

ANNUAL REPORT

1997-1998



(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**

KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE SOCIETY

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1998

EXECUTIVE:

President	Kathleen Bigsby
Past President	Nick Omelusik
Vice-President	Katy Hughes
Vice-President	Russell Morrison
Secretary	Bill Harris
Treasurer	Peter Cook
Member-at-Large	Irene Ronnie

BOARD MEMBERS:

Jason Chuang	Sherrill Mair
Marion Drake	Sandi McKeachie
Gordon Englehart	Pat Moodley
Patty Fung	Michael Poettcker
Linda Hodgson	Sharyn Romaine
Joyce Gordon	Ken Smith
Dorothy Kayser	Wendy Trant
Joan Knapp	Carol Wiens
Harold Lim	Benny Wong
Georgia Loukas	

KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE SOCIETY
1998

STANDING COMMITTEES & LIAISON REPRESENTATIVES

(* denotes Board Member)

AFFILIATIONS COMMITTEE

(Includes Soccer Liaison)

Carol Wiens*

Staff Liaison: Stew Jordan

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Bill Watson

Tom Halsall

Staff Liaison: Stew Jordan

CONSTITUTION/POLICY DEVELOPMENT:

Executive

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Peter Cook*

David Muller

Steve Sothy

Staff Liaison: Stew Jordan

PARKS & RECREATION:

Chairperson:

Staff Liaison: Brian Swartz

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Executive

POOL COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Bill Harris*

Trish Gabriel

Sandi McKeachie*

Staff Liaison: Bob Harris

PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE LIAISON: Kathleen Bigsby*

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Katy Hughes*

Jacquie Collier Shelley Mintz

Gordon Englehart Sharyn Romaine*

Trish Gabriel Harold Lim*

Pat Moodley*

Staff Liaison: Brian Swartz Susie Mele/Pamela Flatekval/Susan Archibald

PROMOTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Michael Poettcker*

Ayla Akyurek

Susie Mele/Susan Archibald

Karen Grant

RENTALS COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Bill Harris*

Steven Sothy

Staff Liaison: Diana Bracken/Brian Swartz

SENIORS' COUNCIL:

Chairperson: Irene Ronnie*

June Butler

Marion Drake*

Tom Halsall

Helen Harrison

Dorothy Kayser*

Mary Jo Kitchen

Margaret Kyriakidis

Eleanor MacIntosh

Vi Smyth

Steve Sothy

Staff Liaison: Susie Mele

YOUTH COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Christina Magnusson, Youth Development Worker

Gordon Englehart* Jason Cheung*

Georgia Loukas* Sharyn Romaine*

Staff Liaison: Brian Swartz

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

FUND RAISING

Chairperson: Kathleen Bigsby*

Peter Cook*

Katy Hughes*

Russell Morrison*

Ken Smith*

Carol Wiens*

RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Kathleen Bigsby*

Trish Gabriel 266-4088

Bill Harris*

Joyce Gordon*

Katy Hughes*

Joan Knapp*

Wendy Trant*

Bill Watson

Benny Wong*

LIAISON POSITIONS

BRIDGE: Marion Drake* **Staff Liaison:** Stew Jordan

VIKING SWIM CLUB: Sandi McKeachie

KERRISDALE LITTLE LEAGUE: Linda Hodgson

THUNDERBIRD MINOR HOCKEY: Sherrill Mair

KERRISDALE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION:

ARENA: Marion Drake*

Advisory Committee:

Chairperson:

