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## SENT VIA EMAIL

Dear Parent/Guardian of CP Youth Centre members

First, from all of the staff and volunteers of the Youth Centre, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and all the best for a happy and healthy 2023.

As you know, Covid-19 has had a very negative impact on the centre, as well as many other local charities during the past few years. This has resulted in a decrease in general donations. In addition, the inflation rate and cost of living have soared, resulting in significant increased costs for our programming. So, I wanted to inform everyone that fees for programs will be increased in 2023.

One of the challenges we've experienced for a number of years is that kids and youth are signed up for various free evening activities. And then, many are no shows. Some parents/guardians do contact us to let us know that their child is ill or another commitment has come up and we sincerely appreciate these notifications.

When planning for the evening activities, we ensure sufficent staff are in place, as well as supplies are purchased for the number of those registered. When there are no shows, we have incurred costs that cannot be recouped. In addition, those kids who do attend are disappointed that they won't be able to interact with their friends and their experience is less enjoyable.

Starting January 2023, we are implementing a minimum \$5 registration fee for evening activities. If your child attends, the \$5 will be refunded to them. If they are a no show and no notice has been given, we will apply this minimum fee to the costs of program supplies.

Also starting January 2023, fees for PA Day, March Break, Summer and Christmas Breal Day Camps will be increased, from \$30 to \$40 per day, no HST required. For our Kidz in the Kitchen programs that are held three times per year, fees will be increased from \$12.50 to \$16 per week, no HST required.

For special excursions that can occur throughout the year (e.g. Bus trip to Mont Cascade or Marked for the day), new rates will be determined and published in advance. No HST is required.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email: <u>cpyouthcenter@gmail.com</u> I trust you will understand the need for these changes and we really look forward to hosting your children again next year.

Regards

Gail Logan, Executive Director