

Minutes of the meeting of the Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission held at the Cowichan Lake Sports Arena Meeting Room, Thursday October 23, 2008. Called to order at 6:15 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson S. McFarlane  
Members D. Darling, R. Wise, L. Olson,  
B. Hodson, R. Wear, J. Peake, J. Allan

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

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded:

**That the agenda as presented be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded:

**That the minutes of the September 18, 2008 Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission meeting be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING  
FROM THE  
MINUTES**

Renovation Project.

1. The Manager outlined the fifteen presentations made to community organizations to date.
2. The Commission discussed which members would be able to assist at upcoming presentations on October 25, November 1, and November 8 at the Village Market, October 27 at the Mesachie Lake Fire Hall, October 30 at the Youbou Fire Hall, and November 4 at the arena open house.
3. The Manager displayed the presentation materials to assist in communicating the information on the project, including the floor plans, a power point loop, and information display boards.
4. The Manager displayed the community update brochure created by Pat Hrushowy. The Commission requested that the brochure be distributed during upcoming presentations, and go to the mailboxes of residents in the first week of November.

5. The Commission discussed the format for the open house on Tuesday, November 4. As well as having displays, the manager and commission will be giving a short presentation, and having a question and answer period.
6. The Commission discussed grant opportunities for the project. If the referendum is successful, the Manager will be applying for grants in November. J. Peake confirmed that this project would not qualify under the Island Coastal Economic Trust.
7. J. Peake stated that the Town of Lake Cowichan is pursuing a Local Motion grant, and that the Manager should confirm this with the Town of Lake Cowichan Administrator. The Commission felt that the Manager should not apply for a Local Motion grant if it is in competition with a Town of Lake Cowichan application.

**CORRESPONDENCE** No correspondence was received.

**NEW BUSINESS** Sizzling Summer program. The Manager informed the commission that Community Services is not intending to offer the annual sizzling summer program in 2009. Cowichan Lake Recreation is working with Community Services on how to best offer summer programs in our area.

Spirit of BC event. The Manager informed the commission that Cowichan Lake Recreation is targeting Friday, February 20, 2009, as a new special event, to celebrate a one year countdown to the Olympics. Activities are expected to include a three on three hockey tournament, speed skating races, a bus trip to Mount Washington for skiing, recreational skating, and entertainment. The Manager is also looking to have appropriate First Nations involvement to build on the legacy of the North American Indigenous Games.

Union Negotiation update. The Manager informed the commission that a tentative agreement has been reached with USW on a four year agreement. The agreement must now go to the USW membership and CVRD Board for approval.

**MANAGER'S REPORT** The Manager had no additional information to add.

**NEXT MEETING** Thursday, November 20, 2008.