Ray Noble

Voyka Unger-Glusac

Stew Jordan

Gordon Lindal - West Area Manager

Staff Liaison: Karen Grant

KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE STAFF

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Community Recreation Coordinator	Stew Jordan
Centre Programmer	Susie Mele/Susan Archibald/ Pamela Flatekval
Centre Programmer	Brian Swartz
Pool Programmer	Bob Harris
Retired Citizens Programmer	Grace Pirie/Susie Mele/Dino Geremia
Arena Programmer	Daisy Chin/Jill Sheather/Karen Grant
Recreation Facility Clerk	Lee Tarrant
Office Staff	Diana Bracken, Amy Cheung, Kim Farrell, Nola Frost, Marnie Jarvis, Laura Jenkins, Anita Lulic, Jonathan Luk, Nasreen Malik, Shirley O'Kane, Colleen Proudfoot, Jennifer Scarth Betty Viveash
Youth Worker	Christina Magnusson
Pool Cashier	Vera Gilbert/Tanja Cecic
Swim Instructor Attendants	Bruce McPherson, Doug Low Lisa Granger/Maura Lavery
Accountant	Onno Bakhoven
Board Secretary	Sheila Forster
Building Supervisor	Ritchie Chow, Chris Geilty, Steve Gillis
Building Service Worker	Tim Goard, Clayton Myketiak
Sationery Equipment Operator	TonyWong/Victor Griffith

MINUTES OF THE 54th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE SOCIETY HELD AT 7:30 P.M. ON 25TH FEBRUARY 1998 IN THE SENIORS' CENTRE SOUTH ROOM AT 5851 WEST BOULEVARD, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, V6M 3W

Chair: Bill Harris, Secretary.

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order.

Bill Harris welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

The Secretary read the Notice of the 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 Carol Wiens, seconded Joyce Gordon that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 26th February 1997 be accepted as circulated. CARRIED.

MOVED by Onno Bakhoven, seconded Carol Wiens that the Annual Report for 1996-1997 be accepted as circulated. CARRIED.

FINANCIAL:

Bill Harris reported that the Society was in good financial shape.

Copies of the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements as at 31st August 1997 were circulated.

MOVED by Bill Watson, seconded Carol Wiens that the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements be accepted as circulated. CARRIED.

MOVED by Bill Watson, seconded Trish Gabriel that the firm of Lilly, Johannesson, McWilliams be appointed as Auditors for the year ending as at 31st August 1998. CARRIED.

NOMINATIONS:

MOVED by Trish Gabriel, seconded Ronni McGregor that the following KCCS members be elected to the Board. ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.

Kathleen Bigsby, Jason Chuang, Peter Cook, Marion Drake, Gordon Englehart, Joyce Gordon, Katy Hughes, Bill Harris, Dorothy Kayser, Joan Knapp, Georgia Loukas, Pat Moodley, Wendy Trant, Benny Wong.

Bill Harris welcomed the new Board members and thanked them for taking on the responsibility of standing for office.

Katy Hughes, Chair of the Program Committee, praised Stew Jordon Community Recreation Coordinator, for the outstanding job he does in running the centre. Our members have divergent interests and aspirations which have to be met and staff have to be chosen who will work cohesively together to meet our Mission statement and Policies.

Gordon Lindal swore in the new directors.

MOVED by Joyce Gordon that the meeting adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Recorded by Sheila Forster
25th February 1998.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1998

It is always a challenge to write this annual report; technically it should cover our membership and financial year which is September 1997 to August 1998. However your Board of Directors serves from February to February, and the Centre and some associated groups keep records on a calendar year basis. Thus you will notice several different time periods being referenced throughout this Annual Report.

It is my pleasure to finally be able to report to you that major renovations to the Kerrisdale Community Centre are underway. After years of planning, fundraising, and lobbying, construction started in November on both levels of the south wing. Planning for the renovations has consumed a great deal of time; programs had to be re-scheduled or relocated or, in a few cases, curtailed. Despite this, the Centre has remained busy. Now we must face the challenges of having increased programmable space which will bring in more patrons and put still more demands on our staff and facilities.

Kerrisdale continues to be the busiest community centre in Vancouver; it is also the Centre which has the largest percentage of society-funded staff. We are fortunate that our staff bring an exceptionally high level of professional skills and commitment to the Centre; we would be unable to adequately serve our community without them.

I am particularly grateful to Sheila Forster, the Board's Executive Secretary, who makes it possible for me to function in my role as your President.

