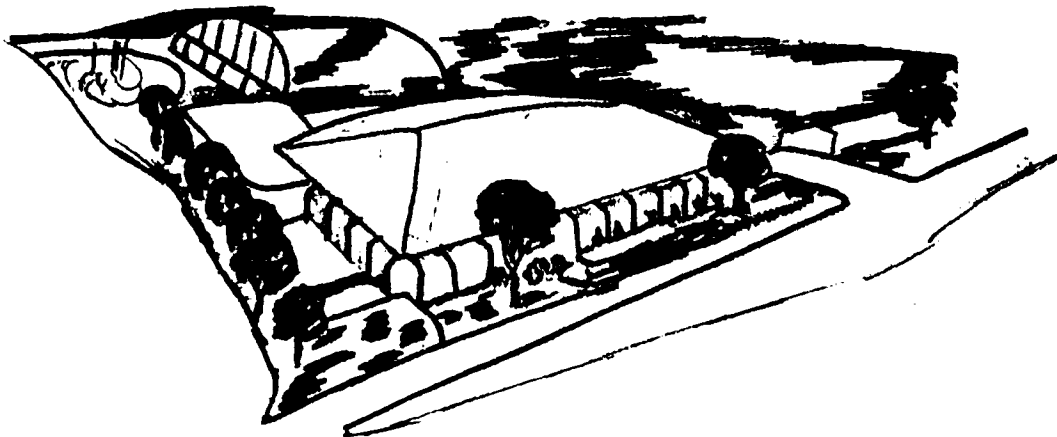


Kerrisdale Community Centre

Annual Report



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Over the past year, the Pool Cover Project, for which we have strived mightily for many years, has approached completion. It would appear that the pool, without the cover, will probably open in the coming month and the cover will be implaced or inflated at the end of the summer.

The new erection around the pool is undoubtedly more than we had; but, it would appear, is apparently much less than we expected. There are many items of major concern, both administrative and constructual, to be discussed and negotiated with the Parks Board before the Project can be regarded as complete.

Budgetary concerns are still paramount within the Society and in order to continue and improve our service to the community it would appear we must look to outside sources for funding and in that regard your Society has, as you are aware, attempted over the year to commence fund raising projects such as the "Sunday Flea Market" and has applied to foundations and for governmental grants.

We have also over the past year attempted tp provide recreational services to the community on Sundays and have provided monies for the necessary staffing to keep the Community Centre open. This policy will be reviewed and if Community support is evident, may be continued.

I would like to thank all members of the Board and the Community Association and particularly my fellow directors and Committee members and the Staff, both Society and Parks Board and the Ladies' Auxiliary and all other volunteers who have given so liberally of their time in order to ensure success of our various programs and ventures.

I am confident that during the coming year the Centre will be able to provide increasing and more efficient recreation services to the Community and improve the quality and diversity of the courses offered to its members.

In closing, I would like to pay particular tribute to Mr. Harry Ross, a director of your Society for some years, who died last month. On your behalf, I express my condolences to Louise Ross, his wife, who has now gone to live with her children in Winnipeg. Louise Ross, has for many years been President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and in that capacity her constant efforts on behalf of the Centre will be sorely missed.

PAT KINNEY

COMMUNITY RECREATION CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT TO THE
KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE SOCIETY

May 1980

Every community should have a facility which could provide space and services for community leisure, business, educational and casual requirements. Kerrisdale Community Centre this year has more than adequately provided for these services, as judged from the increasing attendance, not only for recreational programs, but for other community functions, such as meetings, distributions, registrations, school functions and social services.

Statistics indicate that these activities, other than recreational use, has increased over 300%.

Statistics also show that the Centre is offering more sessions of classes, as a comparison of the 1979-1980 Winter program shows an increase of 1409 sessions of classes. The overall attendance for this same period shows an increase from 30,918 users to 39,016 users.

Programming trends show that due to an influx of young families with children our pre school programming has increased 40% with more Kindercarpentry and pottery courses added.

Fitness-oriented programs still have the highest registration with Ron's "Total Fitness Program" being the most popular.

