



Monday, November 1, 2010

Re: Closure of West Shore Rowing and Paddling Centre – Spring 2011

To Participants and Supporters:

The letter is to inform you that the West Shore Rowing and Paddling Centre (WSRPC) will be closing in early 2011. The reason for this is because Royal Roads University (RRU) has confirmed they will not renew our lease (ending December 31, 2010) as they intend to use the building for other purposes.

Although RRU Property Management has confirmed that our lease will not be renewed, they are not moving ahead as quickly as they thought to “re-purpose the boathouse,” based on feedback from their architects and trades. As a result, this means we can operate programs to the end of March (possibly later). We are going to keep an open dialogue with RRU and with any luck their project will be delayed until June.

Based on this timeline and information to date, it is unlikely that we can offer a junior rowing program past March 2011 (subject to sufficient registration). We encourage all those who want to row in the 2011 racing season to try out for the Gorge Rowing and Paddling Centre’s (GRPC) junior team - GRPC Tryouts are November 4 & 5 at 2940 Jutland Road. More information is available at www.gorgerowingandpaddling.com.

For those who wish to continue rowing at WSRPC until the end of March, please contact Brett Malcolm to declare your intent (email brett@gorowandpaddle.org).

Obviously, this is disappointing news as we have been operating rowing programs at WSRPC since 2002. With the support of the participants and parents, a great junior program and rowing community has developed at WSRPC. Please be assured that we have looked into every possible scenario to avoid this closure, and we will continue to explore options with RRU so that we can determine if there are any alternative sites on campus to run a youth rowing program.

Thank you for your participation and support to date.

Sincerely,

Steve Frisch
Executive Director
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WSRPC is a GO Centre. Go Rowing and Paddling Association of Canada (GO) is non-profit Canadian Athletic Association, and Registered Charity, dedicated to developing rowing and paddling sports in Canada.

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