

**AGENDA**  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM  
**MONDAY, 2014-NOV-17**, COMMENCING AT 5:00 P.M.

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CHAIR: COMMISSIONER IAN THORPE

1. **CALL THE REGULAR PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER:**

2. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:**

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** *(Motion required to adopt the agenda.)*

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

- (a) Minutes of the Regular Parks Committee Meeting held Thursday, 2014-OCT-09, at 4:34 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room. Pgs.  
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*(Motion required to adopt the minutes.)*

5. **PRESENTATIONS:** (None.)

6. **CHAIR'S REPORT:** (None.)

7. **REPORTS OF PROJECT COMMITTEES:** (None.)

8. **STAFF REPORTS:**

- (a) **Batting Cage Proposal At Beban Park - Update - Kirsty Macdonald** Pgs.  
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*Purpose: That the Parks Committee receive this Report for information.*

Delegations: (None.)

Correspondence: (None.)

*(Motion required to receive report.)*

- (b) **Westwood Lake Shelter – Verbal Report – Kirsty MacDonald**

*Purpose: To provide an update on the status of the Westwood Lake Shelter.*

Delegations: (None.)

Correspondence: (None.)

*(Motion required to receive verbal report.)*

(c) **Draft Beban Park Master Plan – Verbal Update – Kirsty MacDonald**

*Purpose: To provide an update on the status of the Draft Beban Park Master Plan.*

Delegations: (None.)

Correspondence: (None.)

*(Motion required to receive verbal report.)*

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** (None.)

10. **NOTICE OF MOTION:**

11. **OTHER BUSINESS:** *(Motion required if there is other business.)*

12. **DELEGATIONS:** (None.)

13. **QUESTION PERIOD:** *(Agenda Items Only.)*

14. **ADJOURNMENT:** *(Motion required to adjourn.)*

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**MINUTES**  
**PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM,**  
**THURSDAY, 2014-OCT-09, COMMENCING AT 4:30 P.M.**

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PRESENT: Commissioner Ian Thorpe, Chair

Members: Commissioner Diana Johnstone  
Commissioner Graham Savage  
Commissioner Maureen Young

Regrets: Commissioner Donald Rinald

Staff: K. MacDonald, Parks & Open Space Planner  
R. Tweed, Recording

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

It was moved and seconded that the delegation, Item 12.(a), be moved forward in the Agenda to be received prior to Item 5. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the regular Parks Committee meeting held Thursday, 2014-SEP-11, at 6:03 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. DELEGATIONS (not related to a Report to the Parks Committee): (10 MINUTES)

- (a) Dan Brady and Norm Thibault representing Runners of Compassion and the greater Nanaimo trail, running, and mountain biking community with regard to building an all-weather shelter and bike wash station at Westwood Lake Park.

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

It was moved and seconded that the Parks Committee recommend that the Parks Recreation and Culture Commission approve this project subject to further staff input, discussions and site visitations. The motion carried unanimously.

6. PRESENTATIONS: (None.)

7. CHAIR'S REPORT:

(a) Nanaimo Pickleball Club Request for Additional Pickleball Courts.

At the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting held on 2014-OCT-01, a delegation from the Nanaimo Pickleball Club addressed the limited availability of indoor and outdoor space for playing pickleball. The Club is looking for additional inside space and have presented their wish to have dedicated outdoor space as part of the Beban Park Master Plan. The delegates advised that six pickleball courts can fit in the same area as two tennis courts and they would like two courts at Beban Park converted to a dedicated pickleball space.

Commission determined by motion that the matter of converting the tennis courts at Beban Park be referred to Parks Committee for review as part of the Beban Park Master Plan process.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission

1. approve a one-year pilot project, to be defined subject to start date, to allow for two Pickleball courts within the confines of the tennis court located closest to Bowen Road at Beban Park; and,
2. direct staff to obtain feedback during the pilot and report back to the Commission with the results at the end of the pilot period.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. REPORTS OF PROJECT COMMITTEES: (None.)

9. STAFF REPORTS:

(a) Draft Beban Park Master Plan – Verbal Update – Kirsty MacDonald

*Purpose: To update the Parks Committee on the status of the Draft Beban Park Master Plan.*

*Commissioner Johnstone departed at 5:57 p.m.*

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

10. CORRESPONDENCE: (None.)

11. NOTICE OF MOTION: (None.)

12. OTHER BUSINESS: (None.)

13. QUESTION PERIOD: (None.)

14. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:00 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

*Ian W. Thorpe*

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Ian Thorpe  
CHAIR  
PARKS COMMITTEE

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

*K. MacDonald*

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Kirsty MacDonald  
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLANNER  
PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT

APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION:

*Richard Harding*

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Richard Harding  
DIRECTOR  
PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT

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## City of Nanaimo

### REPORT TO THE PARKS COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: 2014-NOV-13

AUTHORED BY: KIRSTY MACDONALD, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLANNER  
PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT

RE: BATTING CAGE PROPOSAL AT BEBAN PARK - UPDATE

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#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Parks Committee receive this Report for information.

#### PURPOSE:

To update the Parks Committee on the batting cage proposal at Beban Park and it's complement to the Beban Park Master Plan process.

#### BACKGROUND:

At the 2014-JUL-10 Parks Committee meeting, proponents presented a verbal and written proposal to erect a netted commercial fastball / baseball batting cage at Beban Park.

At that meeting, it was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that the Parks Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission:

1. keep the concept of a batting cage under consideration as the Beban Park Master Plan moves forward; and,
2. direct Staff to return to the Parks Committee with a report that summarized the public input and contains additional information from the proponent, including the noise study, schematic and infrastructure layout, and a business plan.

Subsequently, at their 2014-JUL-23 meeting, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission unanimously supported this motion.

#### DISCUSSION:

The location of the proposed batting cage is currently identified as a Recreation Expansion Area in the draft Beban Park Master Plan (see Schedule A). This designation is suitable for a variety of future recreational uses, including a batting cage facility.

The draft Beban Park Master Plan was presented to the public in the fall of 2014. Two public open houses were held with over 350 attendees as well as opportunities to give feedback via email, phone, and social media. Stakeholder groups (including sports teams) were also interviewed and invited to provide direct feedback. The batting cage proposal was highlighted on a poster at the end of the open house presentation (see Schedule B) and the respondents were asked what they thought of the batting cage proposal.

Public input comments regarding the batting cage were mixed - some people supported the idea and some did not. Those who responded, and were in support of the facility, thought that it might be more successful if it was located closer to the existing sport fields. Locations closer to the fields could be explored, but the current location was suggested by the proponents. The current location is also close to park access roads, centralizes some commercial activity and facilities, and is on neutral team ground. The proponents have spoken to ball teams in the central island area and are presently happy with the existing proposed location.

Additional information was requested from the applicant in July. Because no support has been confirmed for the project, the proponents have not furthered their site studies.

A noise study developed for a similar facility in another location has been shared by the proponents. This study found that the impact of 6 batting cages added about 20 decibels of sound to the atmosphere at a 20 foot distance away from the cages. With distance, the sound impacts decreased. At 300 feet or greater distance away from the cages, the increase in sound decibels was not detectable and a faint "ping" could be heard<sup>1</sup>. The nearest house on Rosstown Road is almost 700 feet away from the proposed batting cage location. The tennis courts and one hole of the golf course are within 300 feet of the proposed location.

The Draft Beban Park Master Plan will be reviewed by the Parks Recreation and Culture Commission again in the near future. Once adopted, the batting cage proposal could be supported in principle and further studies regarding the batting cage proposal could move forward.

Respectfully submitted,



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RICHARD HARDING, DIRECTOR  
PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT

#### Attachments

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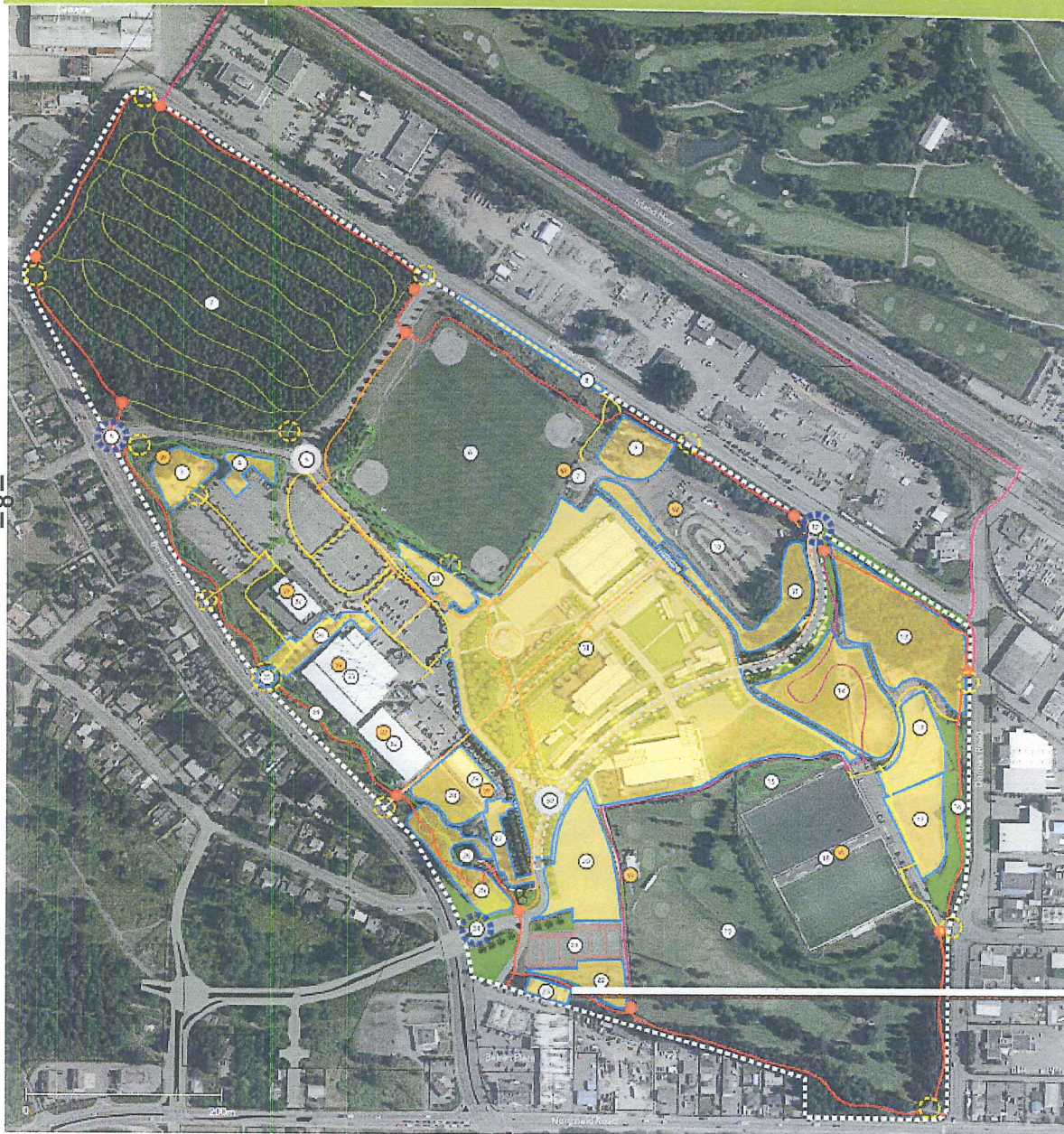
<sup>1</sup> Pflum, Klausmeir and Gehrum Consultants. (1992). *Noise Impact Analysis Proposing Batting Cage—Beavercreek, Ohio*. [report] Cincinnati, Ohio, pp.4-9



# Schedule A—Draft Beban Park Master Plan Site Vision

Beban Park Tomorrow...  
Beban Park Master Plan Update

Schematic Site Vision



## Legend

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|---|---|
| Beban Park Boundary                           | Beban Parkway - Extension and Roundabout  |
| Perimeter Multi-Use Trail                     | Washroom                                  |
| Internal Trail Enhancements                   | Park Amenities - Proposed or Enhanced     |
| Agri-Loop Trail - 2.30km or 3036 steps        | Pedestrian Focused Gateway                |
| ESN Loop Trail - 2.40km or 3168 steps         | Vehicular Focused Gateway                 |
| Dog Walking Loop Trail - 1.85km or 2442 steps | Flexible Space and Storm Water Management |
| Kinsmen Particpark - 2.10km or 2772 steps     |   |
| Perimeter Trail Node                          |   |
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| ① Enhanced Major Vehicular Entrance to Park         | ⑲ Golf Course - Pitch & Putt                    |
| ② Kinsmen Particpark                                | ⑳ Enhanced Parking Area                         |
| ③ Enhanced Atrius Playground                        | ㉑ Tennis Courts                                 |
| ④ Proposed Sport Court and Fitness Improvement Area | ㉒ Proposed Recreation Expansion Area            |
| ⑤ Proposed Roundabout                               | ㉓ Enhanced Parking Area                         |
| ⑥ Gyro Fields                                       | ㉔ Enhanced Major Vehicular Entrance to Park     |
| ⑦ Field House                                       | ㉕ Improved Open Space                           |
| ⑧ Proposed Parking Extension                        | ㉖ Beban House                                   |
| ⑨ Proposed Bike Skills Area                         | ㉗ Enhanced Parking Area                         |
| ⑩ Marie Davidson BMX Bike Park                      | ㉘ Proposed Fitness Area                         |
| ⑪ Proposed Bike Clinic Area                         | ㉙ Centennial Building                           |
| ⑫ Enhanced Major Vehicular Entrance to Park         | ㉚ Beban Parkway Extension and Roundabout        |
| ⑬ Proposed Recreation Expansion Area                | ㉛ Central Facility Development Opportunity Area |
| ⑭ Enhanced Dog Park Area                            | ㉜ Cliff McNabb Arena                            |
| ⑮ Flexible Space and Storm Water Management Area    | ㉝ Pool and Frank Crane Arena                    |
| ⑯ Proposed Planted Buffer                           | ㉞ Proposed Bowen Road Frontage Improvements     |
| ⑰ Proposed Parking Area                             | ㉟ Enhanced Transit Hub                          |
| ㉠ Artificial Turf Fields                            | ㊱ Proposed Broadway                             |
|   | ㊲ Social Centre                                 |
|   | ㊳ Enhanced Parking Area                         |

Proposed location for the  
batting cage. #22.  
Recreation Expansion area



## Schedule B- Public Input Poster Fall 2014

Beban Park Tomorrow...  
Beban Park Master Plan Update

Proposed Batting Cage,  
What do you think?

In the summer of 2014, a private group approached the Parks Recreation and Environment Commission to propose that a batting cage be built at Beban Park, in the area to the south of the tennis courts, see map.

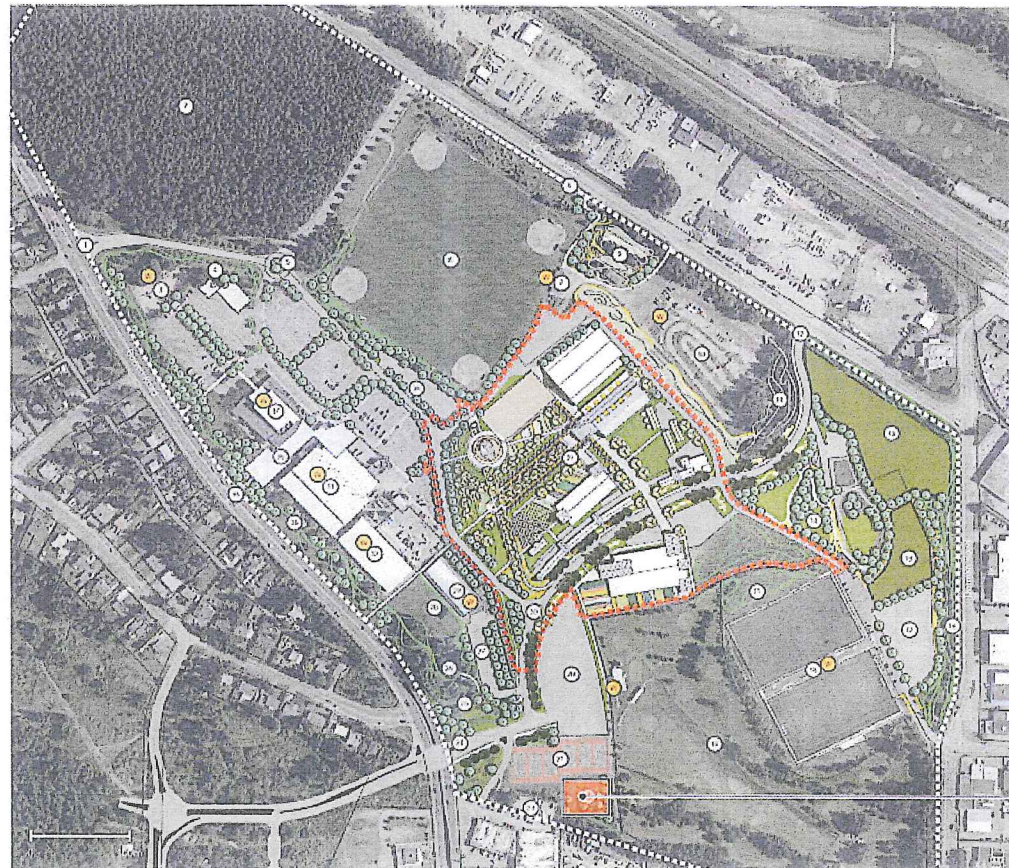


### Development

The development / construction of the batting cage would be:

- A survey of the property for elevations, and the locations of existing underground utilities.
- Excavation of the property to form a sloped foundation.
- The installation of drainage, plumbing and power.
- The forming and installation of the batting cage foundation (app. 14,000 s.q. ft.)
- The erection of the perimeter fencing, batting cage, kiosk / storage, and canopy to cover the batting area.
- The installation of 6-8 pitching machines, elevator (ball retrieval), and coin / token control boxes.

Note: The pitching machines will feature the "Iron Mike" machines that can pitch in both wet and dry conditions.



### Seasonal Operation

It is estimated that the batting cage would have a seasonal operation schedule with peak operating times during the summer months (open 7 days / wk for 12 hours / day), a shorter limited operating season during the spring and fall (5 hour days on weekdays, 10 hours on weekends and holidays), and off season operation (Nov-Jan.) by appointment / reservation.

### Management / Employment

The Company would employ, supervision and service of the facility during business hours.

### Liability

The company would provide liability and property insurance for the facility. In addition, patrons will be required to meet age limitations and sign consent waivers.

### Financing

The project would be privately financed by Bat'n 367 Ltd. Public funding is not required.

### Lease / License Agreement

Bat'n 367 Ltd. seeks a long-term lease / license agreement similar to the existing agreements at the Beban Park Golf Course.

Proposed location for batting cage  
150' x 180'