To give an indication of the age range of users:

Pre-school	(3-5 yrs)	-	17.8%	of usage
Children	(6-12 yrs)	-	19.2%	
Teen	(13-16 yrs)	-	8.7%	
Adult	(18-64 yrs)	-	30%	
Ret.Cit.	(65)	-	21.6%	

I would sincerely like to thank all of the Society members for their energetic support towards the Centre activities and also Staff. Their contribution is so valuable to the successful administration of the Centre.

I would also like to thank Ron Suzaki for all the effort he has put into the program this year. His energetic approach to recreation I find contagious among the other staff.

Last but certainly not least I wish to thank the support staff, Don, Shirley, Kay and Marguerite and the other special program co-ordinators - Ruth & Lorna for the very fine work they have done to help make Kerrisdale Community Centre one of the most successful in the City.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Cederholm.

RECREATION PROGRAMMER'S MESSAGE

I cannot believe two years have passed since my start at the Kerrisdale Community Centre. I sincerely consider my job is my own personal Recreation Programme. There are not many jobs where one can experience pride, improvement and self-esteem from his work. During my stay at Kerrisdale I have had the pleasure of working with a hard-working staff who are very professional but, most important, close friends.

I would like to thank all the members of the Kerrisdale C.C. for another busy and successful year. Words cannot express my appreciation for the many hours these hardworking volunteers have devoted to the Centre. The community of Kerrisdale should be proud of these individuals who during the past year have assisted with the organization of holiday events, flea markets, ongoing seasonal programmes, summer aquatic activities, drop-in socials for the public, and many other activities which have entertained people of all ages. Many jobs the members of the Society undertake are not visible to the public like building maintenance, Centre programme evaluation and fund raising. The Society's largest project this year is the cover for our outdoor pool. This job should be completed by the Summer and the Kerrisdale Community will have a year-round facility.

Kerrisdale Programme Highlights of 1979 would include:

1. The increase of participants in fitness programmes which enables us to add more classes to meet the demand.
2. The addition of many new preschool programmes which includes pottery, carpentry, and cooking. Also the growing success of our Gym programmes thanks to the efforts of Lorna White.
3. Successful Special Events in all holiday activities. The increase of participants was far greater than any other year. Many thanks to the Special Events Committee, the Ladies Auxiliary, and especially Susan Lund who co-ordinated and assisted in most of these events.
4. A fantastic group of part-time instructors each with a skill he or she is willing to share with others. I sincerely thank them for their successful programmes and broadening my personal scope of Recreation by sharing with me their own area of interest.

In closing I would like to thank Len Cederholm for his leadership and never ending optimism, the office crew for their hard work and consistent support and the Kerrisdale Society for their guidance and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Suzuki

RETIRED CITIZENS' CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

A resume of the retired citizens' activities for the past twelve months.

A continued interest is shown in the monthly printed program giving the members a choice in entertainment. e.g: Films, bingo, concerts or special events.

Chartered bus and local day trips of topical interest are planned throughout the year on Tuesdays.

A three day trip to Long Beach, Vancouver Island, was held last September. This month, Lake Chelan, Wash. was a successful four day holiday.

The Kerrisdale Senior Choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Dorothy Harford gives enjoyment not only to themselves but to other Centres and Rest Homes. A portion of their New Horizon Grant funds allowed the auditorium stage to be finished with attractive panelling.

Shuffleboard, carpet bowling, yoga, oil-painting, bridge and variety cards continue in popularity.

A new program called "Line Dancing" under volunteer instructor, Mrs. Lil Fredericks is both fun and exercise.

A weekly program "Health Care for Seniors" was held for three months.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants arranged the much appreciated Income Tax service for seniors again this year.

The Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation continue to supply us with concert and ballet tickets at a minimum cost.

Again, I wish to express my appreciation and thanks for the co-operation from all the members, staff and the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Caley, Co-ordinator,
Retired Citizens' Programs.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

This has been an extremely active year. Our Spring program has expanded to a size competitive with the Fall and Winter programs.

The new program format, based on subject, rather than days and time, has been well received.

Program requests have indicated changes taking place in the Kerrisdale community and in the popular trends. Tiny Tot courses have been expanded and further requests are received daily. Disco courses have dropped off in favour of ballroom and square dancing.

Our Sunday opening response began slowly. Workshops such as Shiatsu, Hypnotism and Parapsychology were very successful. The morning badminton court rental was well received and as usual the demand for the racquetball court was extremely high.

Specialization programs such as Micro Computer programming and Retirement Education proved very successful.

