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KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE SOCIETY



Kerrisdale Centre, Kerrisdale Pool, Kerrisdale Arena

Operated jointly by the
Kerrisdale Community Centre Society
and the Board of Parks & Recreation
City of Vancouver, British Columbia

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Vice-President	Katy Hughes
Vice-President	Lorna-Gail Peterson
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Gerard Kelly	Yvette Hardwick
Dean Crawford	Richard Nagy
Marion Drake	Willie Poon
Gordon Englehart	Carol Wiens

BOARD COMMITTEES 1995/96

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE Chair: Gerard Kelly

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Staff Liaison: Stew Jordan

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Gordon Englehart Shelley Mintz Valerie Witchelo
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Faith Bloomfield Lorna-Gail Peterson
Nicole Adams, Karen Simpson Vy Smyth
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RENTALS COMMITTEE Chair: Bill Harris

Yvette Hardwick

Staff Liaison: Eileen Wilson, Diana Bracken

SENIORS' COUNCIL Chair: George Campbell/Vi Smyth

Norman Biel	Irene Ronnie	Helen Underhill
June Butler	Yvette Hardwick	
Marion Drake	Nina Lorimer	
Lillian Gordon-Bell	Miryam Norton	
Staff Liaison:	Stew Jordan, Grace Pirie	

YOUTH COMMITTEE Chair: Dean Crawford

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Staff Liaison: Brian Swartz

NOMINATIONS: Lorna-Gail Peterson, Bill Watson

ARENA LIAISON: Marion Drake

Advisory Committee:	Stew Jordan
	Jeff Lerner
	Gordon Lindal
	Ray Noble
	Michelle Von Beckmann

Staff Liaison: Daisy Chin

BRIDGE LIAISON: Marion Drake

KERRISDALE SOCCER ASSN: President, Carol Wiens.

KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE STAFF

1995-1996

Community Recreation Coordinator	Stew Jordan
Centre Programmer	Susie Mele
Centre Programmer	Brian Swartz
Pool Programmer	Eileen Wilson
Retired Citizens Programmer	Grace Pirie
Arena Programmer	Daisy Chin
Recreation Facility Clerk	Lee Tarrant
Office Staff	Marlene Amado, Frances Bendall, Fleur Bennett, Diana Bracken, Amy Cheung, Nola Frost, Marnie Jarvis, Laura Jenkins, Shirley O’Kane, Nasreen Malik, Colleen Proudfoot, Karen Stephenson, Betty Viveash
Pool Cashier	Vera Gilbert
Swim Instructor Attendants	Bruce McPherson
Accountant	Onno Bakhoven
Board Secretary	Sheila Forster
Building Supervisor	Ritchie Chow, Chris Gielty, Steve Gillis, Rob Zimmerman, Noel Carino, Surinder Ludu.
Building Service Worker	Tim Goard, Clayton Myketiak

MINUTES OF THE 52nd. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE SOCIETY HELD IN THE SENIORS' CENTRE, SOUTH ROOM, 5851 WEST BOULEVARD, VANCOUVER, B.C. ON WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 1996 AT 7:30 P.M.

Chair: Kathleen Bigsby, President.

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order.

The Secretary read the Notice of the 52nd Annual General Meeting which was called for the purpose of receiving reports and financial statements and conducting any other business that might be brought to the meeting.

MINUTES: MOVED by Bill Harris, seconded Gordon Englehart that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 22nd February 1995 be accepted as circulated. CARRIED.

The President gave a brief report of the year's activities. The Annual Reports of Committee chairs and Programmers was distributed.

MOVED by Faith Bloomfield, seconded by Lorna-Gail Peterson that the Annual Report for 1994-1995 be accepted as circulated. CARRIED.

FINANCIAL: David Harvey

Copies of the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements as at 31st August 1995 were circulated.

MOVED by David Harvey, seconded Gordon Englehart that the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements be accepted as circulated. CARRIED.

MOVED by David Harvey, seconded Marion Drake that the firm of Lilly, Johannesson, McWilliams be appointed as Auditors for the year ending as at 31st August 1996. CARRIED.

BY-LAW CHANGES: An addition to the Society's By-Laws was circulated. This had been posted 14 days prior to the meeting.

