



KERRISDALE COMMUNITY COMPLEX

(Kerrisdale Pool, Kerrisdale Centre, Kerrisdale Arena)

**Operated jointly by the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society and the
Board of Parks & Recreation, City of Vancouver, B.C.**

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KERRISDALE

COMMUNITY CENTRE

1984-1985 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR 1985

The Kerrisdale Community Centre is one of the oldest Community Centres in Vancouver and one of the most used. During the past year it has continued to enjoy a consistent level of high use. The Centre has also continued to experience a chronic problem of insufficient space to meet the high demand for programmes.

The Board of Directors has attempted to improve these resources for several years. This past year commenced with a renewed effort to expand the existing facility. A previous proposal had been referred back to the community for further evaluation of the community's needs and assessment of public support for expansion. No consensus had been achieved by the end of 1984. Thus, the expansion proposal was the focus of intense interest for the Board of Directors elected at the last Annual General Meeting.

The proposal for expansion was extensively revised. A public hearing concerning the proposal was held at the Centre. Subsequently the Board of Directors participated in a number of presentations to the Board of Parks and Recreation. Intensive committee meetings were required to develop the resulting concepts into concrete plans and to advance those plans to reality.

The efforts of the Board, members of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society, and members of the community were rewarded by an extension of the time limits on funding grants, and ultimately the award of the construction contracts and commencement of work.

The Board is pleased to have commenced renovations of the existing facility. The dislocation of service associated with renovations has been an inconvenience to all. Fortunately members of the community have continued to persevere and to use the facility. In the next few months we will be rewarded with improved office and reception facilities, elevator access to all levels of the Centre including the Library and Public Health facilities, interior access to the pool, and improved heating and ventilation in the existing facility.

As Vancouver celebrates its 100th. birthday and British Columbia hosts Expo '86 we hope to join in by celebrating the opening of the Kerrisdale Community Centre expansion. The new facilities will be joined to the existing Centre, will serve all aspects of seniors' recreation needs in the community, and will expand programming space for the entire Centre.

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President's Report (conclusion)

The Board has enjoyed another successful year of developing and operating recreational programmes and services for all ages in the community. We have endeavoured to improve the services and resolve any complaints or criticisms brought to our attention.

On behalf of the Board I would like to thank those many people who have helped make this Centre a success over the past year. Many community members have supported our programmes and projects through their active participation. The Board has enjoyed the support of volunteers in its committee structure, at its registration days and in its special events. The Board of Parks and Recreation has continued to provide support of a practical, political, and financial nature. Private citizens, community organizations and businesses, and all levels of Government have, and are providing financial support and substantial encouragement to our expansion proposal.

We are pleased to have helped to provide a service to the community which has enjoyed the support and participation of that community.

Thank you,

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald W. Massing, President

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1985 - SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

At the time of writing last year's report we had just started the course of decision making after our project had been temporarily stopped. As the plans progressed and City interest was gained, we found the access to our library by a nearly quarter of a million dollar elevator added to the construction plans. This is the one positive thing that did spring from the community clash.

We waited some 20 weeks before a development permit was issued for our new building. We also wrote successful letters asking the Federal Government to extend the deadlines needed for our half-million dollar grant.

Our Planning Committee met frequently all through the summer with the Parks Board Facility Director and our architect, and managed to match our budget with the tender of Nova Construction this past December.

This January 18th., the Reverend Doctor Harry Lennox blessed our sod-turning and the project will start. In 10 months we should see our new Seniors' Activity Centre filled with happy people.

Renovations to our old centre are to be finished by the end of March with the elevator installation.

May I personally thank all our Board members who gave their time and advice on our many problems. I would like to especially thank Millie Wright and David Howden for their guidance from the beginning.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Drake.

COMMUNITY RECREATION CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Neither swirling dust nor pounding jack hammers have greatly affected the Centre's operation. Patrons have patiently endured cold gyms., no walls and ever-changing entrances, knowing that the end result will be worth the present inconvenience. Yes - expansion is finally happening!

