

SECHELT SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE

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ANNUAL REPORT

In review of 2021



Davis Bay Pier

Message from the Interim President.

“You have to fight through some bad days to earn the best days of your life.”

2021 was a difficult year for everyone, and the Centre was not immune.

Keeping up with the latest Public Health Orders has had all guessing, week to week. Will we be open, will we be closed? Can we open some areas if we leave others closed? Of course at the heart of it all is our desire to do all we can to keep you, our members and friends as safe as possible.

On the front line of our reopening is our Custodian of more than 20 years, Jim Coffin. Jim has had more than the usual amount of work as he has “deep cleaned” every inch of the building – many times. Thank you Jim.

A very large “thank you” to our previous President, Chris Kane and Vice-President, Ken White. The work that they did in securing the Centre as a Vaccine Centre and an Electoral Polling Station, has kept us in a stable financial situation. It is thanks to them that we have “weathered the storm.”

Our one reliable revenue stream has been the kitchen, with our wonderful cook Emily at the helm. Emily’s delicious frozen entrees do more than keep the dollars flowing in. By offering a reasonably priced meal for seniors that were isolating, Emily’s service to the community cannot be overlooked. Emily celebrated her 10th anniversary at the Centre recently; we certainly all hope she enjoys “many happy returns” of this milestone.

Our Centre Manger Lori and bookkeeper Mercy had no idea what they were signing up for when they were hired. It has been a most unusual and challenging year for them both as we navigated our way through COVID. Now as things begin to look a little brighter, we are counting on them to help us navigate the “New Normal,” whatever it may be.

I would be remiss if I painted too rosy a picture of the past year.

The world, the country and even our wonderful town are beset by division and contention. The years of the pandemic have taken a toll. Frayed nerves, lack of patience and lack of civility seem to be the norm these days. The Centre was not immune.

A disagreement led to a petition. That petition led to the resignation of President Chris and Vice-President Ken White. Those of us that were involved were shocked and dismayed at the level of bitterness, accusations, innuendo and lack of courtesy. Two fine men, who had given so much in time and talent, were deeply hurt.

Activities:

From the desk of the Centre Manager

Activities at the Centre re-started October 4th for the most part. For a soft opening, some activities started mid-Sept so we could test the process for safety protocols. Revenue from Activities in 2021 is \$20,554, which is made up of volunteer lead activities \$9,389 and instructor lead activities \$7,777.

Duplicate Bridge is not included in Activity Revenue for 2021, as they pre-paid rent to the end of the year, and will reflect in activities in 2022. Susan Fletcher continued to lead her QiGong class throughout Covid and then drop funds off for the Centre. A big thankyou to Susan for that effort and commitment.

All of our activities are of value to the Centre and our members, and not weighted solely on financial. Activities are addressed in our constitution, and their greatest value is the connection, mental and/or physical stimulation and enjoyment.

SSAC is a non-profit Centre, and bills must be paid as we strive for breakeven. The budget for 2022 is to generate \$90,000 from Activities (28% of total revenue). This is just under \$1,800 a week, which we are on target for based on the Activity Schedule. The following provides the breakdown for each activity, with the average week being October 4th to December 22nd. (Yoga and Memory Café returned mid-September.)

****Details from tracking of activities since September 15/21**

ACTIVITY		SUB	Average Week		
			\$	#'s	
INSTRUCTOR	Yoga - JMG	4,264	388	78	
	Memory Café	1,483	135	27	
	Chair Yoga	970	108	22	
	Fit - JW	420	47	9	
	FIT - Ivana	640	7,777	71	14
	Pickleball	6,025	669	167	
VOLUNTEER	Carpet Bowl	715	79	20	
	Line Dancing	1,062	118	30	
	Ukulele	274	30	8	
	Painting	182	20	5	
	Quilting	215	24	6	
	Poker	278	31	8	
	Mahjong	248	28	7	
	Table Tennis	390	9,389	43	11
	(Pre-tracking items)		17,166		
	Raffle		810		
QiGong		2,578			
		20,554			

Interim President's Report

The previous Board consists of Kit Artus, Chris O'Brennan, Linda Stroud, Marni Mulloy, Wilma Lorimer, Douglas Smith, Roy Wren, Sylvia Graber, Gillian Smith and myself.

The slowly opening and easing of restrictions that affect our Centre is welcome.

More activities are in recovery mode and members are taking advantage of the Centre's facilities.

We still have safety and health protocols to be mindful of and that is necessary for the safety of Membership.

Risk Assessments are likely to be around for the foreseeable future also.

Maintenance of the Centre is ongoing, several high-cost equipment purchases are in the pipeline. The Dishwasher has served us well for many years, but it is showing it's age. Several quotes are being vetted to get the correct machine for the job. We must do this to maintain our Commercial Kitchen status.

Bob Maveety and Jim Coffin are working diligently to keep our Centre in good condition.

Lori Stemmler is managing the Activities and Rentals to achieve sustainable revenues. Also seeking the Grants that are available to us as a community service.

Mercy Campbell looks after our financial reports and submits the necessary documentation to our Accountants.

I will be putting myself forward as the Past President in order to assist the Incoming Board and maintain the Constitution and its Bylaws.