The President explained that in order to apply for a B.C. 21 Grant a "Dissolution" clause must be included in the Society by-laws. This was not required when the K.C.C.S. was

formed but is now mandatory for new societies.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION that the By-Laws of the Society be amended by adding the following:

In the event of winding up or dissolution of the Society, funds and assets of the Society remaining after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities, shall be given or transferred to such organization or organizations concerned with the social problems or organization promoting the same purposes of this Society as may be determined by the members of the society at the time of winding up to dissolution, and if effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provisions, then such funds shall be given or transferred to some other organizations, provided however that such organization referred in this paragraph shall be a charitable organization, a charitable corporation, or a charitable trust recognized by the Department of National Revenue of Canada as being qualified as such under the provisions of the Income Tax Act of Canada. This clause is unalterable.

MOVED by Lorna-Gail Peterson, seconded Bill Harris that the above resolution be approved. CARRIED.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Lorna-Gail Peterson reported.

This Committee is constituted annually to develop a list of candidates prepared to stand for office.

The Board consists of 18 elected officers - 9 elected each year. At present we have 12 vacancies and 6 incumbents.

The following Society members stood for office and were elected by acclamation for a 2 year term: Kathleen Bigsby, Faith Bloomfield, Peter Cook, Marion Drake, Gloria Grante, Bill Harris, Katy Hughes, Richard Nagy, Willie Poon.

The President welcomed the new board members and thanked them for standing for office.

The President thanked Lorna-Gail Peterson and Bill Watson for their participation in the Nominating Committee.

MOVED by Bill Harris that the meeting adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Recorded by Sheila Forster
28 February 1996

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1996

The Kerrisdale Community Centre Society jointly operates the Community Centre and pool with the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation. This is the Society's 53rd year of providing services to the people of this community.

The regular activities of the Society went on effectively throughout the year. The Programs Committee directed a highly successful array of activities with increased participation over last year. The Finance Committee kept our affairs in order, the Rentals Committee has developed workable policies and procedures which balance programming needs with public needs. The Seniors' Council had a successful year. The tenth anniversary of the opening of the Seniors' Centre was marked with a very nice ceremony recognizing the volunteers who have contributed to its successful operation. The Promotions and Communications Committee published an informative newsletter for distribution at each registration. The Parks, Pool and Arena Committees provided essential public involvement in the management of these facilities. The Building and Maintenance Committee looked after the ongoing maintenance of the facility, its furnishings and its surroundings. Our affiliate, Kerrisdale Soccer, maintained soccer opportunities for over 1000 children in the neighbourhood. More detailed reports from all these Committees follow.

Activities for youth in our community have increased. Providing for this formerly under-served group has been one of the goals of the Board for the past two years. Gratitude is due to the Youth Committee and the Centre Programmers for helping to realize it. The Board anticipates that service will improve even more with the hiring of a part-time Youth Programmer.

Another of the Board's goals has been to ensure that our Centre meets the needs of all members of our community. Kerrisdale has experienced a major inflow of recent immigrants from Hong Kong and Taiwan in the past few years and the Board was concerned that the Community Centre was providing appropriate service for them. With the assistance of the City Social Planning Department, we secured the services of Eric Wong to assess the level of integration of newcomers in the Centre and suggest ways to facilitate it.

After considerable research and discussion, Kerrisdale is switching to a new software package. Recware, which integrates registration, membership and financial information. We will be soon be able to register directly on to the computer system. Park Board is sharing the cost of equipment and training with the Society.

A great deal of the Board's attention continues to be focussed on our physical facilities. The Society contracted with Chernoff Thompson Architects in the summer of 1995 to help us translate into concrete plans our list of priorities for redevelopment of our existing space: a youth centre, a new pre-school area, better lobby space,

effective office and front counter space for staff, expanded programming rooms, space for additional community services so we can support the City's initiative to decentralize civic services and expansion of our temporary exercise room whose use has greatly exceeded our projections. The architects met with a number of Centre users and presented their draft proposals at a public meeting before the current plans were developed.

With detailed plans and cost estimates in place, the Board has turned its attention to funding this redevelopment. On the strength of a feasibility study, the Society hired professional fundraisers, Compton International Fundraising, to manage a public fundraising campaign. A report from the Fund Raising Committee is included in the Society's Annual Report. In addition, we have applied for a number of public and private grants and lobbied to have our project included in the 1997 - 99 Park Board Capital Plan approved by City voters in November. It is important to note that the Capital Plan money is allocated to Kerrisdale contingent on the Board's securing the other 2/3 of the needed funds.

Your Board has played an active role in the Association Presidents' Group which has been more than usually energetic this year working to get a reasonable City allocation for the Park Board Capital Plan. As a result, City Council put a special question on the November ballot asking City voters if they were willing to allocate \$2,000,000 from City operating money over the next three years to the upgrading of community centres. This is in addition to the Park Board's Capital Plan referendum.

