



Administration

Symposium 2009

The Board received a progress report on the planning of Symposium 2009. The Board discussed their role at Symposium including their educational sessions and the many different ways to dialogue with BCRPA members.

Symposia 2010 & 2011

The Board received a progress report on the planning of Symposium 2010 and 2011. Planning is well underway for the 2010 Symposium in Penticton and staff are currently exploring venue options for 2011. The Board was pleased with the progress made for the planning of each Symposium and looks forward to receiving updates at future meetings.

Nominating Committee

A Call for Nominations is currently underway with the membership of BCRPA to fill three vacancies on the Board including, two directors and President Elect.

Fund Development

As per the 2008-2011 Business Plan, the purpose of this project is to develop a comprehensive fundraising strategy that will speak to four potential outcomes: increased revenue to current operation, sustainability of currently funded initiatives, increased capacity of operational departments, and creation of new revenue streams. The Board participated in a focus group led by the consultants contracted to produce a three-year strategic fundraising plan.

Member Submission of Agenda Items

The Board adopted the CEO's recommendation that staff draft a policy for member submission of agenda items. The Board will review the policy at a later meeting.

Advocacy

Meeting with the Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Healthy Living and Sport

The Board met with the Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Healthy Living and Sport and illustrated BCRPA's work with healthy and sustainable individuals (Age-Friendly Communities Initiative), communities (Active Communities Initiative), economies (hundreds of thousands of family-supporting jobs within the parks, recreation and culture sector) and environments (green building and active transportation). The Board appreciated the open and conversational dialogue with the Minister and looks forward to the continuing partnership with the Ministry.

Provincial Election Strategy

BCRPA's provincial election strategy will highlight the problem of aging infrastructure in the parks, recreation and culture sector with hopes to engage BC's political leaders as partners in a campaign to renew aging and obsolete parks and recreation facilities.

Community Recreation Facilities Assessment Project

The Board was briefed on the status of the project. The report, to be launched at Symposium 2009, will be compelling and of relevance to all levels of government decision makers as well as community leaders as it relates to the recreation infrastructure deficit issue in BC. In addition, the report will inform and support the Association's efforts towards the development of a sustainable and relevant provincial recreation infrastructure renewal funding strategy.

Swimming Pool Regulations

The Board was briefed on the status of swimming pool regulations in BC. The regulations have been under review for the past 37 years and updated regulations are essential to ensuring the health and safety of British Columbians. BCRPA members also have expressed concern that the regulations are outdated and feel that it needs to be addressed. BCRPA will correspond with the provincial government to advocate for the reactivation the review process.

BCRPA Programs and Initiatives

Fitness Registration Program

Board was provided with an update on the registration program including the creation of the program's business plan and preparations for the fitness conference.

Active Communities

The Board was provided with an update on the Active Communities Initiative including the interim report for year 4 and the status of the Active Communities Evaluation conducted by the Michael Smith Foundation.

BCHLA Partner Initiatives

The Board was presented the Quarterly Snapshots for each of the initiatives co-led by BCRPA. All of the initiatives are on target or have exceeded targets.

SOGO Active

The Board received a status update on the successful SoGo Active Initiative. This initiative is supporting BCRPA's members to engage young people to increase their physical activity levels as well as expanding BCRPA's connection with ParticipACTION and other organizations.

Sport and Recreation Integration Project

The Board was briefed on Phase Two of the project. The second phase entails gathering input from sport and recreation organizations at the community level and using the feedback to develop resources to support communities who would like to have their sport and recreation systems work closer together.

Children & Nature Connection

The Children and Nature Connection strives to reconnect children and families to nature and the outdoors. The Board adopted the CEO's recommendations that BCRPA remain active in the conversations of the Child & Nature Alliance and the BCRPA sign *The Hatley Declaration for Children, Families and Nature*.

Partnerships Projects

Seniors' Healthy Living Network

The Board nominated Norm Olenick to sit on the Seniors' Healthy Living Network as a representative of BCRPA. The Network will provide advice to government on the implementation of *Seniors in British Columbia: A Healthy Living Framework*, engage the government and BC seniors' communities and will assist in the aim of promoting healthy living among seniors throughout BC.

Premier's Award

The Board was briefed on the silver award received by the Age-Friendly Communities Initiative at the Premier's Awards Vancouver Island Regional Ceremony in January 2009. The initiative is a partnership with the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport, BCRPA, UBCM and 2010 Legacies Now to take coordinated action to support local governments and communities to develop age-friendly policies, services and programs. The Board was pleased to see that this important initiative received such recognition.

Physical Activity Older Adult Resources

The Board was briefed the progress of the Older Adult Resource Project. This project is a partnership between BCRPA and the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport to develop a physical activity DVD for older adults as well as fact sheets of exercise do's and don'ts specific to various health conditions.

Boomers Plus Boot Camps

The Board was presented with the final report of the Boomer Boot Camp Pilot Project, which was the result of a partnership between BCRPA and the Ministry of Health Living and Sport. The participant response to the program was overwhelmingly positive and the vast majority of instructors plan to offer the course again. BCRPA is currently updating the resources and promotional materials as well as reviewing the recommendations brought forward in the final report.

Assisted Living Project

The Board was presented with the final report of the Supporting Physical Activity for the Older Adults in Assisted Living Residences Project, another successful partnership between BCRPA and the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport. The intent of the project was to establish a standardized model for the delivery of physical activity programs offered in assisted living residences in BC.

BC Sport Alliance

The Board continues to support BCRPA's involvement in discussions around the contributions of sport to healthy living and provincial policy goals and the Board felt the Association might best be positioned in a second tier of involvement in the Alliance.

CPRA

The Board was briefed on the latest progress in transitioning the national organization to an alliance of provincial/territorial partners. The Board supported the continuing work of the Transition Team and the CEO's co-chairing of the Transition Team.