

**AGENDA**  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM  
THURSDAY, 2014-JUL-10, COMMENCING AT 5:30 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) Notes of the Regular Parks Committee Meeting held Thursday, 2014-JUN-12, at 5:06 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room. *Pgs. 3-4*

*(Motion required to adopt the minutes)*

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

6. **CHAIR'S REPORT:**

- (a) At the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting held on 2014-JUN-25, Mr. Travis Whiteman appeared before Commission presenting a proposal to erect a netted commercial fastball / baseball batting cage at Beban Park.

Commission determined by motion that they would refer the matter to the Parks Committee for review and report back to Commission.

Presentation:

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Mr. Jamie Davis and Mr. Travis Whiteman, presenting a verbal, visual and written proposal to erect a netted commercial fastball / baseball batting cage at Beban Park.

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

8. **STAFF REPORTS:** (None.)

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

10. **NOTICE OF MOTION:**

11. **OTHER BUSINESS:** *(Motion is required if there is other business.)*
12. **DELEGATIONS** (not related to a Report to the Parks Committee): (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-JUN-12, COMMENCING AT 5:00 P.M.**

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PRESENT: Commissioner Ian Thorpe, Chair

Members: Commissioner Diana Johnstone  
Commissioner Donald Rinald  
Commissioner Graham Savage  
Commissioner Maureen Young

Staff: A. Britton, Manager, Parks Operations  
K. MacDonald, Parks & Open Space Planner  
R. Tweed, Recording

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS: (None.)

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the 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-MAR-13, at 5:03 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

- (a) Kirsty MacDonald, Parks & Open Space Planner, and Al Britton, Manager, Parks Operations, provided an update on current and ongoing projects within the Section.

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

6. CHAIR'S REPORT: (None.)

7. REPORTS OF PROJECT COMMITTEES: (None.)

8. STAFF REPORTS: (None.)

9. CORRESPONDENCE: (None.)

10. NOTICE OF MOTION: (None.)
11. OTHER BUSINESS: (None.)
12. DELEGATIONS: (None.)
13. QUESTION PERIOD: (No questions.)
14. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:19 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

*Ian W. Thorpe*

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Ian Thorpe  
CHAIR  
PARKS COMMITTEE

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION:

*K. MacDonald*

*Richard Harding*

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

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Richard Harding  
DIRECTOR  
PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT

**Bat'n 367 Ltd.**

Batting Cage Proposal

Jamie Davis / Travis Whiteman

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PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT

**ABSTRACT JUNE 2014**

The construction of a batting cage at Beban Park, Nanaimo



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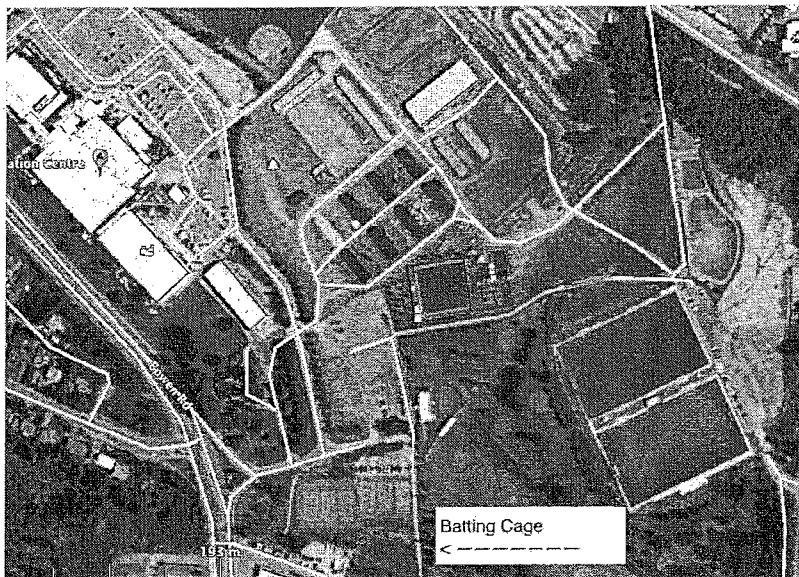
Was formed in the spring of 2014 with the goal of building a baseball/softball batting cage in Nanaimo. (Bat'n "367" is a reference to the Major League batting average record held by Ty Cobb.)

There are over 650 registered baseball players, and 1000 registered in fastball. We estimate the local region, including adult fastball, baseball, and slow pitch leagues, represents over 2000 players.

In conversation with league presidents, coaches, parents, and players, our proposal to open a batting cage has been well received.

We propose that the batting cage be built at Beban Park, in the area to the south of the tennis courts (behind Quality Foods).

- The batting cage will compliment the tennis, golf, lawn bowling, and baseball facilities already in place at Beban Park.
- The central Nanaimo location is ideal and allows players to access the facility by foot, vehicle, bus, and bicycle.
- The location will not interfere with the future long-term developmental plans currently in progress.



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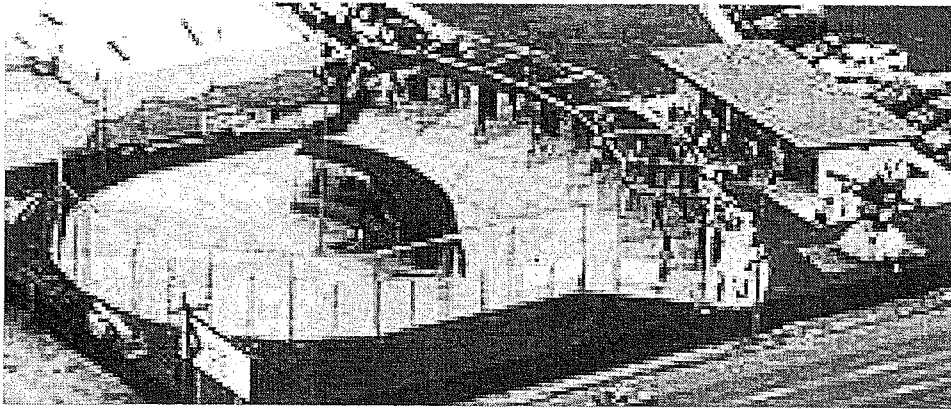
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### Development

The development/construction of the batting cage will include:

- A survey of the property for elevations, and the location 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 sq/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.



Sample Photo



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## Seasonal Operation

It is estimated that the batting cage will have a seasonal operation schedule with peak operating times during the summer months (open 7 days/wk for 12 hours/day), a shoulder 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 will employ supervision and service of the facility during business hours.

## Liability

The company will 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 will 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.

Davis/Whiteman

