

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
RECREATION COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, 2012-OCT-10 COMMENCING AT 3:00 P.M.**

CHAIR: COMMISSIONER TED GREVES

1. **CALL THE REGULAR RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER:**

2. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:**

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

(Motion required to adopt the agenda.)

4. **ADOPTION OF MEETING NOTES:**

(a) Notes of the Regular Recreation Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 2012-SEP-12, at 3:00 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room. Pgs.
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(Motion required to adopt minutes of 2012-SEP-12 as circulated.)

5. **PRESENTATIONS:**

NONE.

6. **CHAIR'S REPORT:**

7. **REPORTS OF PROJECT COMMITTEES:**

NONE.

8. **STAFF REPORTS:**

(a) **Fields – Verbal – Jeff Ritchie.**

Delegations: (None.)

Correspondence: (None.)

(b) **Lacrosse Boxes – Verbal – Jeff Ritchie.**

Delegations: (None.)

Correspondence: (None.)

(c) **Fines – Verbal – Jeff Ritchie.**

Delegations: (None.)

Correspondence: (None.)

(d) **Advertising in Parks for Sports Teams – Verbal – Jeff Ritchie.**

Delegations: (None.)

Correspondence: (None.)

(e) **Sport Tourism / Camping – Verbal – Mary Smith / Hannah King.**

Delegations: (10 minutes)

1. Ian Johnson, Westwood Lake Campground, 380 Westwood Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 6S5. Westwood Lake R.V. Park would like the City of Nanaimo to not allow overnight camping, to the benefit of the City and the local businesses.

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(Motion required to receive the delegation.)

Correspondence:

1. Letter dated 2012-SEP-12 from Ms. Janice McAllan, CGA, 2315 Rosstown Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 3R4, regarding the Nanaimo Daily News article of 2012-AUG-02, "Campground operators unhappy with city policy". **(Article attached by staff for information)**

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(Motion required to receive correspondence.)

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** (not related to a Report to the Committee)

NONE.

10. **NOTICE OF MOTION:**

11. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

(Motion required if there is other business.)

12. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

(a) 2012 Parks, Recreation and Culture Regulation Bylaw 2008 No.7073 Review Process. Pgs. 13-17

(b) Overnight Camping in the Parks.

(Note: Motion is required if items are to be removed from "Unfinished Business".)

13. **QUESTION PERIOD:**

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

(Motion required to adjourn with next meeting of the Recreation Committee to be held, if required, on Wednesday, 2012-NOV-14, commencing at 3:00 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.)

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**NOTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
RECREATION COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, 2012-SEP-12, COMMENCING AT 3:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioner Ted Greves, Chair

Members: Commissioner Karen Alden
Commissioner Lynda Avis

REGRETS: Commissioner Diana Johnstone
Commissioner Mercedes Beaudoin-Lobb

Staff: S. Samborski
M. Smith

H. King
Robin Tweed, 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 Agenda be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MEETING NOTES:

- (a) Meeting Notes of the Regular Recreation Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 2012-MAY-16, at 4:00 p.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting notes of 2012-MAY-16 be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

NONE

6. CHAIR'S REPORT:

(a) Overnight Camping in the Parks.

At the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting held on 2012-JUN-27, Staff recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission refer the issue of Overnight Camping in the Parks to the Recreation Committee for review and report back with recommendations for updating.

Subsequently, it was moved and seconded that the matter be referred to the Recreation Committee.

The 2012-JUN-27 Report to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission is attached for information.

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

Staff advised that overnight camping is only allowed when it is related to a specific event. It is proposed that the matter will be reviewed at the 2012-OCT-10 Recreation Committee meeting. Westwood Lake Campground will be advised that they may appear as a delegation if they wish at that meeting. Process is that groups requiring camping request permission and consult with Staff – and permission is given in accordance with the criteria that is established in the policy. The policy has been re-introduced to all the user groups this year and they are cooperative – in most cases it has been followed – if there have been exceptions the groups have been spoken with. Staff is currently gathering information from the user groups identified in the policy and that information will be used when the policy is reviewed. In many cases, the trailers on site contain the equipment and facilities required for the event. BCSSA Games do have requirement that a certain number of on-site spaces be available. When V/Ex is on there are campers that provide overnight security. Staff will review with PRCC as part of the Fees & Charges policies and at that time they will have all available stats. The fees that are associated with the overnight parking will also be reviewed.

Commissioners felt that having exceptions, particularly in the event when animals are being housed on City property, is appropriate.

7. REPORTS OF PROJECT COMMITTEES: NONE.

8. STAFF REPORTS:

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

Delegations: (None.)