Much appreciation should be shown to the dedicated Society Board members who persistently adhered to their objectives even though they had to face many obstacles.

The renovation at the Centre is expected to be completed about the end of March and the new Seniors' Centre should be operational by the end of 1986. I do not think we should stop here as we are one of the few centres in the city without a spa or fitness centre connected to a pool. This might be considered "Phase III" of the expansion plan. Future administration development should include the addition of a cash register to expedite and better control the cash flow and a word processor and printer. This addition would save the Society money by printing our own program registration forms and also delivering the brochure data to the printers in a "camera ready" format thus avoiding the printer doing this and costing the Board money.

A micro-computer would be the next step but more investigation is needed to decide the type of hardware, software and even uses.

Mark and the Programme Committee have continued to produce programmes which have been received by the public at close to the record setting pace of last year.

Statistics have levelled off this year with approximately 174,000 people participating as compared to 180,000 last year.

The excellent help and cooperation of the Society members, office and other support staff, part-time employees and volunteers have once again contributed to the Kerrisdale Community Centre having another successful and productive year satisfying the recreational needs of the Kerrisdale community. I feel extremely fortunate to be a part of it !!

Respectfully submitted

Len Cederholm,
C.R.C.

COMMUNITY CENTRE STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Sept, 1/84 to Aug. 31/85

<u>MEMBERSHIPS:</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Past Year</u>
	0 - 5	1,194	1,022
	6 - 12	1,503	1,658
	13 - 18	628	662
	19 - 64	3,448	3,631
	65+	<u>1,099</u>	<u>1,079</u>
	TOTALS	7,872	8,052
	Family	1,210	1,155
		<u>Current</u>	<u>Past Year</u>
<u>SPORTS & FITNESS:</u>		74,735	75,205
<u>ARTS:</u>		28,245	26,860
<u>GROUP ACTIVITIES:</u>		24,077	28,859
<u>MEETINGS:</u>		2,337	1,786
<u>SPECIAL EVENTS:</u>		13,446	14,885
<u>CASUAL:</u>		5,376	3,775
<u>RENTALS:</u>		13,939	17,322
<u>RECREATION/EDUCATION:</u>		5,369	5,033
<u>FUND RAISING:</u>		-	-
<u>COURTS:</u>		<u>5,236</u>	<u>6,395</u>
	TOTALS	172,760 =====	180,120 =====

KERRISDALE PROGRAMMER'S REPORT FOR 1985

Participation at Kerrisdale has levelled off in 1985. This will change when the seniors' facility is completed in 1986, until then we will hold our own high level of participation.

1985 was a year that the Programme Committee decided to concentrate on offering a comprehensive preschool programmes. The three main terms boasted in excess of 65 preschool programmes (each term) of all types for specifically aged preschoolers.

This has meant an increase in the quality of preschool programmes and more choice for demanding parents, with fewer waiting lists. The Programme Committee plans in the near future, to review and concentrate on Children's Youth and Adult areas to better help meet the needs of Kerrisdale patrons.

An increase in the number of programme rooms at Kerrisdale will allow us to offer more programmes for all ages at all times of the day or evening. Presently limits on the variety and number of programmes is limited by space not demand. The new seniors' centre will provide us with good-sized multipurpose rooms and will free up some of our present rooms for additional programmes, club and group and rental space.

Special events were successful again this year. The Halloween Carnival for kids and parties for preschoolers were well attended. Santa showed up to have breakfast with Kerrisdale kids on December 7th., and many gifts were donated for needy children.

The Programme Committee, Association and Park Board instructors have done themselves proud. We all look forward to 1986, our new building and even busier times.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Shorter - Programmer
KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE SOCIETY
PROGRAMME COMMITTEE REPORT

The Programme Committee meets on the second Wednesday of the month to initiate, monitor and advise on all aspects of the centre's programme. Membership includes Jim Dent, Liza Hutchison (Chair), Lorraine Martin (Special Events), Gerry Massing, Rose Mikelberg, Margo Stanaway (Recorder), Joy Tucker, and Mark Shorter (Centre Programmer.)

