBERSHIP(\$)-RENEWAL
May 2019	32	\$ 600.00	40	\$ 750.00
May 2018	34	\$ 618.75	3	\$ 56.25
CHANGE				
% CHANGE				
	MEMBERSHIP-CANCELLED	MEMBERSHIP(\$)-CANCELLED	MEMBERSHIP-TOTAL	MEMBERSHIP(\$)-TOTAL
May 2019	0		72	\$ 1,350.00
May 2018	0	\$ -	37	\$ 675.00
CHANGE				\$ 675.00
% CHANGE				100%

***NOTE:**

4. Wilson Centre | Registered Programs- Revenue - Spring 2018 & 2019 (April - May)

	RC PROGRAMS WC-ARTS 30.4470.RC-6100.36	RC PROGRAMS WC- GENERAL INTEREST 30.4470.RC-6100.42	RC PROGRAMS WC- HEALTH 30.4470.RC-6100.43	RC PROGRAMS WC- SPORTS 30.4470.RC-6100.32
May 2019	\$ 63.96	\$ 177.98	\$ 294.79	\$ 1,150.10
May 2018	\$ 14,658.28	\$ 2,050.61	\$ 9,787.16	\$ 3,944.54
CHANGE	\$ (14,594.32)	\$ (1,872.63)	\$ (9,492.37)	\$ (2,794.44)
% CHANGE	-100%	-91%	-97%	-71%

Stakeholders' Meeting May 22, 2019

Ian Follis did the tour and comments are as follows:

- Most rooms are simply concrete shells with no wall paint or floor coverings with the exception of the Library where some walls are painted and carpet floor tiles have been installed.
- Rest of areas and hallways have bare concrete floors.
- Stairways are still bare wood planks.
- Elevators are installed but not operational yet.
- The kitchen equipment has arrived, and this area now seems a bit cluttered.
- The lounge seems quite spacious but who knows when the furniture arrives. It is just a big empty space right now with some furnishing materials piled up.
- Most of the time is spent of the rinks and dressing rooms where most of the interest lies.
- It appears that quite a few city rec staff will be relocated to the 2nd floor with the exception of 2 staff in an office beside the Wilson Lounge.

I went to the meeting after the tour. The few questions asked about the tour involved mostly the hockey rinks. I asked about the billiard room and Lorie Bowie said again that she is supposed to have a meeting with Bruce in the next few weeks.

When the first phase is opened and the demolition of the existing space happens a lot of the programs will be moved to Leigh Square because the activity rooms will not be ready. Lori said they haven't totally figured out which programs will go where but should know by the end of June.

I asked about the entrance for the HandiDart and Lori said there will be a hard surface entrance by the first rink and for pedestrians a walkway will be in place from where the old library is to the entrance by the first rink on Wilson Street. We still aren't sure how people with walking issues will get to the kitchen and lounge. I was told they hoped to get volunteers to push people in wheelchairs from the entrance to the kitchen as it is quite a long walk.

The primary issue will be parking for the next two years. The city has put a parking lot where the former Fraser Health Building was on Wilson Street but not sure how many sports are there. Kelly will be blocked until mid June apparently. Lori said that more street parking might be made available. And, there will be a small amount of parking when the library is demolished.

Several people asked about membership pricing suggesting that Port Coquitlam residents be given a reduced rate, but Lori thinks we should get people coming to the centre first before we reduce prices.

There will be a tour July 30 and when Phase One opens. The hours will be varied for a few weeks depending on demand and availability of rooms.

Our conclusion regarding a tour by the Board is that it would not be safe right now for anyone to tour that has mobility issues.

Further to our meeting, I talked to Sam on May 29th and she told me she is touring the kitchen on June 3rd, so perhaps she will be able to give more insight as to when it will be ready.

Wilson Centre Advisory Board
Per: Ian Follis and Lynn MacKenzie

Vice President's Report

Farmers' Market — The City will be handling the coupon handout and reports. We just need to be there if there are questions. Thanks to all who have already signed up and for those who said they would fill in as needed. We need to address the handing over of the tablecloth and material from one week to the other.

Information Desk — Though this is not a Board concern, it is interesting to see that the intentions are to expand this to 2 desks with 2 hosts — one who can roam and one who can man a walkie-talkie. The new community centre will be open initially from 9 to 9 and the intention is to man this timeframe in 3-hour shifts. If you know of anyone (even with mobility issues) who might be interested, have then contact Rob Loxterkamp.

Workshop on Seniors' Isolation — This brought up some interesting thoughts.

1. Have some activities placed in the Legion. There is some interest from RJ Kent to have exercises there. Also, to have more seniors' activities located other than in a central area.
2. Have the city provide transportation to the new facility.

A taskforce of about 10 people including Bruce Hanson and Thelka Wright will meet and come up with some ideas on how to get isolated people out of their homes. They have a two-year mandate from POCO Foundation at a minimum. The feeling is that the Board will eventually become involved again.

Joan Gould