The twenty community associations contributed to a fund to hire Peacock and Associates Public Relations to assist us in getting a strong "yes" vote for our question. All associations were gratified on election night to learn that 75% of those voting had voted YES for community centres. The Association Presidents are now working with Park Board to develop a rational long-term plan for the renewal of all Community Centre facilities.

Thanks and recognition are due to the Park Board and Society staff who keep the facility operating so smoothly fourteen hours a day, seven days a week. Kerrisdale continues to enjoy the highest level of use of any centre in the City: this brings both satisfactions and frustrations. We are all extremely fortunate that we have staff here with the skills and aplomb to manage the demands placed upon them.

It has been my pleasure to once again work with an excellent Board of Directors. I believe that both individually and collectively the members of the Board have served your interests well.

Respectfully submitted
Kathleen Bigsby,

SENIORS' COUNCIL REPORT 1995-1996

Despite switching horses mid stream, 1996 truly became a notable year. Main highlights were a highly successful and thoroughly enjoyable Canada Day on July 1st, and the tenth Anniversary celebrations on December 7th. On this day, 25 ten year volunteers were honored. Quite a few of these had been volunteers at the main centre, before the Seniors end was built. Special acknowledgments go to them.

A new class is now underway, "Computers For Beginners" A generous gift from one of our senior members made it possible for the centre to acquire two computers and printers. There is now a waiting list of seniors anxious to enroll in this class. A "Creative Writing" class has just been formed. These two classes alone indicate the caliber of our senior members. All other activities are in full operation; keep fit, line dancing, music, and art classes.

An assistant cook was hired to assist with the increased patronage of our food services. This proved a fortuitous move when our regular cook was off work for two months. Although we are forever grateful to long-time volunteers, we would welcome some of our new and younger members, to pick up the torch.

The building of a wooden and glass canopy provides a long-awaited shelter at the front entrance to the Centre.

Seniors are manfully responding to the fund-raising campaign, and many suggestions are coming forward in regard to some large fund-raising projects.

Our membership has increased slightly and we hope this trend will continue.

Respectfully submitted
Vi Smyth

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

1995-1996

The Program Committee, comprised of ten volunteers and two staff members, meets monthly, with the exception of August and December. Three Board members on this committee act as liaison with the Board.

The detailed report of programs and activities is laid out in the Centre Programmers' report. However, it should be noted that the ongoing success in responding to the requirements of the community can be measured in attendance and participation statistics.

Sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to each committee members.

Respectfully submitted,
Katy Hughes.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

1995-1996

This small committee was comprised of Stewart Jordan (staff) Gerard Kelly and Bill Watson.

The primary tasks of the Building & Maintenance Committee included:

- Purchasing new chairs for the lobby
- Installing a safety panic button in the Seniors' Centre reception area
- Installing a canopy over the Seniors' Centre entrance for shelter from the weather.
- Refitting the CRC's office with bookshelves, carpeting, paint and blinds
- Much overdue maintenance in the Arena office, including levelling and carpeting the floor and installing new blinds and cabinets.
- Routine maintenance as well as purchasing and repainting furniture and venetian blinds.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerard Kelly

RENTALS COMMITTEE REPORT

1995-1996

The Rentals Committee's return to a previous pricing policy seems to have been of great benefit to the K.C.C. staff in the last year.

This return to a pricing policy was at the request of the K.C.C. staff, and their administration of it is a credit to them. As at 30th November 1996 there was \$11,500 in rental revenue which is 34% over budget.

During the year there was less need for the committee to meet to discuss policy or resolve problems.

There was one formal meeting attended by Yvette Hardwick, Bill Harris , Brian Swartz, Diana Bracken, and Susie Mele. This meeting was to resolve a number of grey areas in our rental policy and to formalize some new procedures for the Seniors' Centre and kitchen rentals.

A checklist of what is and what is not included in rentals was created and was posted for future rentals. Locks were put on cupboards which hold the centre dishes to prevent them from disappearing.

A reconfirmation of what the policy is was discussed and clarified for the personnel handling rentals.

We would like to thank the Centre staff for their help in making this committee work so easily and say "well done".

Respectfully submitted
Yvette Hardwick and Bill Harris.

PROMOTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

1995-1996

This past year, the Promotions and Communications Committee has reorganized itself and its efforts around producing a Kerrisdale Newsletter to coincide with each of the four Registration Drives. New members were solicited to join this committee and we were fortunate in finding volunteers who have contributed enormously to the production of the newsletter. Nicole Adams acts as the Kerrisdale Newsletter editor and puts the layout together on her computer with story and information contributions from Karen Simpson, Faith Bloomfield, Lorna-Gail Peterson and Susie Mele.

Contributions to the Newsletter and solicited and encouraged from all members of the Centre at any time during the year. It is hoped in the upcoming issues to continue with stories about all the organizations who use the community centre. There is a great variety in participating groups.

And now that we have the KCC Newsletter ticking away, it is perhaps time to be thinking of ways to promote the virtues of our community centre to the community. Some suggestions have been a centre T-Shirt, or a series of post cards using archival photos of the KCC and neighbourhood. All ideas to this end are invited from you.

And keep those community stories coming in!

Respectfully submitted:
Lorna-Gail Peterson

POOL COMMITTEE REPORT

1995-1996

The pool committee did not have any business to discuss or recommendations to make and, therefore, decided to meet only if necessary.

On January 20th 1996 the pool reopened after the completion of major renovations. These included the installation of a new roof and better lighting, as well as improvements in the changing rooms. A fresh coat of paint brightened the entire facility, which is once again serving the needs of all ages in the Kerrisdale community.

Eileen Wilson, the pool programmer, will be retiring on February 27th 1997 after many years of service. Our thanks and appreciation go out to her.

Respectfully submitted,
Katy Hughes.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT 1995-1996

In 1996 The Kerrisdale Community Centre Society embarked on a Capital Campaign to raise the \$2.2 million required to accomplish much needed renovations. After much consultation it became clear that to do nothing about addressing the needs of our nearly 50 year-old facility, was not an option. Several fundraising companies were interviewed; Compton International was hired to provide management services for the campaign.

The Renovations Committee has done a thorough investigation of the future and on-going needs of the centre. A move for the preschool area, a youth drop-in centre, expanded fitness centre and a more "user-friendly" lobby, are the targeted areas. A better use of the available meeting space over the library wing is also anticipated.

The Hongkong Bank of Canada has taken a leading role so far in the campaign, donating \$50,000. Other neighbourhood and community-minded businesses have indicated their support.

A membership levy was implemented in the fall; Kerrisdale Community Centre was included on the Park Board Capital Plan; and the public campaign led by a mail-out to the membership and community has been completed while the fundraising team has been working hard in approaching the business community for support.

Fundraising is always a challenge for any organization as competition for the donation donation is sometimes brisk. In each decade the membership of the Kerrisdale Community Centre has risen to the challenge of keeping this facility one of the best and busiest in the city. The history of this community centre shows us that when needed, our neighbours and friends rally to support this important recreational and social facility in their midst.

We invite your participation in all fundraising efforts and events. If you would like to volunteer your time or contribute your good ideas around raising funds, please call Lorna-Gail Peterson @ 266-5050.

Respectfully submitted;
Lorna-Gail Peterson.

KERRISDALE SOCCER CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 1995-1996

1995/96 has been another busy and successful year. It has been a learning year for me as President, and I express my thanks for your patient while I settle into the business of soccer. My appreciation to Lynn Ahwee, the members of the Board and the many volunteers who help in the operation of a large club. I also want to recognize the Kerrisdale Community Centre staff and Board of Directors for their support of our club during the year.

Highlights of the year include:

- awards Night 1995
- an expected surplus of funds at the fiscal year end
- the training of numerous referees at the recreational and competitive level
some problems exist getting enough linesmen for senior games. Fines have resulted
- increased awareness and attention to harassment and abuse of referees
- many coaches improved the NCCP levels locally and at Shawnigan Lake
- several boys and girls teams participated in the Safeway Tournament
- we lost three fields during the year: Quilchena Park, PW Park and Shaughnessy School which hampered scheduling
- successful and enjoyable Dinner Dance March 2 at Marine Drive Golf Club
- continued commitment by the Board to hire a Technical Advisor for next year.

In conclusion, I look forward to the upcoming 1996/97 season and all of its challenges.

Committee reports may be obtained from Lynn Ahwee, Secretary.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Wiens, President.

COMMUNITY RECREATION CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT 1995-1996

It is again my privilege to report to the membership on activity during the past year.

