

**NOTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
RECREATION COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, 2013-JAN-09, COMMENCING AT 3:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioner Ted Greves, Chair

Members: Commissioner Karen Alden
Commissioner Diana Johnstone

Regrets: Commissioner Lynda Avis
Commissioner Mercedes Beaudoin-Lobb
S. Samborski

Staff: M. Smith C. Kuziw, Recording

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS: (None.)

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF MEETING NOTES:

- (a) Meeting Notes of the Regular Recreation Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 2012-NOV-14 at 3:00 p.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting notes of 2012-NOV-14 be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS: (None.)

6. CHAIR'S REPORT: (None.)

7. REPORTS OF PROJECT COMMITTEES: (None.)

8. STAFF REPORTS:

- (a) Corporate Passes – Sandy Raddysh / Suzanne Samborski.

Discussion had on the successful number of corporate participants using these passes.

Delegations: (None.)

Correspondence: (None.)

Staff's Recommendation: *That the Recreation Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the continuation of the Corporate Pass Program.*

It was moved and seconded to adopt the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) **Bylaw 7073 Review: Fees and Charges – General Principles - Mary Smith.**

Discussion was had on whether all the references to 'rentals' will be removed from the revised bylaw. Mary Smith to will see that it is removed in the appropriate areas.

Delegations: (None.)

Correspondence: (None.)

Staff's Recommendation: *That the Recreation Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the following changes to the General Principles for Fees, Charges and Rentals section of Bylaw 7073:*

1. Item 1 under General Principles for Fees, Charges and Rentals: *Fees, charges and rentals should supplement tax appropriations as a source of revenue for Parks, Recreation and Culture Department services and facilities and should not be the primary source of funds for their operation. The objective is to subsidize admission fees for children up to 50% of the adult rate for the equivalent service. Students and seniors are subsidized up to 25% of the adult rate.*
2. Item 9 under General Principles for Fees, Charges and Rentals: *All fees subject to applicable taxes unless otherwise specified.*

It was moved and seconded that the Recreation Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the changes to Item 1 and Item 9 of the General Principles for Fees, Charges and Rentals section of Bylaw 7073 to read as above. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) **Bylaw 7073 Review: Fees and Charges – Categories – Mary Smith.**

Senior 80 years and older

- Discussion was had on the Senior 80 years and older category and the impact of reinstating the fees to this demographic. Mary Smith explained that anyone in this demographic that could not afford to pay the regular Senior rate (25% reduction of full adult admission rate) would be eligible to apply for the LEAP program for subsidization if required.
- The stats show that the demographic was well supported (over 7400 admissions in 2012) so why should it be dropped. Mary Smith explained that for consistency with all age groups, drop-in admission payment

should be based on ability to pay vs simply age. The LEAP program is applied equally to all age groups.

- There was discussion on possible and current collaboration with VIHA to assist this demographic.
- Discussion was had on the original rational in 2009 when this demographic was subsidized. Other communities were offering similar passes.
- Family Pass Discussion – Discussion had on past need for this modification to the Family Pass. A delegation to Commission in November 2012 requested this pass be modified to accommodate families with more than 5 members.
- Challenges of adopting option (c) were discussed as well as the current admission fee breakdown of the Family Pass of option (a).
- Discussion was had on the appropriate percentage for option (b).

Delegations: (None.)

Correspondence: (None.)

Staff's Recommendations:

1. *That the Recreation Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the following changes to the Fees and Charges Categories for Fees, Charges and Rentals section of Bylaw 7073:*
 - (a) *Change title from 'Fees and Charges Categories' to 'Drop-in Fees and Charges Categories'.*
 - (b) *Remove the category 'Senior (80 and older)' and reinstate a charge for this demographic.*
2. *That the Recreation Committee provide direction from the options provided, or make another recommendation, for families of more than five individuals when using the value added 'Family' category based on all members living at the same address and a maximum of two adults but at least one;*
 - (a) *Maintain current definitions and each individual family member over five individuals pays 100% of equivalent drop-in or RecPass rate.*
 - (b) *Each additional family member over five individuals to pay 10% of the value of an equivalent drop-in or RecPass rate.*
 - (c) *Eliminate a maximum number and allow an unlimited number of family members at the Family rate.*

It was moved and seconded that the Recreation Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the title change from 'Fees and Charges Categories' to 'Drop-in Fees and Charges Categories' The motion carried unanimously

It was moved and seconded that the Recreation Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council remove the category 'Senior (80 and older)' and reinstate a charge for this demographic under the Fees and Charges Categories for Fees, Charges and Rentals section of Bylaw 7073. **OPPOSED: Commissioner Johnstone/Commissioner Alden.** Motion defeated.

It was moved and seconded that the Recreation Committee recommends option (b) that each additional family member over five individuals to pay 10% of the value of an equivalent drop-in or RecPass rate. The motion carried unanimously.

(d) **Bylaw 7073 Review: Fees and Charges – Drop-In Categories and 2013 - 2016 Drop-In Admission Rates – Sandy Raddysh.**

Delegations: (None.)

Correspondence: (None.)

Staff's Recommendation: *That the Recreation Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve:*

1. *The identification of the Drop-In Categories section of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Regulation Bylaw 2008 No. 7073; as noted:*

DROP-IN FEES AND CHARGES CATEGORIES

Child (2 years and under).....	Free
Child	3 to 12 years
Youth/Student	13 to 18 years/or valid student card
Adult	19 to 59 years
Senior	60 to 79 years
Senior (80 years and older)	Free
Family	maximum 2 adults & 3 children* or 1 adult and 4 children **
	Additional family member over the fifth member to pay 10% of drop in/RecPass rate ***

* An adult must accompany children into family sessions.

** Under 19 years of age.

*** Reside in same home.

2. *The 2013-2016 Drop-In Admission Rates.*

It was moved and seconded that the Recreation Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the identification of the Drop-In Categories section (as noted above) of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Regulation Bylaw 2008 No. 7073. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that the Recreation Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the 2013-2016 Drop-In Admission Rates. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** (not related to a Report to the Committee) (None.)

10. NOTICE OF MOTION:

11. OTHER BUSINESS: (None.)

12. DELEGATIONS (not related to a Report to the Committee): (None.)

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) 2012 Parks, Recreation and Culture Regulation Bylaw 2008 No.7073 Review Process.

14. QUESTION PERIOD: (None.)

15. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 3:53 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next meeting of the Recreation Committee to be held, if required, Wednesday, 2013-FEB-13, commencing at 3:00 p.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

The motion carried unanimously.



Ted Greves
CHAIR
RECREATION COMMITTEE

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



S. Samborski
SENIOR MANAGER
RECREATION AND CULTURE SERVICES

APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION:



Richard Harding
DIRECTOR
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

2013-JAN-10

File: A2-6

G:\Admin\PRCC\RecreationCommittee\2013\Meeting Notes\RC130109M.docx