

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
ROOM 1, BOWEN PARK COMPLEX
500 BOWEN ROAD
THURSDAY, 2015-MAR-19, COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioner Ian Thorpe, Acting Chair

Members: Commissioner W. Pratt
Commissioner K. Alden
Commissioner L. Avis
Commissioner M. Beaudoin-Lobb
Commissioner H. Houle
Commissioner A. McPherson
Commissioner D. Rinald
Commissioner G. Savage
Commissioner M. Young

Regrets: Commissioner G. Fuller

Staff: R. Harding, Director, Parks, Recreation and Environment
M. Smith, Manager of Recreation Services
A. Britton, Acting Manager of Parks Operations
K. MacDonald, Parks and Open Space Planner
R. Tweed, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. SELECTION OF CHAIR:

The Chair for the evening's meetings was selected at the Special Open Commission meeting which commenced at 5:32 p.m.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

The following delegations were added under Item 9.(e) Draft Beban Park Master Plan Update:

2. Lesley Coultish, Nanaimo Equestrian Association.
3. Peter McCaffery – Nanaimo Velodrome Proposal.
4. Karen Streeter & Stephen Kass, Vancouver Island Exhibition.
5. Jennifer McGarrigle, Nanaimo Mountain Bike Club.
6. Christopher Brown, Bowen Road Farmers Market.

Commissioner Houle wished to add:

- Item 5(a) Discussion of the minutes of 2014-NOV-26.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda, as amended, be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- (a) Discussion: Commissioner Houle inquired as to the progress of the LEAP matter from the 2014-NOV-26 minutes. Staff advised that they were working on different draft options and the matter will be returned to Commission in April.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the regular Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting held Wednesday, 2014-NOV-26, at 6:00 p.m., in the Service and Resource Centre Board Room. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

6. PRESENTATIONS:

- (a) Thank you presentation plaque to the Commission from the Vancouver Island Exhibition.

Commissioner Thorpe received on behalf of the Commission and the City.

- (b) Moving Forward: Partnering with Parks, Recreation and Environment to Build Child and Youth Centres - Ian Kalina, Executive Director, Boys & Girls Club of Central Vancouver Island; Chris Beaton, Executive Director, Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre; and, Joy Bremner, President, Mid-Island Metis Nation.

Mr. Kalina advised that Joy Bremner sends her regrets due to a conflicting meeting.

The “Three Amigos” (Boys & girls Clubs of Central Vancouver Island, Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre, and Mid Island Métis Nation) would like to explore partnership opportunities with the City of Nanaimo. They would like to have a Boys & Girls Club/Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre at Beban Park.

7. CHAIR’S REPORT: (None.)

8. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:

- (a) Parks Committee: No meeting held.
- (b) Recreation Committee: No meeting held.
- (c) Grants Advisory Committee: Commissioner Avis advised that no meetings have been held.

9. **STAFF REPORTS:**

(a) **Travel Assistance Grant – Nanaimo Lawn Bowling Club – Mary Smith.**

It was moved and seconded that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that Council approve the application for a Travel Assistance Grant to the Nanaimo Lawn Bowling Club in the amount of \$400.00 for four athletes to attend the IBD World Bowls for Disabled Championship, being held in Wellington, New Zealand. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) **Travel Assistance Grant – Vancouver Island Special Needs Hockey Association – Mary Smith.**

It was moved and seconded that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that Council approve the application for a Travel Assistance Grant to the Vancouver Island Special Needs Hockey Association in the amount of \$1,300.00 for 13 athletes to attend the UTC Winter Hockey Festival, being held in Valencia, California. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) **Travel Assistance Grant – Nanaimo Raiders Lacrosse – Mary Smith.**

It was moved and seconded that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that Council approve the application for a Travel Assistance Grant to the Nanaimo Raiders Lacrosse in the amount of \$950.00 for 19 athletes to attend the Youth Field Lacrosse Provincials, being held in Burnaby, B.C. The motion carried unanimously.

(d) **Travel Assistance Grant – Harbour City Football Club – Mary Smith.**

It was moved and seconded that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that Council approve the application for a Travel Assistance Grant to the Harbour City Football club in the amount of \$350.00 for 7 athletes to attend the Provincial A Cup U18 Girls Soccer Tournament, being held in Surrey, B.C. The motion carried unanimously.

