

GCWCC C.C. NEWS

C.C. FALL/WINTER REGISTRATION FEE SUBSIDY

The fall/winter registration dates are well underway. We would ask that your centre's registrars are aware of the changes that have been implemented for those requiring subsidization in order for their children to participate in community centre programs. Subsidy Application have been sent to all community centres along with a page explaining the new format and criteria. **It is imperative that all volunteers taking registration are aware of the changes.**

Over the years there has been an increased demand for subsidy grants, this increase has come mainly due to increased program

registration fees.

To be able to meet this demand GCWCC has found it necessary to request a percentage of the registration fee from the applicant in community centre activities. As well, to ensure that subsidy dollars are assisting those children/youth who without this assistance would not otherwise be able to participate. Notice of Assessment must be submitted along with the application form.

In 1993/94 further to the adoption of the Universal Funding Formula, Council allocated \$87,500 dollars to provide subsidies to children/youth of families who due to financial hardships could not afford to

register their children in community centres programs. In 1998, due to budget cuts this amount was reduced to \$85,750. In addition to this funding, in 2006 GCWCC became a benefactor of the Canadian Tire "Jump Start Program". Approximately \$20,000 per year is realized from this grant. Last year the program was supported by:

- True Sport \$25,000
- Winnipeg Foundation \$30,000
- The Keg Foundation \$5,000
- Winnipeg Junior Hockey Legacy \$25,000

Over the past 14 years this program has assisted over 10,000 children/youth to participate in community centre recreational and leisure programs.



COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT UPDATE

This has been a very busy year, with many Community Centre volunteers and staff finally realizing the fruits of their labour. It's been a long haul, but construction is finally underway at the following four Community Centres!

Valour Community Centre – Isaac Brock Site



Valour Community Centre Groundbreaking, May 30, 2008
L to Rt: Gord Fleury (Valour President), Bob Gingras (Valour GM), Char Thompson (Valour Communications Coordinator), Andrew Swan, MLA, and Mayor Sam Katz

Since this May's groundbreaking, there has been a hub of activity at the Valour Community Centre, Isaac Brock site. The main hall has been demolished to make way for a new, regulation size gymnasium while the remaining building is being completely renovated. Programming is being accommodated at the Clifton and Orioles sites until the Isaac Brock site is completed in Spring, 2009.

Notre Dame Community Centre

Many of you have probably been to a hockey or ringette game at the arena, but you may not be as familiar with the rest of the Centre, whose entrance is on Ave de la Cathedrale. That is about to change as Notre Dame is currently undergoing renovations that will see a new front entrance leading you into either their existing gymnasium or their great new multi-purpose room, complete with brand new washrooms. This renovation will better accommodate existing programs as well as allow the opportunity for several new ones. Completion is set for October of this year. The renovation is designed to accommodate the next phase of Notre Dame's project, the construction of a main front entrance on the west side of the building, unifying the community centre and the arena.

Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre

Construction should begin any day now at the Norberry site of Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre. The foundation should soon be laid for the new gym, multi-purpose room and front entrance and, if all goes well, a grand opening should be planned in May or June of next year. In the meantime, we are hoping for a groundbreaking ceremony this September, so check Norberry-Glenlee's webpage at www.norberry-glenlee.ca for further updates!

Bronx Park Community Centre: Home of Good Neighbours Senior Centre

Work is proceeding well at Bronx Park Community Centre, where a brand new 25,000 square foot Community Centre is being constructed to house both the Community Centre and Good Neighbours Senior Centre. The seniors' group will operate primarily during the day, while the Community Centre will program primarily during evenings and weekends, thus using the new facility very effectively. The full-size gym, classrooms, games room, computer lab, etc., will be a welcome addition to the community.

Bronx Park Community Centre Groundbreaking: May 23, 2008

L to Rt. Bob Ashuk (President, Good Neighbours Senior Centre), Mayor Sam Katz,

Premiere Gary Doer, Blaine Mooney (President, Bronx Park Community Centre)



And last but not least....

Sinclair Park Community Centre

Although still in the design development stage, Sinclair Park Community Centre is an exciting new project being developed to meet LEED (leadership in energy and environmental design) silver certification. LEED is an internationally-accepted green building rating system for certifying healthy, high-quality energy-efficient buildings that have fewer environmental impacts. The project team has been meeting over the summer, incorporating ideas that will make Sinclair Park Community Centre an icon not only for the North End, but for the entire City of Winnipeg!

The Canadian Pacific Spirit Train is Pulling into Sinclair Park Community Centre!

On Saturday, October 4, from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm, the CP Spirit Train, featuring Colin James, will stop at Sinclair Park Community Centre, 490 Sinclair St., for six hours of entertainment and activities designed to celebrate the upcoming 2010 Winter Olympics.

Please go to www.cpspirittrain.com for more details.

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS? Please contact our office to book an Orientation Session for your new and your experienced board members and volunteers.

GCWCC provides leadership and administrative support for the Community Centre Boards / Volunteers / Staff.

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C.C. BOARD DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

Would members of your board benefit by attending development sessions in the following areas:

- Board Development
- Conflict Management
- Effective Board Meetings
- Financial Management
- Program Development
- Policy Development
- Others _____

Sessions would be approximately 3 hours and could be offered on a Saturday or on a weekday evening. If you are interested in any of these sessions or have other topic suggestions please contact our office at 475-5008 or email mamell@gcwcc.mb.ca. Should there be enough interest, these sessions would be at a no cost or low cost fee depending on resources required.

ODDS AND ENDS:

NEW AND IMPROVED WEB SITE!

General Council now has a very user friendly web site. One of the most exciting features is the interactive map. Users can search by community centres, programs, and amenities. The map shows a community centre's boundaries and gives an overview of their information. Community Centres still have their own page on our site. If they have their own web site, we have provided a link to it. Check it out! If you have any questions or would like us to post some information, don't hesitate to call!

DISTRICT 5 LIASON: Long time Community Centre Liaison, Jack Juffs, will be retiring at the end of September. We thank him for all his years of dedicated service and wish him well in the future!

CAPITAL GRANT DEADLINES: District Boards - October/08

GCWCC - November 30/08

