

## MINUTES

**Centre Wakefield LaPêche**  
**ORDRE DU JOUR / AGENDA Conseil d'administration**  
Thursday June 03 2021 @ 19:00  
BY ZOOM

Present	Absent	Quorum
Irene Richardson Carolyn Nolan Estella Arlott David Park Kathleen Lauder Chris Harris Ivan Hale	Andrew Ryan Pam Ross	Yes

**1. Approval of agenda**

**MOTION: Estella moved and Ivan seconded approval of agenda**

Motion carried unanimously

**2. Conflict of interest**

There was no reported conflict of interest

**3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting**

**MOTION: Chris moved and David seconded approval of the minutes of the previous meeting**

Motion carried unanimously

**4. Questions to the MRC**

This item quickly evolved into a discussion on the May MRC Presentation. The board began reviewing the presentation and this was time consuming. A special board meeting to review the MRC presentation as a group will be scheduled.

***Action: Irene will send an email to the MRC indicating the Board needs time to review the presentation before the Board moves forward.***

Below are the pages of the MRC presentation reviewed at this meeting. MRC presentation is in bold below with board response following:

**Key Findings:**

**Coop goal is outdated** – Need to review. Coops can last many years.

**Communications is a challenge** – Agree

**Trying to do everything** – Agree but not convinced that this is an issue

**Desire to be inclusive.** Agree

**Too much time on logistics activities outside of the centre** – Disagree. Need to review.

**Gwen Shea hall ideal for cultural performances** – Agree

**Building maintenance is expensive and time consuming** – Disagree for now but there is potential within the next 10 years for more capital maintenance.

**Building spaces are fragmented** –Need to review. Agree there is not a flow as it is used for various purposes.

**Overall Assessment:**

**Not financially sustainable** – Should change to ‘sustainability is fragile due to capital maintenance in next 10 years’. If we can fund this we are sustainable.

**Requires a lot of volunteer work from Board** – Agree (but board members often choose to do it)

**Does not take full advantage of the centre’s key strengths** – Agree as the centre is often underutilized

**Recommendations:**

**Rethink the space** – Need to review

**Rethink operations** – Need to review – what partners?

**Secure permanent full time staff** - Agree

## 5. Future of the centre

The board discussed the fact that we have a Future of the Centre committee which was chaired by Andrew Ryan and that we agreed that Pam Ross would take over for Andrew in his absence. There was a discussion about this committee and the point was made that while the centre is rented by CISSSO deliberations on the ‘Future of the Centre’ is the main challenge of all board members.

**MOTION: Moved by Estella and seconded by David that the “future of the centre” be addressed by the board working as a “committee of the whole’ rather than as a smaller committee.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Irene as the chair should be the person responsible for external communications and as such will be our spokesperson for the Board findings.

Ivan reminded us of the importance of providing bilingualism. Ivan also said the MRC should be reminded that the Centre is their client not the Municipality.

## 6. Committee reports

- **Operations**

Irene reported that things are going well with CISSSO. We have a new entrance to the library. We are considering the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations but will decide when we know when CISSSO is leaving. Concerns were expressed about our liability regarding centre courses that are held off-site.

***ACTION: Irene will write to the insurance company to determine if off-site activities such as canoe classes and swimming are covered***

- **Finance**

Carolyn reported that finances are looking good. We hope to present a formal budget for next year at the July board meeting . We expect to be ready for the audit at the end of July, present it to the board in August and to the membership at the AGM in September.

- **Market/Landscaping**

Ivan reported that the market has gone well for 3 weeks now. The site is good. Vendors seem happy to continue with the market at this location so they may not want to return to the community centre in future years.

There may be an opportunity to get support from the municipality and CISSSO for landscaping of the centre. Some of the formerly landscaped areas have been used by CISSSO for parking.

- **Governance**

Kathleen proposed that the AGM be on Tuesday September 21. We need to recruit more board members and being bilingual is an asset.

- **La Peche Media**

David reported that the budget was cut by half from last year. The journalists had a total of 40 hours per week and this is reduced to a total of 20 hours for the new contact. There is a lot of pressure from CACTUS in terms of what is 'civil journalism' and pressure to engage volunteers.

## **8. Date of next board meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday June 15 (7 – 9 PM) to review the MRC presentation as a group in order to get back to them. Carolyn and Kathleen will be responsible to organize and facilitate the meeting.

## **9. MOTION: David moved and Estella seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:18.**

Motion carried unanimously