1998 brought several staff changes and I wish to express the Board's welcome to Karen Grant, Arena Programmer, Susan Archibald, Centre Programmer, Tony Wong, Stationery Equipment Operator, and Dino Geremia, Seniors' Programmer. We are very pleased that they chose to come to Kerrisdale.

It has been a pleasure to work with the members of the Board of Directors, each of whom brings talent and insight to the job of setting policy and managing the assets of the Society on behalf of the membership. This year the Board has included, as well as a Kerrisdale Soccer representative, representatives of the Kerrisdale Baseball Assotiation, Vancouver Vikings Swim Club, and Thunderbird Minor Hockey. These additions have broadened the Board's focus to community activities beyond our walls.

Detailed reports of the various Board Committees and of the Coordinator and the Programmers follow. I am sure that when you read them, you will agree that your interests have been well served.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Bigsby

SENIORS' COUNCIL REPORT 1997-1998

The year brought several changes to the Seniors' Council. In April we said farewell to Grace Pirie on her retirement and welcomed Susie Mele, our new Seniors' Programmer. Although everything settled down for a time, later in the year Susie departed on maternity leave. Our current programmer, Dino Geremia, has been most helpful, particularly over the holiday season. We also very much appreciate the staff volunteers on the desk who are always very willing and cooperative.

All programs went well with good attendance and we appreciate the dedication and expertise of our instructors in the various classes. Renovation of the main building impinged to some degree, but as classes moved over to the Seniors' Wing are mostly in the evenings they have not interfered to any great extent.

The coffee bar continues to be popular and well used and meals served from our kitchen bring in many members on a daily basis. Fun Craft, Busy Bees and Armchair Travel are well attended and our Boutique, Book Sales and Raffles produce a nice income. The Wednesday Health Services manned by volunteers are also well used and appreciated, as is Friday Bingo.

Thursday afternoon entertainment draws good crowds and there is a spirit of goodwill very evident among members, particularly as they mix at Special Lunches which occur usually once a month, planned to celebrate an anniversary or an event. These have been a feature of our Centre for many years and are regularly enjoyed by all who attend. All in all the seniors had a very good year and we are most grateful to all those volunteers who gave of their time, energy and ability to make this possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Ronnie.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT 1997-1998

The Program Committee, comprised of seven volunteers and two staff members, meets monthly with the exception of August and December. Three Board members on the committee liaise with the Board.

The Centre Programmers' report give details of the programs and activities. The ongoing success in responding to the requirements of the community may be measured by the attendance and participation statistics.

Sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to each committee member.

Respectfully submitted,
Katy Hughes.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 1997-1998

Members of the Committee were Morris Feldstein (for the first meeting of the year), Tom Halsall, Stew Jordan (staff) and Bill Watson (chair).

Because of the forthcoming renovation of the Centre, then in the planning stage, the Committee thought it best to confine itself to matters that were either urgent or fairly minor and therefore not too expensive. Morris Felstein was particularly interested in improving the carpentry workshop and arranged to have some of the power tools put in good order and other new tools donated. Expenditures authorized by the Committee included shelving units, a refrigerator, Christmas lighting for the Kerrisdale Arena, equipment for the pool, some padded folding chairs, and a pair of walkie-talkies for staff use. As well, some furniture, mainly chairs used in the Seniors' Centre was repaired as part of a continuing maintenance program.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Watson

POOL COMMITTEE REPORT 1997-1998

Bob Harris, the Pool Programmer, has had a very full year having had to adjust to new staff and increased duties. These included changes at Maple Grove pool which entailed the collection of fees, staff and security.

The equipment purchased for the pool with the budgeted monies was found to be helpful to Bob in planning new and varied activities in the pool. Bob continues to have a list of equipment requirements yet to be filled.

The Park Board has completed some major changes to the pool area to support the physically challenged. This will make the pool more accessible for all.

The committee would again like to thank all the staff and liaison involved during these challenging times.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Harris.

RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1997-1998

This year the Renovations Committee has had brief periods of furious activity, followed by long waits while funding arrangements were finalized, the tender package was prepared and bids were received. The Committee members have worked with Park Board Project Manager Bob Trydal and our architect Russ Chernoff to refine a redevelopment plan for the Centre which should provide maximum usable space while remaining within our budget.

Bob also managed the replacement of the Centre's boiler over the summer; the existing boiler had originally been fuelled by coal and was breaking down with increasing frequency. The new equipment should be far more efficient and reliable.

In November construction started on both levels of the south wing. When it is finished in April, we will have an expanded and "enlightened" fitness area, a large room suitable for gymnastics, martial arts and similar programs, a new meeting room, several smaller rooms suitable for music lessons and small group activities, improved storage areas, workable office space for our coordinator, programmers and bookkeeper, a designated youth activity room, a catering kitchen, redeveloped staff lounge and a new multipurpose room. The entire area will also be free of asbestos.

When this wing is finished, we hope to put new resilient flooring into the auditorium and to do some redevelopment in the old health unit space. As with any renovation, it is impossible to know exactly what surprises lurk behind previously closed walls and ceilings. However, with luck, there will be sufficient funds in the budget to do at least some of the planned renovation upstairs.

The Kerrisdale Preschool is still awaiting word from the Ministry of Families and Children about the success of its application for a grant to cover the costs of modifications needed to make Room 207 suitable for preschool use. The renovation of that area is proceeding in a way that will make preschool adaptation, should the funding be available, as simple and economical as possible.

The Renovations Committee has not lost sight of the fact that the current renovations are only Phase I of our plan. Work to prepare for Phase II -- a renovated lobby, waiting area and office space -- is still to be done.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Bigsby

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT

1997-1998

The highlight of our fundraising efforts this year was notification in April that we had received a Federal-Provincial Infrastructure Grant of \$241,000. This enabled us to proceed with Phase I of our Centre renovations.

Pledges received during the initial fundraising campaign as well as some new gifts continue to come to us, and the Fundraising Committee, while working less actively than in previous years, is still pursuing additional possible sources of funding. We anticipate that the opening of our Phase I renovation will spark a second wave of fundraising activity which we will need if we are to proceed with Phase II.

A great deal of thanks is owed to all who have volunteered their time and efforts to raising funds for the renewal of the Kerrisdale Community Centre.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Bigsby

RENTALS COMMITTEE REPORT

1997-1998

The committee was not active this year as rentals were running smoothly. Due to the renovation now happening there have been some adjustments in pricing and losses of rent due to space no longer available. These conditions will exist until the renovation is complete.

The new law passed by the federal government affecting payment of royalties to composers and musicians for use of recorded music will also be affecting future rentals.

The committee wishes to thank the staff's involvement resulting in a good year. Many thanks.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Harris.

KERRISDALE SOCCER CLUB REPORT 1997-1998

We have now completed the 97/98 season, with few problems, and reasonable success for our teams and players. Our membership remains constant with about 950 players and well over 150 volunteers who act as coaches, managers, Board members, and assistants. On behalf of the membership, I want to take this opportunity to thank those who volunteer their time and skills to facilitate the operation of our soccer programs.

Highlights of the year include:

- further lobbying by Jim Dowler to improve lighting at Kerrisdale School upper field.
- continued commitment and funding to referee certification
- good success with referee scheduling by Andrew Robinson and John Carr
- introduction of the Risk Management program was a hassle for our club and required a great deal of time and effort by Lynn Ahwee
- a highly successful and well attended mini soccer jamboree
- excellence recognized at the 1998 Annual Awards Night
- attention to identified problems in mini soccer program regarding team placement; a committee to examine the issue has been struck for fall 98.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Wiens.

THE VANCOUVER VIKINGS REPORT 1997-1998

The Vancouver Vikings are a summer swim club originally known as the Mount Pleasant Swim Club. The Vikings have been in operation for over 20 years. The club is a parent run organization operating under the sponsorship of the Vancouver Park Board. The Vikings are affiliated with Kerrisdale Community Centre. We are a member of the British Columbia Summer Swimming Association (BCSSA) and belong to the Vancouver and District Region, one of eight regions in the province.