Correspondence: (None.)

Staff's Recommendation: *That the Recreation Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the proposed 2012 Parks, Recreation and Culture Regulation Bylaw 2008 No.7073 Parks Bylaw #7073 review process as outlined in the report.*

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE: (not related to a Report to the Committee)

(a) Letter dated 2012-APR-17 received from Ms. Judie Roberts and Ms. Leslie Smith, Co-Chairs, Host Committee, Nanaimo Curling Club, thanking the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for their support through the grant program and providing their financial statement for the event.

(b) Letter dated 2012-JUN-08 from Mr. Peter McCaffery, President, Mid Island Velo Association, 101 - 6227 Pleasant Ridge Place, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 0B3, advising of the decision to cancel the Nanaimo Cobblestone Classic Criterium event for

this year. (Note: grant monies had not yet been disbursed; therefore, there would be no need for the group to return funds.)

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

10. NOTICE OF MOTION: NONE.
11. OTHER BUSINESS: NONE.
12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.
13. QUESTION PERIOD: NO QUESTIONS.
14. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 3:15 p.m. that the meeting adjourn with the next meeting of the Recreation Committee to be held, if required, Wednesday, 2012-OCT-10, commencing at 3:00 p.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

The motion carried unanimously.




Ted Greves
CHAIR
RECREATION COMMITTEE

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SENIOR MANAGER
RECREATION AND CULTURE SERVICES

APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION:



Richard Harding
DIRECTOR
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE



PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION
~ RECREATION COMMITTEE ~

REQUEST TO APPEAR AS A DELEGATION

ON 2012 - OCT - 10
year month day

NAME OF PERSON MAKING PRESENTATION: <u>Ian Johnson</u>			
<small>Print</small>			
ADDRESS: <u>380 Westwood Road Nanaimo</u>	<u>B.C</u>	<u>V9R 6S5</u>	
<small>street address</small>	<small>City</small>	<small>Province</small>	<small>Postal Code</small>
PHONE: <u>250 753-3927</u>	<u>250 753-3922</u>	FAX: _____	
<small>home</small>	<small>business</small>		
NAME OF APPLICANT IF OTHER THAN ABOVE: <u>Westwood Lake R.V. Park 1989LD</u>			
DETAILS OF PRESENTATION:			
Westwood lake R.V Park would like the City of Nanaimo to not allow over night camping. To the benefit of the city and the local businesses.			
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		DEPARTMENT OF PARKS RECREATION AND CULTURE	

PLEASE NOTE

- Electronic presentations must be provided on a CD or by e-mail no later than 9:00 a.m. the Monday prior to the Meeting.
- Please submit a written copy of your presentation to the Recording Secretary either at, or prior to, the Meeting.
- Multiple speakers on a single issue or topic shall be given 5 minutes each to make their presentations as per Section 18.6 of the Council Procedure Bylaw.

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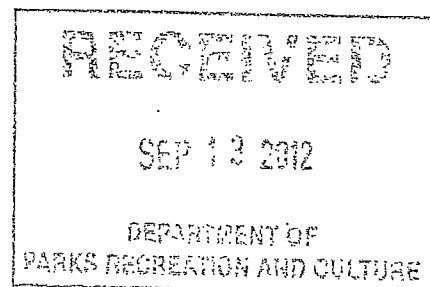
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September 9, 2012

Mayor and Council
455 Wallace St
Nanaimo BC V9R 5J6



Re: Nanaimo Daily News Article August 2nd, 2012

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am writing in response to the above article regarding camping at Beban Park during events. I cannot speak for other groups, but as a member of the Nanaimo Kennel Club since 2004 and a member of the organizing committees of the 2007, 2012 BC/Yukon Regional Agility Championships and the 2012 Agility Association of Canada National Championships I can speak regarding Dog events.

The article states that a review of the policy allowing camping at the grounds during events will occur in the fall and I would like to let council know the effect changes will have.

The article lead readers to believe that people camp onsite because it is less expensive than the local campgrounds. This is not the case; competitors camp onsite for their dogs. I am an avid camper; my vacation time is spent camping with my trailer and I stay at a campground and utilize the campground facilities such as trails, washrooms, showers and services. I recently spend a few days at Englishman River Campground and for \$21.00 a night I had a large campsite with picnic table and fire pit with an outhouse and water close by and available 24 hours a day. The City does not supply any additional amenities for people camping; all they receive is permission to park overnight, so to me it does not seem right for the City to charge the fee's that a campground would charge.

