

Statement of Civic Centre Policy

CIVIC CENTRE

OPENING EVENTS

SUNDAY — 2:30 p.m.

Official Opening Ceremony and Public Inspection

MONDAY — 10:00 p.m.

Civic Centre Opening Ball

WEDNESDAY — 8:00 p.m.

Rup-Rec Display

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Rotary Club Has Played Big Part

The Prince Rupert Rotary Club can also claim an important part in civic centre pioneering in Prince Rupert. The Rotary Club had considerable to do with the sponsoring of the original Y.M.C.A. idea and carried on its support in a quiet way after the more general civic centre plan developed. In all events in support of the civic centre Rotarians have always been generous in the support by way of finances and personal energy.

Director Details How It Will Be Conducted

Procedure of Management, Financing, Membership and Privileges

A statement on Civic Centre policy and costs has been prepared by the executive director, Don Forward, and endorsed by a joint meeting of the Civic Centre executive and the Recreation Council executive. The statement says:

"The Civic Centre is Prince Rupert's Community

Centre and a Community Centre may well be described as an association of neighbors, banded together in a community spirit. The Civic Centre building offers the facilities for young and old to play and relax, to share ideas and to initiate community projects.

"It provides a meeting place for all citizens of all ages to make their contribution to our social life, to art, to music, to drama, and to healthy recreation. It is a place for the specialist and the dabbler; there are activities for each and the shyest in the community can find relaxation and an interest in this project.

"It provides for many needs which may be enumerated as:

1. The need for unity—It is a common meeting place for all cultural and religious groups.
2. The need for strengthening democracies—Here we have the practise of common responsibility for the welfare of all.
3. The need for planned and creative leisure.
4. The need for cultural growth.
5. The need for preventing delinquency.
6. The need for a living war memorial.

Belongs to Community, Citizens Part of It

"This centre belongs to the community. The citizens are part of it. The administrative board and the recreation board are appointed from and representative of all groups in the community. The people of the community want to know what it will cost to operate the centre and as they are the ones who will directly benefit, and directly and indirectly do the financing, a statement on annual costs is presented for public information. Our first year's budget is as follows:

Expenditures	
Salaries	\$7,200
Wages	4,000
Heat	1,500
Light and power	2,000
Repairs	500
Insurance	200
Program equipment	500
Program expenses	600
Building supplies	500
Utilities	500
\$17,500	
Receipts	
Membership fees	\$6,000
Rentals and other revenue	2,000
Subscriptions	4,000
Grants (club, city and provincial)	4,500
Special events—program	1,000
\$17,500	

Seventeen thousand five hundred dollars sounds like a lot of money. It is a large sum when we count the benefits to be received. We annually spend about



SIMILAR TO THIS will be the scene scheduled to take place in the Civic Centre auditorium tomorrow afternoon. In this picture Col. John Beaton, national Secretary of Y.M.C.A. War Services speaks to an audience of almost 1,000 which packed the "Y" War Services building on the occasion of its opening, February 15, 1945. Equally impressive ceremony will mark the transfer of the building to the citizens of Prince Rupert for use as a Civic Centre.

Personalities -- the Directors

Don Forward

Don Forward, the executive director, has been employed professionally in community work for the past 14 years. First he was supervisor for Vancouver's downtown Community Centre located for five years in old St. Andrew's Church building at Georgia and Richards Streets. With the demolition of the Community Centre building, Mr. Forward then became program secretary and boys' work director for St. Andrew's-Wesley Church in Vancouver's West End and organized a community program there with a membership of more than 750 children and young people.

He was for nine years manager and director for Sanwees summer camp on Keats Island, 18 miles from Vancouver on Howe Sound, and there annually directed camps for children of all age groups with a total annual attendance of more than 200.

Shortly after the organization of Y.M.C.A. War Services, Mr. Forward became supervisor for Victoria Army, in charge of Macaulay Hut and services in the forts of the area. In 1943 he succeeded Robert Gibson as area secretary for the northern B.C. and Alaska area and as assistant secretary for B.C. During his tenure in Prince Rupert the local Y.M.C.A. building was built.

For the past few months Mr. Forward has been located in the Vancouver area office and now leaves the service of the Y.M.C.A. to take up his new duties as executive director of the Civic Centre in Prince Rupert.

