

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION
SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE BOARD ROOM
WEDNESDAY, 2013-APR-24, AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioner D. Johnstone, Chair

Members: Commissioner T. Greves
Commissioner F. Pattje
Commissioner K. Alden
Commissioner L. Avis
Commissioner H. Houle
Commissioner A. McPherson
Commissioner D. Rinald
Commissioner G. Savage
Commissioner I. Thorpe
Commissioner M. Young

Regrets: Commissioner M. Beaudoin-Lobb

Staff: S. Samborski, Senior Manager, Parks Recreation and Culture
J. Ritchie, Senior Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture
J. Farrell, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:01p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Replace Pages 25-26 of Item 8 (a) Staff Report – Travel Assistance Grant – Nanaimo Ebttides, Masters Swimming Provincial Championships.
- (b) Replace Pages 31-32 of Item 8 (c) Staff Report – Travel Assistance Grant – Nanaimo U12 Diamonds, Provincial Championships.
- (c) Replace Pages 35-36 of Item 8 (d) Staff Report – Travel Assistance Grant – Nanaimo U14 Girls, Provincial Championships.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Meeting held Wednesday, 2013-MAR-27 at 7:01 p.m. in the

Service and Resource Centre Board Room be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

- (a) Mr. Bruce Halliday, General Manager of The Port Theatre, presented an update on The Port Theatre operations and the future plans for a studio rehearsal space.
- (b) Mr. Eric Demers, professor of Biology at Vancouver Island University gave a presentation on the research he is conducting on bird species in Buttertubs Marsh West.
- (c) D. Beck, Program Coordinator, G. Pasaluko, Horticulture Supervisor, and R. Lawrance, Environmental Planner, gave a presentation on Invasive Plant Species Management in Nanaimo. The month of May is "Invasive Plant Awareness Month."

6. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:

- (a) Parks Committee: No meeting held.
- (b) Recreation Committee: No meeting held.
- (c) Cultural Committee: Commissioner Pattje gave a verbal report on the Cultural Committee meeting held 2013-APR-03. The Committee passed a motion to send a letter of apology in response to Mr. Phillip Field regarding his credentials with the Vancouver Island Symphony.

i. Donation of "The Frame" by Jason Gress

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council accept the public art piece ***The Frame by Jason Gress*** from the Nanaimo Art Gallery in accordance with the Community Plan for Public Art (adopted in 2010). The motion carried unanimously.

- (d) Grants Advisory Committee: No meetings held since 2013-MAR-27.
- (e) Port Theatre: Monthly report for March 2013.
- (f) Nanaimo Art Gallery: Monthly report for March 2013.
- (g) Nanaimo District Museum: Monthly report for March 2013.

7. STAFF REPORTS:

- (a) Travel Assistance Grant – Nanaimo Ebbtides Masters Swimming Provincial Championships
Vancouver, British Columbia

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the application for a Travel Assistance Grant to the Nanaimo Ebbtides in the amount of \$500 for 10 swimmers to attend the Masters Swimming Provincial Championships being held in Vancouver, British Columbia. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Travel Assistance Grant – Nanaimo Ebbtides
Masters Swimming National Championships
Ottawa, Ontario

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the application for a Travel Assistance Grant to the Nanaimo Ebbtides in the amount of \$100 for 1 swimmer to attend the Masters Swimming National Championships being held in Ottawa, Ontario. The motion carried unanimously.

- (c) Travel Assistance Grant – Nanaimo District Minor Fastball Association U12
Diamonds
Softball BC U12 B Girls' Provincial Championships
Sicamous, British Columbia

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the application for a Travel Assistance Grant to the Nanaimo District Minor Fastball Association U12 Diamonds in the amount of \$600 for 12 players to attend the Softball BC U12 B Girls' Provincial Championships being held in Sicamous, BC. The motion carried unanimously.

- (d) Travel Assistance Grant – Nanaimo District Minor Fastball Association U14
Girls
Provincial Softball Championships
Abbotsford, British Columbia

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the application for a Travel Assistance Grant to the Nanaimo District Minor Fastball Association U14 Girls in the amount of \$600 for 12 players to attend the U14 Provincial Softball Championships being held in Abbotsford, BC. The motion carried unanimously.

- (e) Dog Off Leash Parks –
K. MacDonald, Parks and Open Space Planner

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the recommendation that the following one-year pilot sites become permanent Dog Off-Leash Parks:

- i. Wardropper Park
- ii. Gallows Point
- iii. Forested area adjacent to May Richards Bennett Pioneer Park
- iv. Northfield Park

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission defer the recommendation to permit off-leash dogs on the Diver Lake field throughout the year until Staff return with a report on cost estimates for fully fencing the off-leash area.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the recommendation to embark on a dog etiquette campaign to raise awareness about bylaws regarding dog rules and expectations. The motion carried unanimously.

(f) Senior Manager of Parks and Civic Facilities: Monthly report for March 2013.

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

(g) Senior Manager of Recreation and Culture Services: Monthly report for March 2013.

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

8. CORRESPONDENCE: (not related to a Report to Commission)

(a) Letter dated 2013-MAR-14 from Brian Scorer, Event Chairman, thanking Commission for their support of the Combined Provincial Curling Championship event.

(b) Letter dated 2013-FEB-26 from James Duthie, Treasurer, A Cappella Plus Choral Society, thanking Commission for their generous operating grant of \$1,500 received for the 2013-2014 season.

(c) Letter dated 2013-MAR-21 from Chris Bassett, Director of Player Development for the Nanaimo Breakers Fast Pitch Association, thanking Commission for their generous grant of \$20,000 that assisted in the construction of a batting cage at May Richards Bennett Pioneer Park.

(d) Minutes of the Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors Board of Directors meeting, held 2013-APR-05.

(e) Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors Board of Directors, held 2013-APR-10.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 9:05pm that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



D. Johnstone, Chair
Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission



R. Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture

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