

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee was held in the Parks & Recreation Office on February 24, 1992 at 5pm.

In attendance were Alderman Mike Thompson and Alderman Michael Wright. Also in attendance were Larry J. Wheeler, Recreation Manager/Deputy Director, Tom Annandale (Item No. 1), Architect and K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director.

Item No. 1 Reeve Street Park

Tom Annandale reviewed with the Committee the status of the working drawings. He indicated that test digs would be done in the next two weeks and once that was completed, drawings would proceed henceforth.

Item No. 2 Parks & Recreation Committee - One Year Business Plan

The Parks & Recreation Director indicated that within the next two months Committee members should bring forth their plans for the upcoming year. Once all the ideas have been pulled together, a one year business plan will be circulated to Committee.

Recommendation

That the verbal report be received.

Carried

Item No. 3 BCRPA

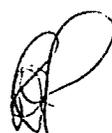
The Parks & Recreation Director indicated that as incoming President she would be quite busy and there would be times when she would not be around. However, Larry will be fully aware of all issues. The Parks & Recreation Director will keep the Committee informed of her activities as President.

Recommendation

That the verbal report be received.

Carried

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Item No. 4 **O.A.P.O. Report - Clarification of Recommendation**

The attached memorandum from the Area Supervisor was reviewed.

Recommendation

That the report be received and that the recommendations be considered after the meeting with the O.A.P.O.

Carried

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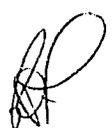
The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.



M. Thompson, Chairman



per Janna Taylor, Secretary


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**THE CORPORATION OF THE
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MEMORANDUM

February 17, 1992

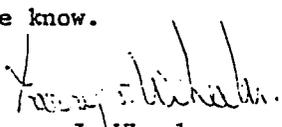
TO: K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director

FROM: Larry J. Wheeler, Recreation Manager/Deputy Director

SUBJECT: OAPO Report - Clarification of Recommendation

As per your request, Bev and Alete have provided information (attached) to clarify their recommendations in their report (dated February 7, 1992) regarding the OAPO.

If additional information is required, please do not hesitate to let me know.


Larry J. Wheeler

LJW/pg


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MEMORANDUM

February 17, 1992

TO: Larry Wheeler, Recreation Manager/Deputy Director

FROM: Bev Irvine, Area Supervisor

SUBJECT: CAPO Report - Clarification of Recommendations

This information is to clarify the recommendations made in the report of February 7, 1992 CAPO Branch #21.

The recommendation to relocate the OAPO Branch #21 to another location is all encompassing. Specifically, this would include meetings, Christmas Dinner, storage, bulletin board space and newsletter coverage.

The recommendations regarding bus trips and closing for their Christmas Dinner are part of the two year interim solution.

There is another item which Alete and I forgot about which should be noted. The OAPO and Wilson Centre Advisory Board made a joint purchase of some of the coffee mugs. We recommend that if the OAPO relocate, we (The City) would reimburse the OAPO for their portion of the cost.

If any further information or clarification is needed, please let me know.



cc. Alete McInnis

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MEMORANDUM

February 7, 1992

TO: K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director

FROM: Bev Irvine, Area Supervisor

SUBJECT: O.A.P.O. Branch #21

Purpose:

To provide information and recommendations as requested by the Parks & Recreation Committee regarding issues concerning the O.A.P.O. Branch #21's use of Wilson Centre.

Summary:

The O.A.P.O. Branch #21 use Wilson Centre to hold their monthly general membership meetings and annual Christmas Dinner. This disruption to the smooth operation of the facility does not benefit the Wilson Centre membership. It is recommended that the Parks & Recreation staff actively assist the O.A.P.O. Branch #21 in locating another facility to hold their meetings and dinner.

Analysis of Problem:

1. The monthly meetings of the O.A.P.O. Branch #21 disrupts the regular programming for the Wilson Centre members. i.e. Thursday afternoon programs are cancelled once a month and the Thursday morning class is disturbed by O.A.P.O. Branch #21 members setting their tables.
2. Two separate senior's groups operating out of the same facility is confusing to the members. i.e. I bought my membership, no you bought your O.A.P.O. membership and vice versa.
3. The increasing conflict with the O.A.P.O. is affecting the positive working relationship with the Wilson Centre Advisory Board and the City's representative.
4. The O.A.P.O Branch #21's constant misconception that they should be operating the facility, causes continual conflict.
5. The O.A.P.O Branch #21's lack of respect for the established lines of communication with the City, causes communication breakdowns.