The committee identified the following as being areas of particular concern for the year (in order of priority.)

1. Programme development

Analysis of pre-school programmes showed good coverage but indicated a need for programmes for Kindergarten children. We are currently analyzing children's programmes and looking for more appealing teen programming. Fitness Chips are selling well and the new 'No Jump' classes are popular.

2. Registration

A task force under Rose Mikelberg studied and collected user feedback on ways to improve registration procedures and recommended combining Timesaver Pass distribution and registration on one weekday night for the winter 1986 session.

3. Facility Use

The committee worked with the Special Projects Committee on plans for expansion of the facilities - building, park and playground. We have been concerned that construction affect programming as little as possible.

4. Volunteers

We are working on plans to recruit, channel, channel, train and keep a larger, dependable core of volunteers particularly for Special Events. Registration Days are now usually well-staffed.

5. Evaluation

Participants were encouraged to complete evaluation forms, and Sharon Jeffres, the U.B.C. Recreation student, evaluated a sampling of winter classes. The committee developed guidelines for summer daycamps.

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PROGRAMME COMMITTEE REPORT (conclusion)

6. Publicity

Sharon was able to do press releases for newspaper and radio, and high school students have been helpful in doing additional posters. There have been more flyers both for seasonal programmes, "workshops" etc., and for specific courses, the latter developed by instructors.

7. Brochure

The Westside Recreation Guide is getting more interesting all the time with better highlighting and write-ups on programmes, staff and the centre.

8. Special Events included for the first time two Easter Egg Hunts organized in conjunction with Open Gym sessions. The three Hallowe'en parties and Breakfast With Santa provided great fun for about 400 children at no cost.

It has been an exciting year and the Programme Committee is looking forward to the new year with its opportunities and new facilities.

Respectfully submitted,
Liza Hutchison, Chairman
KERRISDALE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

KERRISDALE POOL PROGRAMMER'S REPORT

As 1985 comes to a close and I reflect back over the last twelve months, I feel very proud to be a part of the Kerrisdale staff. Each and every staff member is not only highly qualified but compassionate as well. As this is my first year at Kerrisdale Pool, it has proven to be both exciting and challenging.

Throughout the year, I familiarized myself with the community and its needs. As a result, I added new programmes including Synchronized Swimming For Youth And Adults, and Springboard Diving Levels 1 and 2. In addition, adult lessons were offered during the evenings running simultaneously with children's lessons. A lane for swimming was also added during lesson time to enable parents and others to swim.

Statistically, Kerrisdale Pool did very well this year. Once again our overall patronage was up 8% from last year. Lessons were up 22% and Public 32%. Programmes (drop-in) have shown a 34% decrease. Revenue this year has increased 3%.

The fall in programmes may have been caused by the relocation of our entrance. This was due to the construction of the seniors' centre. I believe the addition will increase our patronage by making us more accessible, especially to disabled individuals. As well, I hope to increase the programme statistics by adding new programmes such as an "Adult Master's Swim" or "Swimfit" as we call it, "Underwater Hockey" and other courses too. Advertising is also high on my list of priorities to further inform the community in 1986.

In closing, I would like to thank the Kerrisdale Society for their support throughout the year. We have had seven social functions including a seniors' Easter and Christmas tea, Easter Hallowe'en and Christmas parties for the children and two parties with our dedicated length swimmers, on their way "Around Vancouver" and "Around The World's Waters" which the Society helped sponsor.

We look forward to Vancouver's Centennial year and hope to see everyone once again after our unexpected closure from December 23, 1985 to January 26, 1986.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Alexander
POOL PROGRAMMER.