This year the club had a membership of over 100 families with over 150 children involved in swimming and water polo. The season is from April 1 to Provincials which are held in mid August. Beginning on May 29th the club participates in swim and water polo meets competing against other summer clubs.

At the end of the season vancouver and District Regional meet is held and the top three swimmers in each division are eligible to join other swimmers from all over British Columbia at the Provincial Championships. This year over 50 swimmers competed in the Provincial Meet which was held in Kamloops. We also sent over 20 swimmers and water polo players to the B. C. Summer Games.

As pool space is at a premium in Vancouver we have in the past had to use 5-6 pools to accommodate the 30+practices per week that are required. This year with pool space at an even greater premium we are really searching for pool space.

This year we are fortunate to have 3 of the same coaches as last year and so look forward to another successful year.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandi McKeachie.

KERRISDALE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION REPORT 1998

Kerrisdale Baseball once again served the community in providing minor sports for families in the area. Our season ran from April 14 to June 21.

The Kerrisdale Baseball Association is affiliated with Little League Canada. We follow the rules and guidelines as outlined by Little League International in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Kerrisdale Baseball Boundaries are:

North: 33rd Ave. South: North Arm of Fraser river. East: Granville St.. West: Blenheim St.

Kerrisdale Baseball operates at 3 parks in the area; Maple Grove, Kerrisdale and Elm.

Teams: There were 20 teams playing in the 1998 league year.

T-Ball	6 teams	77 players	Mini Minor	5 teams	66 players
Minors	6 teams	68 players	Majors	3 teams	34 players

There was a drop in registration this year. We can only speculate as to the reason(s) behind the decline in enrollment. Field hockey and spring rugby seemed to contribute to fewer numbers in baseball. Indications are that the 1999 season will see increased enrolment. The majors' division will have more teams based on the fact that many of the minors are ready to move up. the other division will probably maintain their numbers.

Sponsorship: There are many local corporate sponsors who support Kerrisdale Baseball. Each individual team has a sponsor and we also have general league sponsors.

It is our volunteers that make Kerrisdale Baseball succeed. Without our volunteer board of directors, umpires, coaches, managers, field maintenance workers, special event helpers and others too many to mention, we could not have lasted over fifty years without them.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Hodgson.

THUNDERBIRD MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION REPORT 1997-1998

The Vancouver Thunderbird Minor Hockey Association is a non-profit society incorporated under the BC Society's Act. Our objectives are to provide an opportunity for youngsters aged 6 to 19 to play hockey and through their involvement in the sport, develop good citizenship and sportsmanship practices.

VTMHA is a member of the Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association, the BC Amateur Hockey Association and the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. These senior bodies provide the rules, policies and guidance required to play the game and to organise minor hockey.

During the 97-98 season, we had 1100 players on 66 teams playing out of the following Vancouver Park Board rinks: Kerrisdale, Kitsilano, Riley, Sunset and West End Community Centres. We also rent ice time from the UBC Winter Sports Centre, Burnaby 8 Rinks and Tilbury Ice Centre.

Over the past 6 years we have grown from 561 players to 1100. We have not been able to register everyone wishing to play as we are constrained by the amount of ice time available. Youngsters are put on a waiting list until space becomes available. Preference is given to siblings of existing players. There were 100 children on the 97-98 waiting list. Indications are that the 98-99 waiting list will be just as long.

During the 97-98 season VTMHA rented 22.5 hours of ice time per week at Kerrisdale Ice Rink. This proved 10 game slots and 6 practice slots per week. Ice was rented from the middle of September to the third week of March and over the Christmas holidays. Kerrisdale was used to host several of our Tournaments, such as Tyke, Novice, Atom and PeeWee divisions tournament games. The VTMHA looks forward to maintaining its current ice usage at Kerrisdale and, if at all possible, increasing its ice allocation.