Margaret Homer-Dixon

Mrs. Margaret E. Homer-Dixon, the assistant director, was active in sports for quite a number of years, having won the Dominion ladies' singles championship in badminton, also being a ladies' doubles winner in the Canadian championships with Miss Vess O'Shea.

Following discharge from the Air Force, Mrs. Dixon was employed by the Y.W.C.A. in Vancouver as sports and recreation director. While in the employ of the Y.W.C.A. she supervised the "Y's" "Holiday House" for girls on Bowen Island.

Mrs. Dixon became an employee of the Y.M.C.A. War Services on July 1, 1945, and her first posting was to Alford Bay air station, where she did general recreational work. On the closing of the station, she was transferred to the "Y" building in Prince Rupert and has worked here ever since, first as sports director and, latterly, her work has covered general activities.

"Y" Services to Continue in Area

An office will be maintained in the Civic Centre with a Y.M.C.A. supervisor providing free amenities for the services on the same scale as previously, including sports equipment, small games, stationery, free towel service, etc. Movies will be shown twice weekly in the lounge, open to service personnel and will also be shown in the camps in the area.

The Y.M.C.A. supervisor will organize a program for service personnel in the building and at their various camps.

JUNIOR CHAMBER SECOND TO NONE

The Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce may not have many very wealthy members but certainly they are able to step out and raise the money when it is needed. Therefore, when credits are being made as to who produced the money for the Civic Centre fund, the Junior Chamber can claim major honors because it kept alive the Civic Centre Carnival idea through the years when the going was tough as well as good.

HAVE RAISED BIG SUMS OF MONEY

Winners of the six annual Civic Centre Carnival Queen contests have been:

1940—Judith Jerstad.
1941—Lillian Jones.
1942—Philomena Murray.
1943—Olga Sather.
1944—Elinore Storesth.
1945—Beatrice Didricksen.

MALE PREFERRED
The task of the male elephant is preferred to that of the female for commercial ivory.

MEETING NEEDS OF ENTIRE COMMUNITY AT CIVIC CENTRE

(By G. A. MCGREGOR)

The citizens of Prince Rupert are to be congratulated on the fine community spirit they have shown in reaching the goal they set a number of years ago—that is, securing a modern building to be Prince Rupert's Civic Centre. This venture required initiative, vision and faith in the future. Now that the Civic Centre has become a reality, the same pioneer spirit must continue as the new field of community recreation is entered.

Since few cities of comparable size have attempted such a vast undertaking we will have no precedent to guide us. We must, therefore, take the lead with enthusiasm and vision until the ultimate goal is reached.

The program of the Civic Centre is still in its formative stage. A tentative plan has been laid out but the program that is finally effected will depend upon just how people wish to spend their leisure hours.

Physical Education Is Not Only Thing

The new Rup-Rec program will not only include physical recreation classes but will be enlarged to include cultural clubs,

such as drama clubs, music appreciation programs, choral clubs, hobby clubs and so on. It will include general recreational activities such as chess, checkers and other games, table tennis and, later, a teen-canteen. It will also embrace adult education groups, such as child psychology, debating clubs, discussion groups, visual instruction clubs and other activities in this field, as the desire in the community is shown.

The important thing is that every member should be encouraged to take an interest in some form of recreation, calling for personal effort and that the members, themselves, should as far as possible, organize the various activities undertaken.

The Civic Centre staff will make arrangements for facilities,

guidance and leadership for all group activities in which sufficient interest is evidenced. The recreational program, that has been in operation for the past few months, emphasizing leader training and children's classes will be enlarged and expanded to include all age groups. In time, classes will be especially arranged to meet the needs and interests of juvenile boys and girls (under 6 years), junior boys and girls (6 to 12 years), intermediate boys and intermediate girls (12 to 16 years), senior men and women (over 16 years), classes for business men and "keep-fit" classes for women.

In those numerous classes the degree of skill required and the difficulty and variety of the program will be increased from juvenile classes to reach its highest form in the senior classes. It will be moderated for business and "keep-fit" women.

The activities included in the recreation gymnastics classes are marching exercises, fundamental gymnastics, exercises in twos, bench exercises, passive exercises, mat tumbling, springboard tumbling, Indian club swing, parallel bars, box vaulting, pyramid building, folk and tap dancing and net and group games.