(e) **Draft Beban Park Master Plan Update – Kirsty MacDonald (Presentation and Report).**

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation and history on the development of Beban Park.

Delegations:

1. Pat Wells, Nanaimo Community Gardens Society.

The greenhouse site presently at the RDN treatment plant and has been there since 2000; however, they have been given notice that the NCGS must move by August 2015. They would like to be more centrally located and open to the public at Beban Park.

It was moved and seconded that the delegation be received. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Lesley Coultish, Nanaimo Equestrian Association.

Ms. Coultish provided a PowerPoint presentation and handout. She stressed the need for contained perimeter fencing without traffic pattern through it. The Association feels that the proposed roadway will divide the Park. They would like to see improvement and expansion of current access points, and that the camping policy be revised to allow Licence/Lease holders to retain the funds from camping and allow for hookups.

It was moved and seconded that the delegation be received. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Peter McCaffery – Nanaimo Velodrome Proposal.

Mr. McCaffery provided a PowerPoint presentation. He is suggesting a 200 meter track and would like to have it located at Beban Park beside the agriplex.

It was moved and seconded that the delegation be received. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Karen Streeter & Stephen Kass, Vancouver Island Exhibition.

The VIEx is working towards constructing a new agricultural centre at the Beban Park grounds and supports the draft Beban Park Master Plan as it brings this concept closer to reality. They would like to undertake another expansion to the Beban Urban Gardens to include a greenhouse. Additionally, they would like a commitment letter so that they can apply for grants for a new year-round agricultural centre. They feel that there is the possibility of the roadway dividing up the ground and creating too much traffic in the area. Also, that the proposed area for the amphitheatre may not accommodate the size of crowd that attends during the VIEx weekend.

It was moved and seconded that the delegation be received. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Jennifer McGarrigle, Nanaimo Mountain Bike Club.

Ms. McGarrigle advised that the NMBC would like to develop a skills area and trail network at Beban Park to further the future of the sport in the community. This network would allow beginner level riders to increase their skills, provide places where all family members could ride, and would be a perfect area to run skills courses. Their suggestion is that it be located by the BMX track and below the Dog Off-Leash Area.

It was moved and seconded that the delegation be received. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Houle left the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

6. Christopher Brown, Bowen Road Farmers Market.

Mr. Brown thanked Commission for allowing space for the yearly market. The market group support the inclusion of farmers market; however, would like to see a year-round covered farmers market, and Beban Park could be the site of an agricultural multi-plex.

It was moved and seconded that the delegation be received. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that Council approve the Draft Beban Park Master Plan to guide future improvement and development to the park. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks and Recreation Commission direct Staff to modify the road network concept prior to proceeding to Council. The motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Minutes of the Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors Board of Directors meetings, held 2014-DEC-05, 2015-JAN-09, 2015-FEB-06, and 2015-MAR-15.

It was moved and seconded that the correspondence be received. The motion carried unanimously.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION: (None.)

12. OTHER BUSINESS:

13. DELEGATIONS (not related to a Report to Commission):

- (a) Allan Boos - requesting that the City revisit its policy related to retail vendors in City parks.

Mr. Boos would like the opportunity to promote arts and sell hand made goods in Nanaimo parks.

Staff are to meet with Mr. Boos to review the matter and provide him with information on the Thursday market, and the new market that will be starting on Wednesdays at Bowen.

It was moved and seconded that the delegation be received. The motion carried unanimously:

- (b) Ryan Andrew – presenting to Commission on the concept of a Cable Wakeboard Park at the Nanaimo Lakes Road properties.

Mr. Andrew provided a PowerPoint presentation. He is seeking a lease at and on the old Reservoir #1 to develop a Cable Wakeboard Park.

Staff advised that there is a land use plan that will be coming through Commission to Council. The old reservoir is no longer required for its original purpose. The final decision will be Council's.

It was moved and seconded that the delegation be received. The motion carried unanimously.

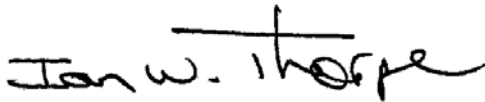
14. QUESTION PERIOD: *(No questions.)*

15. ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair thanked all members of Commission and the staff involved in all the work that has been put into developing all the positive things in the community during this past term.

It was moved and seconded at 9:23 p.m. that the meeting adjourn.
The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Ian Thorpe, Acting Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission



Richard Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Environment