The VTMHA would like to thank the rink programmer and the staff at Kerrisdale Ice Rink for the excellent service we received, not only in supplying our members with quality facilities, but also in attending, promptly to our miscellaneous requests made through the season.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherril Mair.

COMMUNITY RECREATION CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT 1997-98

It is again my pleasure to report on the activities surrounding the Community Centre during the past year. Kerrisdale continues to be the Park Board "flag ship" in regards to membership and participation. Our successes are realized in no small part due to the respective talents of our staff and citizen volunteers. The visions that we construct for programs need logistical, material, fiscal and human resource management. Typically this planning is carried out at Board and committee meetings. Therefore it is important that the staff and citizens have an effective working relationship and I am proud to say that Kerrisdale could serve as a model. It has been my experience to note that whenever the staff put forth a proposal for consideration, the corresponding committee always responds in a most supportive manner. I can assure you that as the Co-ordinator it simplifies my job immensely when such co-operation is so forthcoming.

This has been an interesting year for permanent staff turnaround. For a variety of reasons we have new faces in three programmer positions as well as a new maintenance manager. However, despite the fact that we have to prepare for the renovation, I feel we have managed the change well. Each new staff member has built upon the successes of their predecessor and programs continue to flourish.

The coming year brings forward many new challenges. The renovation project will see a completion of Phase I. Consequently, new programmatic endeavours will need to be realized. How we operate will undoubtedly change as we strive to meet the demands an enhanced facility brings forward. Our infra-structure is changing. New computer technology, cash control mechanisms and other support systems need to be integrated into our operation. The Park Board itself is undergoing administrative change with it's "New Directions" policies. All of them impact upon customer service. However, given the competencies of our instructors, staff and volunteers I expect us to rise to every challenge. Without the dedication of these individuals it would indeed be difficult to meet the service demands of such a large centre.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you, especially Kathleen and the Board of Directors for their continued support. It is my privilege to work with caring individuals and on behalf of our staff pledge to make 1999 a very memorable year.

Respectfully submitted,
Stew Jordan

CENTRE PROGRAMMERS' REPORT

1997-1998

This year like other years has been busy with significant attendance increases in youth programs, use of the youth activity area and exercise room. Many new programs and workshops were offered to meet the needs and interests of the community. Our children's Halloween and Easter events were very popular and our pre-teen dances are one of the hottest tickets in town. We are always open to suggestions, new ideas and welcome any feedback.

We implemented a new registration software system and though we initially experienced some learning curves, I feel that we now offer a much improved, customer friendly system for program registration. I would like to thank our patrons for their patience during our transition from the old to the new system. I'm confident our registration will become even better in future with the acquisition of additional computers.

Our Artist in Residence project, Cross Kerrisdale's Heart was finally completed. The design created was laid down on the roadway at the entrance to our parking lot and will remain a landmark there for many years. Thanks to Celine Rich, our resident artist, and the many members of the community who worked together with her on this project.

Through the assistance of government funding, we offered a ten week summer daycamp program filled with exciting out-trips, games, sports, crafts and special theme events. The summer staff were tremendous and provided an action-packed program to over 400 children registered as well as a rewarding work experience to approximately 40 youth volunteers who helped with our daycamp.

The much anticipated renovations became a focus as we approach the start of construction. Some difficult decisions around reducing and relocating some of our regular programs due to the program space lost during renovations were made. Fortunately, very few programs will be disrupted and I would like to thank our instructors and patrons for their understanding and cooperation with the decisions made.

The Program Committee continues to be very supportive and I thank the members for their dedication and commitment. I would also like to thank all the volunteers, staff and instructors who are the success of our Centre.