Program for Junior Boys and Girls

So far as is possible, the program for junior boys and junior girls will be conducted in the late afternoon. The junior boys' classes have been scheduled tentatively for Mondays and Thursday at 4:00 p.m. and the junior girls at the same time on Tuesdays and Fridays. This would provide two supervised classes a week for children at a more convenient time than has previously been the case. Amateur hours, games evenings and other special events will be arranged from time to time for children. In addition to the regular recreation classes.

Arrangements will be made for informal volleyball games, table tennis, boxing, wrestling and weight lifting. In the tentative schedule, two evenings have been set aside for basketball games and practices.

In order to allow greater time for net and group games and other gym activities, ladies' classes will be conducted in the auditorium of the Civic Centre whenever possible. Two full sized gymnasia will be used on certain evenings.

It has been commonly thought that the Rup-Rec program was entirely a gymnastic program



On behalf of the citizens of Prince Rupert I congratulate the Civic Centre Association and wish them every success in the operation of this Centre. May it be the means of fostering a real community spirit in our City.

H. M. DAGGETT, Mayor.

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and, through lack of adequate facilities and for the sake of expediency it has been to date, such was not the original intention. In fact, within the Recreation Council, committees have been set up to take care of the following suggested cultural, recreational and education activities, with one member of each committee chosen to go out into the community and bring back a report on the needs, interests and leadership, evidenced in his particular field. Here is an outline of the groups, with the name of the investigating committee member:

Cultural Clubs—Drama Club or Players Club, Music Appreciation Club, Choral Club or Glee Club; committee chairman, Mr. Houston.

Cultural (Arts and Crafts)—Leather work, wood carving, model airplane, painting, sketching, camera club, line-block club; committee chairman, Mr. Wing.

Recreational General—Clubs, chess and checker club, table tennis club, community singing, teen-canteen, center, ski club, outdoors club, ball club; committee chairman, Mr. Youngs.

Educational—First aid, book nursing, child psychology, debating club, discussion groups, manual instruction groups, interior decorating; committee chairman, Miss Florence Park.

Once this program is fully organized, every citizen will be able to enjoy his leisure in the most healthful and constructive manner.

Remember, this is your center, the program's success will be determined largely by the interest and co-operation shown by your neighbor, your family and you.

'TEEN AGERS HAVE VENUE

Will Be Provided For In Prince Rupert's Civic Centre

The growing 'Teen Age movement in Prince Rupert, which the students of Booth Memorial High School under the leadership of their president, John Kennedy, are actively fostering, will also have a home in Prince Rupert's new civic centre. In many other places, the 'Teen Age movement has bogged down through lack of premises in which to carry on activities. Happily, the 'Teen Agers do not have that handicap to overcome in Prince Rupert. Providing they have the proper enthusiasm, leadership and organization, the movement should flourish here.

Gyro Club Took Active Part In City Recreation

A strong participant in Prince Rupert's community recreation program is the Gyro Club, which during past years has maintained and staffed playgrounds during the summer months. In conjunction with the city council it has taken responsibility for maintaining McClymont Park, the Gyro Ball Park at McBride and Sixth Avenue, as well as the Westview, Alder Park and Seal Cove playgrounds, which have filled vital gaps in the city's recreational life.

Largest original contributor to the Civic Centre Fund, the Gyro Club takes keen satisfaction in the facilities offered by the new Civic Centre building.

ORIENTAL ENGRAVING

Wood engraving was practised by the Chinese as early as the 10th century.

Boxing Classes Arouse Interest

During the last six weeks boxing classes conducted by Rup-Rec and directed by Beff Beggs have stirred the interest of scores of boys who have been showing progressive skill in their workouts.

The gym is fairly well equipped, and the boys use protective headgear and rubber mouth pieces to prevent head and teeth injuries. From the start made a month ago, Coach Beggs hopes to revive the keen interest in boxing which made this city famous in sporting circles years ago.

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SONS OF NORWAY ALWAYS TO FORE

The Sons of Norway Lodge took an early interest in the Civic Centre undertaking and has been represented on the Civic Centre Association executive since its inception. One of the Sons of Norway principal means of support has been in connection with Civic Centre Carnival Queen activities and its candidates have been consistent winners of strong contestants.