The majority of people involved in dog sports own multiple dogs, it is not uncommon for a family to own four or more dogs especially if they are a breeder. Most campgrounds are happy to accept the family dog but shy away if someone says they are bring five Border Collies. Events start early which means they have to leave the campground early and risk disturbing the other campers.

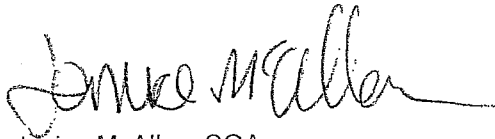
Many are in motorhomes and will not drive their motorhome back and forth from the trial each day. I also spend many weekends during the year attending dog trials on the island and when I do I stay onsite whenever possible. I want is a place to sleep and somewhere for me and my dogs to relax at the end of the day. By staying on site my dogs are around people and dogs they know and therefore are able to rest after a day of trialing whereas at a campground they are always on the alert.

As a club we do not aim to make a profit at events; our main focus is to promote responsible dog ownership and breeding. The more we can get people involved the more chance there is to educate; but at the same time events cannot be a drain on club resources. Like all sports, trialing does get expensive and if people have to pay more for camping it is the clubs that will suffer as entries will decrease. If this is the case, clubs will be forced to either stop holding events or move them outside of Nanaimo to a facility that will meet their needs; if this happens everyone losses.

In order to host a Regional or National Event bids are submitted to the governing bodies and the availability of onsite camping is a major component of the bid. If it cannot be accommodated chances are the bid will not be accepted.

These events bring people to the area and only a small percentage of these people camp onsite; many do prefer to stay campgrounds or local motels and hotels and dine and shop at local businesses during their stay. As the treasure for this year's AAC Nationals I know that 65 to 70 percent of our operating budget was spent locally in Nanaimo with local businesses.

When big events or more than one event at a time occurs in Nanaimo; finding accommodation is a problem; had the economy been better and we had a greater entry, chances are Nanaimo would not have been able to accommodate everyone and many would have had to look outside the city for accommodations.



Janice McAllan, CGA

Copies to:
Westwood Lake Campground
Living Forest Oceanside Campground
Mary Smith - Manager, Recreation & Culture Services
Richard Harding - City of Nanaimo Parks

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Campground operators unhappy with city policy

Lower rates during exempted events creating controversy

Darrell Bellaart
Daily News

Thursday, August 02, 2012

Some campground operators are considering taking legal action against the city to stop providing reduced-rate camping during special events.

A policy that goes back years allows campers involved in certain events to camp overnight at Beban Park.

The city charges \$20 per camper. It hasn't kept up with the rate of inflation and some operators say it's costing them business.

The city's policy prohibits overnight camping in city parks, but exemptions are given for the annual Watchtower Convention, BMX competitions and events involving animals so owners can tend to them.

Some operators are frustrated to see their own campsites sit empty, while visitors camp on taxpayer-owned park space.

A grandfather clause allows between 40 and 70 campers at most events. Up to 140 can camp during the National Agility Championships, which started Aug. 1.

City staff reports say the city "does not want to be in competition with private campground owners," but Ian and Ronda Johnson say they are losing customers to the makeshift campground at Beban Park.

"Our customers say: 'We're sorry, we don't stay there anymore, it's just so cheap down at Beban,'" Ian said.

He estimates 60 campers amounts to a \$3,600 daily loss to the industry.

"We're talking to a lawyer. We're exploring our options right now."

The Johnsons' concerns have caught the attention of operators of Brannen Lake RV and Campsite.

"We weren't even aware Beban was doing that," said Emily Hemeon, office manager. "We're generally concerned about it."

Rob Littlejohn, manager at Living Forest Oceanside Campground contacted city parks



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Ian and Ronda Johnson stand in one of the unoccupied campsites at their Westwood Lake campground. They say it's hard to compete with city-owned, taxpayer-subsidizing facilities.

staff earlier this year about the problem. City parks staff promised to review camping rates.

"Their rates are lower than anywhere else," said Littlejohn, who said he's enjoying a good year in spite of it.

The intent is not to cut into private operators' income, said city parks director Richard Harding.

"The anomaly this year is for kennel shows," Harding said, noting Nanaimo hosts the regional, provincial and national dog agility trials this year, bringing unusually large crowds.

The rates will be reviewed this fall and revised next year.