I look forward to an exciting year ahead with the challenges and new potential the completed renovations will bring.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Swartz

CENTRE PROGRAM STATISTICS

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>Difference</u>	
Physical Recreation	54,927	60,105	5,178	9%
Fitness Centre	11,152	13,423	2,271	20%
Outdoor Recreation	1,239	2,843	1,604	129%
Performing Arts	14,742	16,367	1,625	11%
Creative Arts	11,176	11,902	726	6%
Education Classes	9,538	8,227	(1,311)	(-14%)
Workshops	331	243	(88)	(-27%)
Social Recreation	25,723	19,781	(5,942)	(-23%)
Affiliated Groups	2,354	5,654	3,300	140%
Casual Use	82,757	76,443	(6,314)	(-8%)
Meetings	2,012	2,141	129	6%
Rental	6,235	2,841	(3,394)	(-54%)
Special Events	<u>10,810</u>	<u>4,811</u>	<u>(5,999)</u>	(-55%)
Total Participation	232,996	224,781	8,215	(-4%)

SENIORS' PROGRAMMER'S REPORT

1997-1998

This report will be short in nature as I only assumed this position in April of 1998. Even though it has only been a short while, I have been motivated and encouraged by the many activities that occur in the seniors' centre. Not only are there a variety of programs, but many other groups call the centre home. The variety ranges from line dancing, fitness classes, painting classes to bell, ringers, hawaiian dancing and reflexology. The number of choices the Kerrisdale seniors can choose from is wonderful.

Through the months I have also discovered that the members of the seniors' centre are very proud and committed to its success. The number of volunteers that the centre relies on each day is large and 90% of what we do would not be possible if it wasn't for their efforts. Special luncheons, craft boutiques, the coffee bar and kitchen are only a few of the areas volunteers contribute to daily.

I really have been enjoying the seniors' centre and am proud to be working with such dedicated seniors. I have also enjoyed working with the front line staff and I thank Shirley, Amy, Nasreen, Colleen and Betty for all their knowledge and support. Thanks to all the members who have made me feel so welcome, also to the program committee for its advice and the seniors' council for its direction. Most importantly thank you to all the volunteers for all their hard work and positive energy.

I am excited for the future and always welcome any feedback or suggestions anyone may have.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Mele

KERRISDALE CYCLONE TAYLOR ARENA REPORT 1997-1998

The 1997-1998 ice season attendance levels were similar to previous years. The two main ice user groups, Kerrisdale Figure Skating Club and T.Bird Minor hockey maintained their registration levels, with minor hockey continuing to have large wait lists. Other minor sport user groups included ringette, girls hockey and a variety of church and scouting groups. Kerrisdale's long term commercial rental groups also returned for another season.

Public skating and Association Skate Lessons continued to be popular with front line staff providing a positive skate environment for our community users.

My arrival in June provided the opportunity to be at the arena during dry floor season. The Park Board VanWest Roller League had entered its second season and ran smoothly. Lacrosse, ball hockey and roller hockey rentals complimented the schedule. With the growing popularity of roller hockey it is expected that dry floor programs at the arena will experience future growth.

The Antique Car Show in May, Phoenix Gymnastics show in June, and the Flea Market in August were the major dry floor events scheduled at the arena. The Flea Market reached it highest attendance ever and feedback from both the vendors and participants was very positive.

This Fall, the arena received a technological face lift when computers were installed and networked. We are optimistic that computerization will assist in providing better customer service and administrative efficiencies.

I'd like to thank Kerrisdale Community Centre Society members for the warm welcome I received upon my arrival and for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Grant

POOL PROGRAMMER'S REPORT 1997-1998

PROGRAMS

Lessons continue to be well attended. The new classes on Saturdays have proven very popular. There is also a heavy demand for private lessons. Aquafit classes were added on Tue/Thur mornings and are drawing 20-25 participants. Revenue may be down somewhat this year due to the August closure (a very busy time of the year for lessons), but many improvements were made to the Facility, see "Annual Maintenance".

NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

The Kerrisdale Board provided over \$3000 toward the purchase of pool toys & equipment, ie inner tubes, raft, water basketball hoops, balls, etc. These purchases have had a direct impact on our loonie swims:

Friday Pool Sharks Swim, from 15 patrons to 25-30

Friday Public Swim, from 35 patrons to 60

Revenue from Loonie swims has increased approximately \$1000 over the previous year.