Kerrisdale continues to be the most utilized of all Vancouver's Community Centres. One needs only to witness the comings and goings daily to acquire a sense of the volume of participation that occurs within the confines of the Centre. Each year I go on record attributing our success to the quality of both the programs and instruction. This year is no different. We are blessed with some exceptionally talented instructors and your attendance in our programs bears that out. These programs are monitored on an ongoing basis by our staff, who in conjunction with the Program Committee make decisions around the value of each and every program. Members should know that we look at programs from a variety of perspectives, not just fiscal. We evaluate in terms of service, community support, uniqueness, logistics and other criteria I'm sure I'm forgetting. The point to be scored is that our success isn't accidental, rather it is a cumulation of some wonderful work done by citizens and staff in a prosperous partnership. My hat is off to all of you who contributed. Thank you and keep up this good work.

Ironically, our Annual General Meeting, coincides with the retirement date of a long standing employee. Eileen Wilson leaves us after years of service as a pool programmer. Eileen will be missed. Staff and citizens alike have become used to her smiling presence. Her laughter is infectious and I suppose that is what we will miss the most. I know I speak for many when I thank her for all her contributions and wish her well in what I hope will be a retirement full of rewarding days.

I would like, if possible to expand upon the virtues of many of our staff, but the need to be brief supercedes my intent. I can however share with the membership my feelings of pride when I reflect upon contributions by staff in the past year. We have a staff group second to none. Our programmers, receptionists, maintenance staff, instructors are superb. Their commitment to service is unparalleled in my opinion. Kerrisdale, like all recreation centres, can on occasion be extremely demanding. Yet it is at the most stressful of times that the staff perform best. By way of this report I'd like to offer my congratulations on a job well done.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the wonderful partnerships in existence between the staff, the Board and the community. The dedication of those that give of their time to help guide the activity is the essence of what we all about. It is my honour to work directly with the Board of Directors. They as a group are visionary, progressive and at all times supportive of any initiative that improves customer service or relations. These same principles are mirrored at the committee level and in every aspect of our operation. The partnerships have very positive influences on our service and in no

small part, attribute to our success. Your President and I are able, because our Centre functions well, to concentrate on our tomorrows and not have to dwell on what's not working today. It is our hope that we continue to perform in such a positive fashion and that you the members continue to reward us with your participation.

Respectfully submitted
Stew Jordan

CENTRE PROGRAMMERS' REPORT

1995-1996

This like other years has been a busy year for programs at Kerrisdale Community Centre.

We have continued to offer an array of programs. Preschool gym and variety classes, children's gym and dance programs, ESL, pottery, fitness, exercise room, badminton, volleyball, and basketball are some of the more popular ones. Some of the new classes this year have been parent & tot computer classes, hip hop dance, Spanish and French for children, guitar, flute and voice lessons, chess, puppy kindergarten, origami and habits for high energy living.

Other welcomed additions to our program selection this year have been the NIKE/NHL Cosom Hockey program, Phoenix Gymnastics, Taikido and Tae Kwon Do. The Hockey program is sponsored by Nike and the Vancouver Canucks who provided us with hockey sticks, goalie equipment, hockey nets, instructor manual and lots of prizes. We hosted a wind-up jamboree for all participating centres which was attended by several Vancouver Canucks. Phoenix has brought qualified instructors and additional equipment to our popular gymnastics programs. Taikido and Tae Kwon Do has enhanced our array of marital arts and has filled our martial arts room almost entirely to capacity.

Children's Spring Break programs offered were well attended and included pony & horseback riding, golf lessons, magic camp, orienteering & wilderness survival, junior emergency first aid course, soccer camp and daycamp.

Kerrisdale was involved in the nationally proclaimed Youth Week and offered several youth activities during the week of May 6- 10. The biggest event was a Z95 Future Shop Video Hit Tour Dance which attracted over 400 pre-teens. We have continued with these dances which have regularly sold out at 450. We look forward to having a Youth Development Worker join our team in the near future.

A ping pong table was set up in the lobby and has proven to be very popular. It is used for drop-in play by all age groups.

Special events continue to be very popular and attendance was high at our annual children's Halloween, Christmas and Easter events. Unfortunately the Annual Tennis Tournament had a smaller registration then in past years. Centre staff worked with the seniors centre in organizing their annual Canada Day event. It was an event attended by many in the community who enjoyed entertainment, children's activities and a barbecue. We wish to thank the local merchants for their generous support in their provision of prizes and donations to these events.

