

**Board Report** about some of the activities at the Campbell River Seniors' Centre Society during the 14 months from February 26, 2020 to April 28, 2021

The Board operated with quite a few open positions during the year which put additional workload onto the serving directors. Several directors were prevented from attending board meetings due to the risks associated with the virus first identified in China. The monthly Board meetings were conducted with directors sitting at individual tables in the card room and complying with the other public health protocols.

Our elected Secretary, Fumi Hayakawa, moved to the mainland in June 2020. Our vice-president Jean Discoll-Bell was Acting Secretary for several months.

The Board appointed Rick Hine as Bylaws Chair to the first and second year of the position's two-year term, and he also served as Acting Secretary.

When the public health protocols meant that we closed the Center on March 17, 2020 the future of the paid position of Cook, which had been an affordability issue, came to a head and we parted company with the paid position of Cook and the employment of Dos Mancell who was serving as the paid Cook at that time came to an end.

Two directors elected at the 2020 AGM stepped down, Elaine Hulford as Kitchen Liaison and Tino Romita as Facilities Chair.

The Board appointed Genevieve Hambalek as Membership Chair to the first and second year of its two-year term.

The Board appointed Linda Harris as Fundraising Chair to complete the second year of its two-year term.

The Board re-opened the Center on October 5<sup>th</sup> with the kitchen serving meals and with activities: euchre, canasta, chicken foot dominoes, pool and line dancing.

The Board closed the Center on November 18, 2020 when public health protocols forbade public gatherings.

The Board re-opened the Center as a restaurant only without activities on March 17, 2021 – St. Patrick's Day – the one-year anniversary of its first closure.

The Board closed the Center on March 29 when the provincial government ruled against in-person restaurant meals.

Members enjoyed using the new Card Room which had been added by City Council to its 4-year lease with Edie & Associates, owner of the Campbell River Common. Members also enjoyed the use of the Dance Studio which the Society leased directly from Edie & Associates, until the space was rented out, according to terms of that lease agreement, to the provincial government for the October 2020 general election.

While the kitchen was shut down between March 17, 2020 and October 5, 2020, the food stored on shelves and in freezers was inventoried and organized thanks to many hours of work provided by Derek and Linda Tucker.

A guest pass was arranged for use for non-members who were visiting the Center with a member.

The Center's website and Facebook page were improved.

The number of paid-up members stood at 404 as of December 31, 2020.

The budget document in the AGM package shows the details of our \$12K deficit which was covered with funds withdrawn from our savings account.

Representatives from the Campbell River Community Center approached us to explore ways several of their activities might utilize the Dance Studio space.

The Dance Studio space was renovated with floor coverings using contributions from Bob's Flooring and a generous member.

Plexiglass barriers were installed at the Kitchen counter, at the front desk and at the entry table.

Paper bingo sheets were obtained to be ready when we can offer bingo again.

The Craft Group made cloth face masks which we sold for \$3 each or two for \$5. Restaurant face shields were available for \$5 each.

The Board considered installing a debit machine but in view of the monthly rental cost the installation of this equipment was deferred until sales transactions increased substantially.

Rental arrangements for use of our space on evenings and weekends will continue to be handled by Bev Birce who agreed to liaise with the Board through director Rick Hine.

At its November 17, 2020 monthly meeting, the Board set Wednesday, February 24, 2021 as the date for the AGM.

At its December 15, 2020 monthly meeting, the Board rescheduled the AGM to Wednesday, March 31.

At its February 16, 2021 monthly meeting, the Board rescheduled the AGM to Wednesday, April 28.

The Board thanks those Directors who have completed their term: Bob Bray, **Communications**; Doug Vater, **Past President**; Linda Harris, **Fundraising**; and Linda Tucker, **President**.