

Wynndel Community Center

Special Board Meeting

February 25, 2025

Opening

A special board meeting of the Wynndel Community Center (WCC) was held from 7:10 pm – 9:10 pm on Tuesday February 25, 2025 with Chair, Mitch Nelson leading the discussion on activities related to the recent closing of the community hall due to structural issues.

Present

Mitch Nelson, Lauriane Mehrer, Carol Truman, April Parsons, Tashina Demman, Rob Huber, Jennifer Gardner, Jessica Piccinin, Dana Dodge.

Absent

Noreen Schaefer, Vern Gorham

Agenda Item #1 – Update on the hall

- The Board unanimously agreed that the need for a full structural assessment is necessary before taking next steps. The assessment will be performed by Chris Merrill B.A.Sc., P.Eng. of Bolen Engineering Inc. on Monday, March 3, 2025. A full report will be forthcoming on or before March 13, 2025. The fee is \$3850.00 plus gst. Bolen Engineering has agreed to a taxable donation amount of \$2000.00 in lieu of part of the work performed.
- Due to the age of the building, a hazmat assessment will be necessary before any construction or reconstruction plans can be developed. Appropriate contractors will be contacted for a quote after the full structural report is completed.
- Safety protocols for entering the building and safety monitoring while work is being done to remove communications equipment were addressed. The hall has been closed in accordance with RDCK public safety concerns and limited to entry by authorized board members and building authorities. Mascon/Telus and Columbia Basin Broadband and Wynndel Irrigation District will be removing their equipment at a future date and so will be advised of assessment results once available.
- The issue of requiring safety fencing was addressed. The Board will have a clearer idea once the RDCK building inspector has done a walk around.

Agenda Item #2 - Business arising from closure.

- Tashina cancelled all rentals, and Vern has written rental deposit cheques.
- Rob has recently returned all items recently bought for planned floor maintenance.
- April will continue updating the highway reader board sign by the firehall.
- A donation platform “Zeffy.com” has been set up and promoted on Facebook.
- The website will be updated with latest information when available.
- The Board agreed that the Art Centre interior would benefit from a new look.
- The monthly WCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at the Wynndel Church.

Agenda Item #3 – CBT SMART grant update

The grant was awarded earlier this year. The two components of the grant were:

- 1) provide energy efficient upgrades to the exterior of the Art Centre and
 - 2) supply and install furnaces in the main hall.
- The Board agrees that the upgrades to the Art Centre will go ahead as planned.
 - The supplier of the furnaces was advised that the order would have to be cancelled.
 - CBT has been notified of the cancellation of the furnace component.

Agenda Item #4 – Grant Writing

- The Board has members familiar with the grant writing process.
- They are actively looking at options to fund capital projects suited to our needs.

Agenda Item #5 - Events

- The Board agreed that the Easter Event should not be cancelled. It will be by donation this year and advertised as a fundraising event. As there are conflicts with other valley events, a firm date and other details need to be confirmed.
- The Board agrees that the Art Centre should continue to serve small rental groups and club meetings.

Agenda Item #6 – Wynndel School

- The Board discussed the possibility that renovating the school should remain on the table.
- The school would require a structural assessment, an updated hazmat assessment and feasibility study to assess the practicality and viability of a proposed plan for use within the community.

Report submitted by:

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