ARENA PROGRAMMER'S REPORT

Once again the arena had a very successful year. This past fall we instituted a few minor changes in the schedule. These changes in turn altered our attendance pattern, in that we had some great support from the local schools. What we did was to change our Tuesday and Thursday morning skates from 10:00 - 11:30 to 11:00 - 12:30. This and the changing of our Business Men's hockey both to 11:45 - 1:00 p.m. allowed us the ability to offer the schools blocks of ice time that were more suitable to their needs. The result has been very impressive, we now average two to three schools per week where we never had any before. The booking of our prime time slots remains a very stable function, most of our groups have been with us for several years, therefore there is very little change in the groups using our prime time. At present we have only one hour available for renting in this time category, and that is Monday from 11:30 - 12:30 a.m.

This year for Christmas along with our regular extra public sessions, we offered a "Free Hot Chocolate" night during our December 21 adult skate from 8 - 10 p.m. We also offered a Teen Skate on Friday the 27th. from 8 - 10 p.m. We will be looking closely at the results of both of these skates to determine if changes are needed in our programming.

The summer of 1985 was relatively a quiet one. The Vancouver Burrards and the Western Ball Hockey League are still our largest users of dry floor time. We also had our annual S.P.C.A. Junior Pet Show which was a big success as usual. We did have a good summer for maintenance however, we had a new compressor added to our engine room, we also had our dressing rooms repaired and painted, and last, but not least, we had a portion of our roof repaired.

One of our special projects this summer was the holding of a Flea Market, some valuable lessons were learned from this. There is a need for them in this area, we should look into having one per month from May to September, preferably on a Saturday. These recommendations were passed on to the Special Projects committee for their consideration.

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Arena Programmer's 1985 Report (conclusion)

The summer of 1986 is shaping up to be a busy one, we have been receiving numerous enquiries from groups wanting to use our facility for such purposes as:- conventions, tradeshowes etc. We're always looking for new projects and ideas, so spread the word around. We're here for a reason.

Last, but not least, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my entire staff and the Kerrisdale Advisory Committee for making this year what it was. They made my job easy and the public welcome.