While not all public swims have had the same increases in attendance, staff report many positive comments from those in attendance. They also notice that patrons are staying longer and are having more fun.

On behalf of the pool staff & our many patrons, our sincere thanks to the Board for their generous and continued support.

SPECIAL EVENTS	Date	Attendance
Seniors Valentine Tea	Feb 13	25
Spring Water Carnival	March 21	65
Halloween	Oct 30	150
Potluck Luncheon	Dec 18	35
Swim With Santa	Dec 18	100

PERSONNEL

After many years of service Vera Gilbert retired this year. She will certainly be missed by staff as well as patrons. Tanja Cecic has been hired as the new Head Cashier and brings with her extensive experience from other pools in the system.

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE

The pool was closed for annual maintenance for the month of August. Work consisted of: draining & painting the pool; installing water fountains in each washroom; converting one shower in each of the men's & women's change rooms to adjustable temperature control; adding lane rope fittings to better meet the needs of public swims, swim clubs, and lessons; electrical upgrading; tiling & grouting; and addressing the needs of those who use the family change rooms, including, better access to the pool, a shower & new lockers on deck. In the future, closures will take place after Labour Day and will have less impact on our programs

as well as our user groups.

REGISTRATION

The pool will soon be on the RecWare system for registration. We will also be surveying other facilities as well as the public to improve our system and better meet the needs of our patrons. Some suggestions include ongoing registration, phone-in registration, and providing more planning time for parents between receiving their report cards & registration day.

MAPLE GROVE

1998 marked the introduction of a \$1 admission fee (free under 6 yrs) as well as a concession stand. While there were some complaints about having a fee, most patrons seemed to take it in stride. With very little rain for the 10 weeks of operation, attendance was over 46,000. Revenue was approx \$42,000 for the summer. Kelly Beaman was the Head Guard and Barb Gibbons was the Head Cashier and also looked after the concession. Kelly and all of the Maple Grove staff did an excellent job in providing a high level of customer service in the face of many changes. A Maple Grove Report is available for those who may want additional information about the operation.

Respectfully submitted by
Bob Harris

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WORKER'S REPORT

1997-1998

It has been an eventful year for youth at Kerrisdale Community Centre. The Youth Advisory Council has worked hard to offer new and exiting programs and special events as well as maintain our popular existing programs. Our new programs include: parenting classes, nutrition seminars, make up workshops, yoga, youth aerobics, mandarin tutoring and more. Also this year, there was a significant increase of youth in our games room using the pool and ping pong tables while watching music videos on the television.

I have focused on working with other youth service organizations to develop joint programs. I had the pleasure of working with Dunbar Community Centre, West Main Health Unit, the Jewish Community Centre, S.U.C.C.E.S.S.; Y.M.C.A., Pacific Spirit Youth Services, West Point Grey Community Centre and others to combine resources, resulting in additional and varied programs and events.

Youth Advisory Councils on the westside worked together to present an unforgettable Youth Week event which was held at the Jericho Hill Centre. We had outdoor sports, bowling, swimming, a BBQ and a very successful dance. It was a big hit with hundreds of youth participating.

This summer we offered various out trips, including our first camping trip. We were very fortunate to be the recipients of the Len Cederholm Memorial Bursary, from which we purchased five hundred dollars worth of camping equipment that will be used for years to come.

In addition to programming, I have worked on developing a more efficient volunteer program for youth. We have a tremendous number of youth that volunteer year round. These young people bring enthusiasm and energy to our programs, some of which depend on volunteer support. Again this year I would like to acknowledge the efforts and dedication of all of our youth volunteers, particularly Jason Chuang of the Board, and Glesy Banton of the Program Committee for their support.

Many people have contributed to the success of the Kerrisdale youth program. I have enjoyed working with all of them and look forward to a rewarding year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Magnusson