

**MINUTES**  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE BOARD ROOM  
WEDNESDAY, 2013-MAR-27, AT 7:00 P.M.

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PRESENT: Commissioner D. Johnstone, Chair

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

Staff: R. Harding, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture  
S. Samborski, Senior Manager, Parks Recreation and Culture  
J. Ritchie, Senior Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture  
J. Farrell, Recording Secretary  
C. Kuziw, Recording

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

(a) It was moved and seconded that the delegations be moved forward on the agenda to appear after Item 5, Presentations. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) It was moved and seconded that the presentation by J. Ritchie, Senior Manager Parks and Civic Facilities, be moved to Item 8 (a). 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, Recreation and Culture Commission Meeting held Wednesday, 2013-FEB-27 at 7:03 p.m. in the Service and Resource Centre Board Room be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

- (a) Ms. Camela Tang, President of the Nanaimo Boathouse Society presented the concept on the Nanaimo Boathouse & Paddling Centre.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that the society proceed with a feasibility study on the concept of the Nanaimo Boathouse and Paddling Centre at the Brechin Boat Ramp. The motion carried unanimously.

6. DELEGATIONS:

- (a) Ms. Shawna Drinnan, and Ms. Yvonne Vander Kooi presented a request for a \$5,000 VIP Grant for community-based art at Forest Drive Gyro Park.

It was moved and seconded that a \$5,000 VIP Grant be awarded to Forest Drive Gyro Park for community-based art. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Mr. Enyat Moshrefzadeh, of the Departure Bay Activity Centre Table Tennis Group gave a verbal report on the current and past programming history of Table Tennis at Departure Bay Activity Centre. The group requested that Table Tennis Programming remain as a PRC program and that it continue to occur on Sundays.

It was moved and seconded to receive the delegation. The motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:

- (a) Parks Committee. Commissioner Thorpe gave a verbal report on the Parks Committee meeting held 2013-MAR-14.

- i. Nanaimo Community Gardens Greenhouse Proposal for Beban Park.

Delegations:

1. Ms. Pat Wells and Ms. Beckie Mann of Nanaimo Community Gardens Society gave a presentation and requested Commission's support for the Nanaimo Community Gardens Society Greenhouse Proposal for Beban Park and that it be funded from the VIP Grant up to \$25,000.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission support in principle the Nanaimo Community Gardens Society Greenhouse Proposal for Beban Park and that it be funded from the VIP Grant Program up to \$25,000 for this project. The motion was unanimously defeated.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the project in principle and include the concept in the upcoming Beban Park Master Plan process as an improvement option and \$25,000 held in abeyance and not proceed until an updated Beban Park Master Plan has been approved by Council. The motion carried. **OPPOSED: Commissioner Greves**

ii. Segway Tours 2013.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the pilot project of Segway tours be extended for another year at Bowen Park. The motion carried. ***OPPOSED: Commissioners Greves and Avis.***

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the license agreement be revised to include the Parkway Trail from and within the limits of East Wellington Road to Mostar Road. The motion was defeated. ***OPPOSED: Commissioners Greves, Pattje, Alden, Avis, Beaudoin-Lobb, Houle, McPherson and Young.***

- (b) Cultural Committee. Commissioner Pattje gave a verbal report on the Gord Hume Workshop, success of the Cultural Awards on 2013-MAR-14, and the choice of the Indoor Art selection for the Service and Resource Centre.

i. Cultural Grants Process And Criteria Review.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve a call for the review of the cultural grants process and criteria as part of the cultural planning process and that a recommendation regarding the review be included in the plan. The motion carried unanimously.

ii. Service And Resource Centre Indoor Art Selection.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the selection "Social Mixer" by Mark Ashby for the Service and Resource Centre (SARC) Indoor Art Competition. The motion carried unanimously.

- (c) Grants Advisory Committee. Commissioner Ian Thorpe reported on the meeting held 2013-MAR-20.
- (d) Port Theatre. Monthly report for February 2013.
- (e) Nanaimo Art Gallery. Monthly report for February 2013.
- (f) Nanaimo District Museum. Monthly report for February/March 2013.

8. STAFF REPORTS:

J. Ritchie, Senior Manager, Parks and Civic Facilities, gave a verbal report and presentation on the status of the Diana Krall Plaza.

- (a) Status of the Diana Krall Plaza Improvement Plan – K. MacDonald, Parks and Open Space Planner.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission receive this information regarding the status of the Diana Krall Plaza Improvement Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Junior B Hockey Club (Nanaimo Buccaneers) Construction and Long-term Lease of a Proposed Dressing Room at the Nanaimo Ice Centre –  
R. Harding – Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission request that Council:

1. Approve the concept in principle of the Nanaimo Buccaneers Hockey Club building a dressing room at the Nanaimo Ice Centre as illustrated (see attached Schedule A) and with the understanding that City's contribution to the construction and maintenance costs would only be the land via a park lease agreement;
2. Direct Staff to draft a lease agreement for Council's review and consideration that would include the required public review process of leasing parkland; and,
3. Agree that final approval to proceed to construction of the dressing room would not occur until the public Alternative Approval Process (AAP) has been completed and that the Club had secured all capital funding and required permits.

The motion carried unanimously.

- (c) Parks, Recreation and Culture Sports Field Allocation Guidelines –  
Jeff Ritchie, Senior Manager, Parks and Civic Facilities.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission adopt the Sports Field Allocation Guidelines. The motion carried unanimously.

- (d) Memorandum of Understanding with Nanaimo Minor Baseball Association (NMBA) –  
Jeff Ritchie, Senior Manager, Parks and Civic Facilities.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission receive for information. The motion carried unanimously.

- (e) Senior Manager of Parks And Civic Facilities. Monthly report for February 2013.

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

- (f) Senior Manager of Recreation And Culture Services. Monthly report for February 2013.

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

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

- (a) Letter received 2013-MAR-05 from Gerod Haukenfrers, President of the Nanaimo Blues Festival thanking the Commission for the recent grant funding they received.

- (b) Letter dated 2013-MAR-04 from Kathryn Grant, President, Malaspina Choir extending thanks for the grant received for the 2012-2013 season.
- (c) Letter dated 2013-MAR-08 from Nanaimo Chamber Orchestra thanking the Commission for their generous grant of \$3,100 to the Nanaimo Chamber Orchestra.
- (d) Letter dated 2013-MAR-15 from the Nanaimo Child Development Centre thanking Commission for the grant funding for the Silly Boat Regatta event.
- (e) Minutes of the Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors, Board of Directors meeting, held 2013-FEB-01.

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

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Departure Bay Activity Centre Table Tennis Group

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission support the Staff recommendation that the Table Tennis registered program be changed from Thursday/Sunday to Tuesday/Thursday and that assistance be offered to the group to facilitate the formation of a club and assist with the facility bookings to enable competitive tournament and league play on Sundays. The motion carried. **Opposed: Commissioner Greves.**

11. QUESTION PERIOD:

NONE.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 9:53pm that the meeting adjourn.  
The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



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D. Johnstone, Chair  
Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission



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R. Harding, Director  
Parks, Recreation and Culture