This summer we were fortunate again to receive funding from the Federal Government to hire students to work as leaders in our summer daycamp program. Through leadership development and orientation sessions we also had a good turn-out of regular volunteers who were able to augment the staff/child ratio. The 4 regular grant staff really appreciated having the extra support. The nine week program was a big success with an average enrollment of approximately 35 children per week. The staff planned an exciting summer of out-trips, games, crafts and special theme events. The summer staff provided a fun and enjoyable program for participants as well as a rewarding work experience for volunteers.

Our thanks to all our volunteers, staff and instructors who contribute daily to the success of our Centre. We are appreciative for the support we receive from our local high school student volunteers. They bring enthusiasm and energy to our centre.

We would also like to thank the program committee for all their direction and support over the last year. We are fortunate to work with such dedicated community members.

We will continue to strive for quality programs and encourage any feedback and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted
Brian Swartz and Susie Mele
Centre Programmers

RETIRED CITIZENS PROGRAMMER'S REPORT 1995-1996

Another busy year has passed with increases in both memberships and program participation.

Members enrolled at the Seniors Centre as of Dec. 1996.

Seniors (65+)	1907
Adults	64
Family	13
Life Members	97
TOTAL	2081

A variety of Special Events and Luncheons were scheduled throughout the year. All were well attended and in most cases sold out.

One of the highlights of the year was our 10th Anniversary Celebration. Members enjoyed a smorgasbord lunch, birthday cake and entertainment. Balloons and streamers in blue and gold added a festive touch to the Senior Centre and a crowded lounge watched and applauded as 25 volunteers were awarded a 10 year pin for their years of service. All this was accomplished by a hard working volunteer committee.

The week of Nov. 4th-9th was dedicated as a Health Awareness Week. During this time we ran Flu Clinics, O.S.T.O.P. testing, Blood Pressure Monitoring, Neck & Shoulder Massage and Atonement. We ended the week by organizing a Health Fair and in partnership with Shoppers Drug Store arranged for various organizations and local business to participate. 35 booths were set up throughout the Centre and approximately 200 people attended.

Participation figures for the Fall Session were as follows:

Physical Recreation	2,271
Performing Arts	3,376
Creative Arts	1,406
Seniors Education Classes	1,725
Social Recreation	6,460
Casual Use (inc. Coffee Bar & Luncheons)	28,452
Rentals	1,125
TOTAL	44,814

Over all we had another good year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Volunteers, Committee Members, Staff and Board Members for their support.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Pirie,
Retired Citizens' Programmer

KERRISDALE CYCLONE TAYLOR ARENA REPORT 1995-1996

The 1996 ice season began at a slower pace than the previous year, somewhat due to the rebuilding of Sunset Ice Rink and all the juggling of schedules and groups. As it turned out the disruption was quite minimal and the ice season was back to its usual schedule by early October.

Attendance during the weekend public sessions reached its peak during the Christmas season with sessions recording as many as 250-300 people. As expected, during the heavy snowfall, the turnout tended to be extremely low but as the weather warmed up, the crowds stormed in.

Both the Winter and Fall Canskate Lessons were 90-95% full registration. As well, this year we experimented with a short 3 week pre-Christmas camp. These lessons were filled to their maximum numbers indicating that we should offer these camps for 1997.

Due to the structural damage sustained at Sunset Ice Rink, the '96 dryfloor season was somewhat hectic to say the least. Ice was quickly put back into Killarney Ice Rink and the remaining dryfloor arenas had to contend with rescheduling various groups and programs. Most notably, Killarney's Senior and Junior Lacrosse teams were relocated to Kerrisdale Arena for the remainder of their league season. In conjunction with our rescheduling dilemmas, the B.C. Roller Hockey League for children was experiencing major problems with the overall financing and management of the organization. With half the season remaining, the League declared bankruptcy. Together with Trout Lake and Riley Park Arenas, we managed to continue the league and its playoff season. Unfortunately, the League's financial debt of dryfloor times was never retrieved. For the 1997 season, Trout Lake, Riley Park, Killarney and Kerrisdale Arenas will be assuming the task of organizing a Vancouver Park Board sponsored rollerhockey program and avoid the problems associated with the 1996 season.

Other major events such as the SPCA Pet Show, the Antique Car Show, the Shaughnessy 10km Run, the Phoenix Gymnastics Show and the Annual Flea Market filled up the remainder of the dryfloor season.

A few mentionable improvements occurred during 1996, such as the exterior painting of the building, the new low-emissivity ceiling installed and the opening of the upper concourse windows, which add to the wonderful ambience of Kerrisdale Cyclone Taylor Arena.

I look forward to this coming year and would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board for all its continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Daisy Chin
Arena Recreation Programmer.