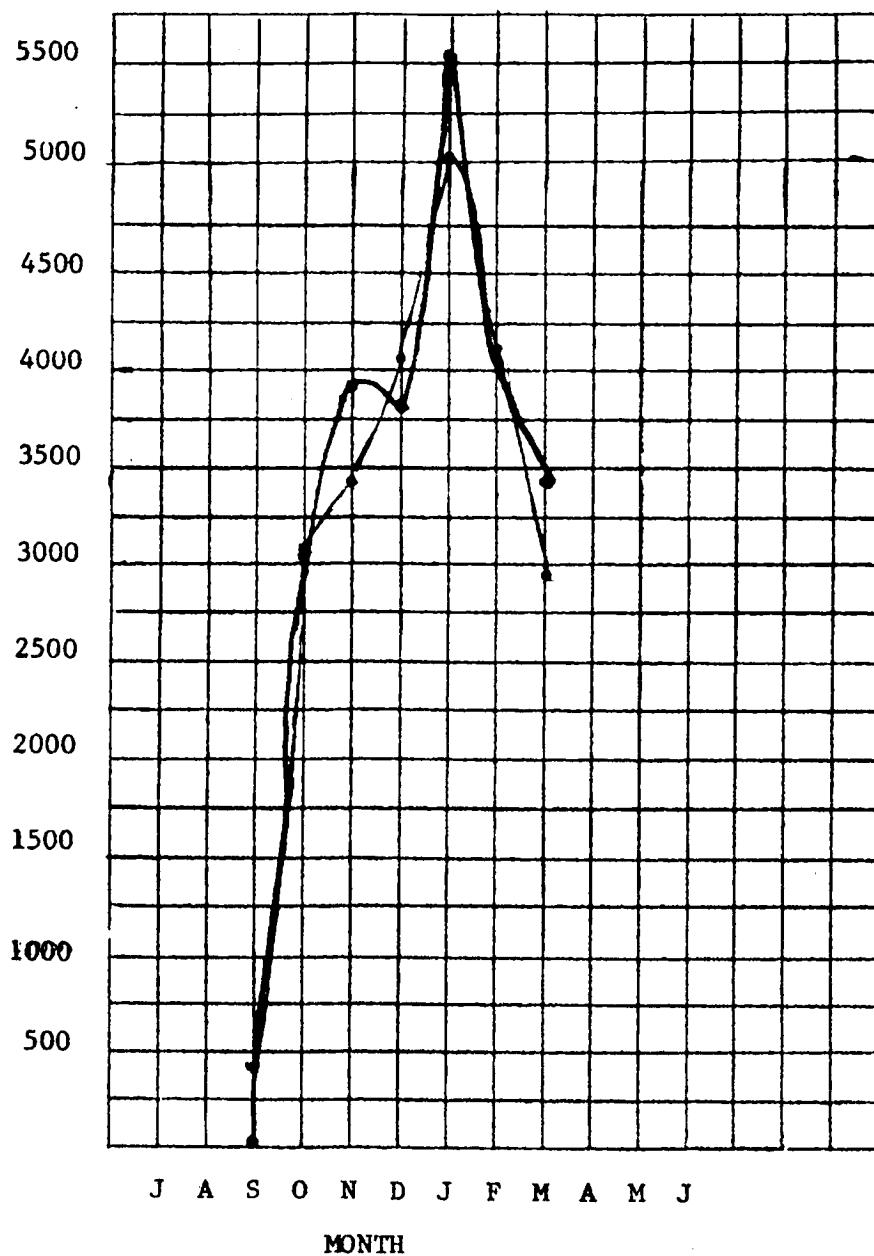
Respectfully submitted,

Gary Armstrong
ARENA PROGRAMMER

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REVENUE PROJECTIONS AND ACTUALS 1985

	Estimate	Actual	Percentage
SKATE SHOP REVENUE	\$ 9,200	\$ 9,402	102
Admissions Revenue	21,000	15,783	75
Commercial Revenue	55,400	47,297	85
Subsidized Revenue	49,700	48,155	96
Total	135,300	120,637	89



MONTHLY ATTENDANCE FOR ALL
PUBLIC SKATING SESSIONS 1984- 1985.

RETIRED CITIZENS' PROGRAMME
ANNUAL REPORT - 1985

Our year began with a note of apprehension because of our neighbours' objection to our new building being placed on some of the Centennial Park land. However, after the second public meeting where seniors, Board members and other community officials explained the reality of our plans and needs, an overwhelming majority voted for the plan to have the new building to the rear of the gymnasium. Since then the seniors have worked even harder to contribute to the Building Fund and we now look forward to the sod-turning ceremony early in 1986. To date seniors have raised \$ 20,000 towards furnishings.

Although there has been much inconvenience due to construction, our programmes have continued to increase in attendance.

The Seniors' Communication group which publishes the "Monarch" (our newsletter) was awarded a \$10,000 grant from New Horizons to buy equipment and supplies to expand the whole communications programme especially for our new unit.

Toward the end of 1985 a five-piece band has been organized and has already proven its ability in playing for the special Thursday celebration days as well as entertaining outside groups.

One of our senior men has taken on the task of being our professional photographer.

Bus trips and tours have continued with a group of seniors and their friends being "stranded" for four days extra in Great Britain. Our co-ordinator hastily reorganized the return trip and interim entertainment in Hyde Park and at the seaside.

The choir, under Doris Wainwright's able direction, has entertained at many hospitals and personal care homes as well as for our own enjoyment.

Both choir and dancers are in great demand throughout the greater Vancouver area. These dedicated people bring happiness to many shut-ins.

Other well-attended groups include the Health Drop-In, Tax Clinics, Art and Painting classes, to mention a few.

Finally, a great vote of thanks to all the volunteers who make the various activities work at the centre.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Pirie - Co-ordinator

Millie Wright - Seniors' Chairman