We could use another gym and look forward to new program activity in the Kerrisdale Arena for the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Godwin.

SWIM COMMITTEE

May 1980

A meeting was held at K.C.C. with Dot Asuma, Len Cederholm and Christine Kearnes on May 1st, 1980.

There was a lot of pressure from the Area to continue with the Summer Swim Club. A petition signed by the parents of past participants had been delivered to the Centre.

The costs of a summer swim club were estimated and Dot Asuma would approach the Park Board to run the Club on the same basis as the other four summer swim clubs.

On the 2nd of May, Dot Asuma advised that as the summer swim club was not budgeted for by Park Board for 1980 it could not now be included. It was requested that the Society run the swim club for this year, as in the past.

At a meeting on the 5th of May a draft budget was calculated as follows:

Coach	\$981.00
Meet entry fees	300.00
T-shirts	275.00
Van Parks fees	<u>70.00</u>
	\$1,626.00

The Executive of the Society was polled and it was decided to run the program for this year, charging a fee of \$15.00 (matching the other clubs) and for the Society to subsidize the balance, with the club assisting by holding a Swimathon.

Registration will be held on Thursday, May 22nd, 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. in the Auditorium. A coach will be hired and swimming will commence as soon as the pool is opened.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kearnes.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Building Maintenance Committee fulfilled many of it's planned objectives for 1978-79.

These completed objectives included:

- repair of Racquetball court door
- upgrading electrical system in pottery room
- refinishing panelled walls in corridor leading to rooms 7 & 8
- installation of chairboard in room #10
- acquisition of 24 new card tables, slide projector and 6 gymnastic mats
- installation of smoke & fire alarm systems

I would like to thank Dave Howden, Beth Crompton and Len Cederholm for their help during the past year for accomplishing these objectives.

Respectfully submitted

Harald Mundahl

SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

My Committee and I had the job of trying to get the most money available for our swimming pool cover and new changing rooms. The only extra we managed to secure was \$47,000 from Parks Board last fall, bringing our total to \$647,000. - Of the amount at least \$100,000 was lost due to inflation, because of this we watched most of our original plan deleted item by item - even down to paint. All we really got was a lot of concrete - very little glass - and a few changing room lockers. But it is there - and is due to open very shortly. We are still under discussion with Parks Board about the cover being used as a convertible bubble. This is one item we were not cut on and are quite determined to see it taken down each summer as originally planned.

The Committee also wishes to report that it is working on the problems of a very full parking lot. This will take a few months to survey properly before results are announced.

I wish to thank my Committee for two full years of planning and work on the pool cover. They were challenged at every monthly meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Marion Drake,
Chairperson

SPECIAL EVENTS - ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1980

All Special Events were extremely successful during this past year.

Hallowe'en events were particularly well attended, with most of the children wearing costumes.

The Christmas season was very busy, with many extra activities taking place, as well as the traditional "Breakfast with Santa" and Christmas Concert.

Many activities occurred during the Easter break, including parties for the younger children.

An innovation this year was the Flea Markets, at which we sold coffee and muffins.

As Bingo is no longer held on Thursday nights our help was not needed at the Snack Bar.

My personal thanks go to Mrs. Ross, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary and the ladies of that group who could always be relied upon to help before and during Special Events, to Ron Suzuki for the tremendous amount of time and effort he put into organizing and managing activities, and to the members of my Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Pinkham
Chairman of Special Events.

COMPARATIVE PROGRAM AND MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

	<u>1978-79</u>		<u>1979-80</u>
<u>Spring</u>	- Membership - 8,142	- Membership -	8,435
	- # Sessions - 2,107	- # Sessions -	1,111
	- Attendance - 26,750	- Attendance -	31,267
<u>Summer</u>	- Membership - 8,142	- Membership -	8,435
	- # Sessions - 701	- # Sessions -	1,437
	- Attendance - 23,200	- Attendance -	14,549
<u>Fall</u>	- Membership - 8,142	- Membership -	8,435
	- # Sessions - 1,932	- # Sessions -	2,677
	- Attendance - 38,434	- Attendance -	42,064
<u>Winter</u>	- Membership - 8,142	- Membership -	8,435
	- # Sessions - 1,559	- # Sessions -	2,979
	- Attendance - 31,318	- Attendance -	39,016

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

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