

**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.)

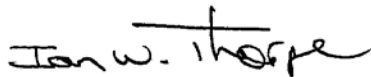
11. NOTICE OF MOTION: (None.)

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.



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Ian Thorpe  
CHAIR  
PARKS COMMITTEE

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

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Richard Harding  
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