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	Chilliwack	Kamloops	Kelowna	Maple Ridge	Prince George	Saanich
CLARIFICATION				Flexi Pass (for multiple facilities)/PMFRC Pass (for Pitt Meadows Family Rec Centre)		
Infants		0 - 3 (Free)	2 and under (Free)	0 - 3 (Free)	0 - 3 (Free)	0 - 4 (Free)
Preschool			3 - 6 (\$1.35/na)			5 - 12 (\$3.25)
Children		4 - 13 (\$3.50)	7 - 12 (\$2.48/na)	3 - 12 (\$2.76/\$2.36)	3 - 12 (\$3.20)	13 - 18 (\$5.50)
Youth	4 - 12 (\$3.00)	18 and under (\$4.75)	13 - 18 (\$3.38/\$4.28)	13 - 18 (\$3.53/\$3.05)	13 - 18 (\$4.55)	
Teens	13 - 18 (\$3.50)					
Students	With i.d. (\$3.50)	14 - 18 or any age with a valid student card from an educational institution. (\$4.75)	Must have valid i.d. from recognized post-secondary institution. (\$3.38/\$4.28)	Adult students must show proof of full time education enrollment at time of purchasing a student membership pass (\$3.53/\$3.05)	Must have current student card. (\$4.55)	To qualify for the student rate a student card or letter from the school registrar confirming registration at an accredited institution must be produced at time of purchase. (\$5.50)
Adults	19 to 64 (\$5.75)	19 - 59 (\$6.50)	19 - 64 (\$4.50/\$5.70)	19 - 59 (\$5.43/\$4.78)	19 - 65 (\$6.00)	19 to 59 (\$6.50)
Seniors	65 + (\$4.50)	60 + (\$4.75)	65 - 74 (\$3.38/\$4.28)	60 + (\$3.53/\$3.05)	65 + (\$4.55)	60 (\$5.50)
Seniors (reduced/free)			75 + (\$2.48/\$2.57)			
Family						
CAMPING IN PARKS?						
Allowed?	Bylaw does not allow overnight parking for any events.	Yes			At Kerry King Ball Park only	
Not allowed?					With written permission from Director.	
Allowed for events?		Yes			Being emailed	
Where is it in Fees and Charges?		By-law 35-82, p. 27				
How much do you charge if allowed for events?		\$16.20 per night. Campers must purchase a permit from City Hall, or , it can be arranged for a Bylaw Officer to come to the site and sell permits to campers.			\$15 per self-contained unit, to be paid by event organizer with contract, and collected by organizer from campers.	

		Chilliwack			Kamloops			Kelowna				Maple Ridge			Prince George			Saanich		
			CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C															
Field Booking Fees (hourly):			\$8.00	\$5.00	2.00															
Youth:																				
Tournament, Training Camps & Schools / Special Events (hourly):			Same as hourly rates above.																	
Artificial Turf Fields (hourly):																				
Fall/Winter (Sept 1 - Mar 31)																				
(Prime Hours: 5 - 11 pm Weekdays and 8 am - 6 pm Weekends and Holidays)			Non-Prime	Prime																
Youth:			\$8.80	\$17.60																
Training Camps & Clinics (hourly):																				
Youth/Senior:			\$8.80	\$17.60																
Spring/Summer (Apr 1 - Aug 31)																				
(All hours non-prime in spring / summer season).																				
Youth/Senior:			\$8.80	n/a																
Minimum Field Booking Fee:																				
Field Fees and Charges:						Per Hour	Per Day													
Soccer Fields:																				
Class 1 Youth						\$15.00	\$105.00													
Class 2 Youth						7.50	52.50													
Class 3 Youth						3.80	26.60													
						19.50	136.50													
Artificial Fields (lights included)			able, they give a bit back.																	

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								Non-Prime	Prime	Non-Prime	Prime								
								Adult		Minor									
	League and Tournament Play:							\$30.60	\$40.80	\$15.30	\$20.40								
	Artificial Turf:							\$81.60		\$40.80									
	Commercial							N/A		\$20.40									
	Minor Football																		
	1/2 Field							\$20.40	\$15.30	\$7.65	\$10.20								
	Pre-Season Practice (March 1 - April 10)							50% of Applicable Rate											
	Youth/Senior Non Profit:											CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C					
	Commercial Use											\$22.07	\$16.44	\$5.49					
	Fundraising											11.04	8.22	2.75					
	Special Event											5.52	4.11	1.37					
	Regular Use											0	0	0					
	Synthetic Turf Field Fees (annually):																		
	Youth											\$10.00 per player							
	Sports Fields (hourly):																		
	Community Services & Associations														No Charge				
															No Charge				
	Discount Recreation Youth														\$16.50				
	Standard Recreation																		
	Fields (Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Football, Lacrosse):																Per Game	Per Day	
																	\$12.00	\$35.50	