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6. The use of Wilson Centre by the O.A.P.O. Branch #21 could encourage requests from other senior organizations to have access to the facility. e.g. C.A.R.P. Canadian Association of Retired People, Council of Senior Citizen's Organizations and Senior Citizen Association of B.C.
7. The continual harassment by O.A.P.O. Branch #21 members, of City Employees, creates a poor working environment for our staff.

Discussion:

There are basically two issues that need to be addressed:

1. The membership of Wilson Centre has dramatically increased over the past ten years. This in turn has increased the need for programs and services, provided by the department, for these people. Space and time to do this is at a premium.
2. The O.A.P.O. Branch #21 has, throughout the years, received special and unique services that are not provided to other community organizations. They do not recognize nor appreciate this as such. They now consider this a right, not a privilege.
i.e. - Free use of space to conduct monthly meetings. All other community groups pay rental fees for monthly meetings.
 - Use of Wilson Centre. No other community group is permitted to use Wilson Centre for regular meetings.
 - Department sponsored programs are cancelled for the O.A.P.O. monthly meetings. Department programs are only cancelled for special events for other community groups.
 - Free set-ups for meetings. (tables, chairs, stage, P.A. system). All other community groups are charged a fee for this service.
 - Use of Wilson Centre kitchen and dishwasher. Any group, (including City functions), that do occasionally use the Wilson Centre must use the Wilson Centre catering service and are charged a fee.
 - Our Staff open the building during non-operating hours to accommodate bus trip passengers.
 - Regular use of City equipment, (bingo machine)

Summary:

The Parks and Recreation Staff and City Officials have, throughout the years, done their very best to accommodate the wants and needs of O.A.P.O. Branch #21. The demands and misconceptions of this organization has now put the services and relationship with the Wilson Centre Members at risk. These problems are not unique to Port Coquitlam. Other Lower Mainland Senior Centres have had similar situations. Most Centres no longer have other senior organizations meeting at their City's Senior Centre. (see attached).

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It is recognized that Branch #21 of the O.A.P.O. is a very vocal group and any steps done to eliminate the problems must be done over a period of time and with a positive approach.

Recommendations:

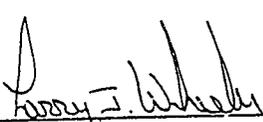
1. That the O.A.P.O. Branch #21 relocate to another facility within a two year time frame. The Department staff will offer assistance to help find another location.
2. In the interim, the O.A.P.O. Branch #21 would be requested to change their meeting day to one that will have less impact on the regular programs and services offered by Wilson Centre. This would be
 - a) Saturday Afternoons
This would cause the least amount of disruption to the regular programs and services. The Centre is open and staff are on duty.
 - b) Wednesday or Friday Evenings
The Centre is not open on these evenings. There should be a fee attached to this option as we would incur additional expenses, of approximately \$60.00, as staff would have to be scheduled.
3. That Wilson Centre is not opened for O.A.P.O. bus trip passengers. The Rec Centre Lobby could be used for this purpose. It is always staffed during these hours, it is heated and a public telephone is available for their use.
4. That Wilson Centre be closed to the general membership for the O.A.P.O. Christmas Dinner. That the guidelines already in place, regarding the use of the kitchen, be adhered to for this event. (Wilson Centre Staff will be on duty during the day).

Note: As of the writing of this report, we have received two requests from the O.A.P.O. Branch #21.

- 1) To open Wilson Centre Saturday, February 8th, 1992. We have accommodated this request.
- 2) The use of Wilson Centre for their annual Christmas Dinner. We have this request on hold, pending the outcome of this report.

Concurrence:


Bev Irvine
Area Supervisor


Larry J. Wheeler
Recreation Manager/Deputy Director

c.c. - Aletee McInnis, Seniors Coordinator


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