

**NOTES OF THE REGULAR PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM,
ON THURSDAY, 2012-MAY-10, COMMENCING AT 5:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Members: Commissioner Diana Johnstone
 Commissioner Donald Rinald
 Commissioner Graham Savage
 Commissioner Ian Thorpe

 Regrets: Commissioner Maureen Young

 Staff: Jeff Ritchie B.J. Goldy, Recording

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- Move forward Item 12.(a) Selection of the Chair of the Parks Committee.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. SELECTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE.

The Committee asked for a call for nominations and whether there were Commissioners who wished to put their name forward. The duties of the Chair were discussed. Commissioner Graham Savage nominated Commissioner Ian Thorpe for the position as Chair of the Parks Committee.

It was moved and seconded that Commissioner Ian Thorpe be selected as Chair of the Parks Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

5. ADOPTION OF MEETING NOTES:

- (a) Meeting Notes of the Regular Parks Committee Meeting held Thursday, 2012-MAR-08, at 5:00 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

It was moved and seconded that the Meeting Notes be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

6. DELEGATIONS:

It was moved and seconded that the Delegation be permitted to address the Parks Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

- (a) Mr. Todd Wood, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Black Diamond Lodge #5, 2505 Blackcomb Place, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6A3, presenting to the Parks Committee with regard to the donation of a clock by the organization to the City of Nanaimo.

Mr. Wood referred to the material package and reviewed the history of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and their contribution to the community of Nanaimo since the late 1800's primarily working within the mining industry. He discussed the Organization's challenge in retaining members and the need to maintain six members in order to maintain lodge status. He advised of the recent donations of \$50,000 to School District #68 and \$50,000 to the Hospital Foundation following the sale of a property on Prideaux Street. Historically the organization donated funds to the City of Nanaimo to become incorporated. They would now like to donate \$50,000.00 for the installation of a clock valued at \$30,000.00 and installation valued at \$20,000.00. The City of Nanaimo would provide power to the installation site. Two installation sites were discussed; McGregor Park and in front of the Great National Land Building at 17 Church Street. The clock is manufactured in cast aluminum and is 17 feet in height with a face on all four sides. It can be set to chime at specific hours. The members of the Order of Oddfellows Organization would prefer to install at McGregor Park with a bench. They are asking for a recommendation from the Committee back to the Commission for installation location of the clock.

- 7. CHAIR'S REPORT: (None).
- 8. REPORTS OF PROJECT COMMITTEES: (None).
- 9. STAFF REPORTS (action):
 - (a) Oddfellows Clock Donation.

Staff Recommendation: That the Parks Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the donation of a clock from the International Order of Oddfellows Black Diamond #5 to be sited on Commercial Street in front of the Great Canadian Land Building at 14 Church Street.

Discussion was held with regard to the pros and cons of the location options, as presented in the report. As well, correspondence received from DNBIA regarding the possible installation location was reviewed. Further discussions will be held with representatives from the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Black Diamond Lodge #5.

It was moved and seconded that the the Parks Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the donation of a clock from the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Black Diamond Lodge #5, to be sited at McGregor Park. The motion carried unanimously.

- 10. STAFF REPORTS (information only): (None.)
- 11. CORRESPONDENCE: (None)
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12. NOTICE OF MOTION: (None.)

13. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Selection of the Chair of the Parks Committee. (Moved forward in Agenda to Item 4.)

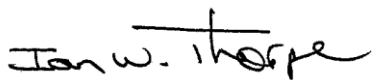
14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None.)

15. QUESTION PERIOD: (No Questions.)

16. ADJOURNMENT:

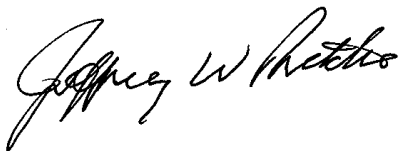
It was moved and seconded at 5:35 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next meeting of the Parks Committee to be held, if required, Thursday, 2012-JUN-14, commencing at 5:00 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

The motion carried unanimously.



Commissioner Ian Thorpe, Chair
Parks Committee

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Jeff Ritchie
Senior Manager, Parks & Civic Facilities

APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION:



R. Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture