

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION
HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM
ON WEDNESDAY, 2012-JAN-25, COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioner D. Johnstone, Chair

Members: Commissioner L. Avis
Commissioner J. Cowling
Commissioner T. Greves
Commissioner S. Lance
Commissioner B. Meunier
Commissioner F. Pattje
Commissioner G. Savage
Commissioner B. Sparkes
Commissioner M. Young

Regrets: Commissioner A. McPherson
(Note: Commissioner for Electoral Area B not yet appointed)

Staff:	R. Harding	J. Ritchie
	S. Samborski	C. Kuziw, recording
	C. Robinson	

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

Amended Agenda Item 9.(b) - Correction of Staff Recommendation to reflect recommendation in Report "Beban Social Center Auditorium Floor" (*Pages 66-67*).

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

(a) Minutes of the Regular Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Meeting held Wednesday, 2011-NOV-23, at 6:58 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

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

5. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) PRC Business Services – Chris Robinson, Business Services Supervisor, Recreation and Culture Services.

- *Commissioner Pattje asked how complaints regarding staff are handled. For general complaints there are systems in place to see that the correct information is given to the appropriate staff for attention.*
- *Commissioner Johnstone asked how is the "Over 80" pass is being received. It has been very successful. Actual attendance was higher than expected.*
- *Staff advised that a Corporate Pass is also currently being developed.*

6. DELEGATIONS:

It was moved and seconded that the Delegations be permitted to address the Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

- (a) Ms. Karen Streeter, VIEX Vice-President, VIEx, #4 - 2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 3K7, requesting that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve VIP funding to complete Phase 3 of the Beban Urban Community Garden at Beban Park.

- *There is currently a waiting list for plots and plot cost is \$30 per year for a 4' x14' plot.*
- *Commissioner Pattje asked where the other \$10K come from to support this project? It would come from in-kind contributions from the gardeners involved and from other donations. Appendix 1 outlines the details.*
- *Commissioner Pattje asked if there is an educational portion to the project? Yes, for Seniors, therapy citizens, and for those in wheelchairs. There is no charge to learn to garden.*
- *Commissioner Greves asked how does the lawnbowling green become a donation? The Lawnbowling Club is still operational and committed to being there. The perception is that it is not active but it is.*
- *Commissioner Greves enquired as to what vandalism issues there are. There was only one young boy that helped himself to vegetables. No other vandalism to speak of. Pitch and Put does a bit of security in the evenings in the summer months.*
- *Welcome signs will be posted to encourage the public to enjoy the gardens without actively participating.*
- *Commissioner Lance asked if the \$30.00 includes composts and soils. Yes. Water is included as well.*
- *Commissioner Young asked if gardening instruction is provided. Yes, by the participating gardeners.*
- *Commissioner Meunier asked if the Beban Urban Gardens will stay with VIEx? Yes, by promoting agriculture within the City it follows the mandate of the VIEx.*

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

- (b) Ms. Grace Tickson, 306 – 240 Milton Street, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5G9, on behalf of the members of the Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors who object to privatizing of the bus that takes them on trips.

- *Seniors were not involved in the decision of the bus trips being dropped.*
- *Buses have not had many mechanical problems.*
- *They do not want the trips to be private.*
- *Now that it is private the costs have gone up considerably.*

- *Commissioner Pattje asked as to the average number of bus trips per year. 10-20.*
- *The bus is currently at auction.*
- *Commissioner Young asked how many years the service has been available. At least 15 years.*
- *Commissioner Savage asked if a RDN partnership or SD68 partnership might be feasible. Staff advised that they could look into it; however, it could end up being more costly. The RDN might work within the region.*

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

- (c) Ms. Brenda Levesque and Mr. Phil Levesque, 5634 Muggies Way, Nanaimo, BC, V9V 1W2, regarding proposed Junior B Hockey Team for 2012/2013 Season at Nanaimo Ice Centre.

- *Bring a team to Nanaimo.*
- *18 months ago. Investigating Ice availability.*
- *Not take ice away from youth sports.*
- *Believe it is now possible.*
- *Currently have to leave the city to play*
- *Step below Junior A. Not in competition with it.*
- *7 teams currently.*
- *New team in Langford.*
- *Thursday Game Nights. No clipper competition.*
- *Looking at NIC 1 as the home.*
- *Early morning practices.*
- *\$150K - \$200K in business.*
- *Most of it spent in Nanaimo. Believe in doing business within the city*
- *Ads & sponsor, player fees*
- *Rent ice in spring and late summer.*
- *\$300K – \$400K brought to the City.*
- *Nanaimo minor hockey is not on board yet.*
- *Clippers have provided verbal support.*

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

7. CHAIR'S REPORT:

- (a) Chair Johnstone welcomed the new members of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.
- (b) Membership Review – Parks Committee:
- Graham Savage, replacing Brian Dempsey, to 2012-MAR-31.
- (c) Membership Review – Recreation Committee:
- Ted Greves, replacing Jim Kipp, to 2012-MAR-31;
 - Alec McPherson, replacing Joe Burnett, to 2012-MAR-31;
 - Fifth member, replacing Gisele Rudischer, to 2012-MAR-31.

- (d) Membership Review – Sports Hall of Fame Committee:
- Graham Savage, replacing Brian Dempsey, to 2012-MAR-31.

It was moved and seconded that the memberships on the Parks Committee, Recreation Committee and Sports Hall of Fame Committee to 2012-MAR-31 be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

(Note: A fifth member is still required for the Recreation Committee.)

8. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:

- (a) **Cultural Committee.** Commissioner Avis reported on the Special Grant Allocations meetings held on 2011-NOV-17, 2011-NOV-29, and, 2011-DEC-06, and on the regular meeting held 2012-JAN-04 on behalf of the Chair, Eveline O'Rourke.

i) Cultural Operating Grants.

Cultural Committee's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the 2012 Cultural Operating Grant recommendations in the total amount of \$175,988 as follows:

2012 CULTURAL OPERATING GRANTS	\$\$\$ REQUESTED	\$\$\$ RECOMMENDED
A Capella Plus Choir Society	2,000	1,400
BC Boys Choir	2,000	1,500
Crimson Coast Dance	18,000	15,000
Centre for the Arts Society	14,500	7,938
Francophone Association	10,000	7,000
Malaspina Choir	2,600	2,250
African Heritage Association	5,000	1,000
Arts Alive	3,200	2,300
Arts Council	15,000	10,000
Ballroom Dance Society	1,000	800
Blues Society	10,000	7,000
Chamber Orchestra	4,500	3,000
Concert Band	14,076	6,000
Conservatory of Music	20,000	9,500
Pacific Coast Stage Co.	14,000	4,000
Pacific Institute of Bagpiping	3,500	2,200
TheaterOne	34,000	28,000
Tidesmen	2,500	1,600
Vancouver Island Symphony	85,000	60,000
Western Edge Theater	14,500	5,500
TOTALS:	\$275,376	\$175,988

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

ii) Arts, Cultural and Festival Events Grants.

Cultural Committee's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the 2012 Arts, Cultural and Festival Events Grant recommendations in the total amount of \$30,182 as follows:

2012 ARTS, CULTURAL AND FESTIVAL EVENTS GRANTS	\$\$\$ REQUESTED	\$\$\$ RECOMMENDED
Canada Day 2012	2,200	1,400
Crimson Coast Dance	4,000	2,200
Friends of Nanaimo Jazz	5,000	1,600
Gallery Row Public Art Committee	1,500	300
Harbour City Jazz Fest	3,000	860
Bel Canto Singers	3,000	530
Francophone- Maple Sugar Festival	12,000	3,000
African Heritage Society	1,500	600
Arts Council	3,000	1,500
Ballroom Dance Society	5,000	2,000
Blues Festival	3,000	1,300
Children's Literature Round Table	2,000	900
Conservatory of Music	1,500	1,000
Empire Days Society	12,000	2,130
Highland Dance Association	1,075	830
Nanaimo Sings	2,500	1,110
Women's Resource Society	4,000	1,100
Pacific Coast Stage Co.(Fringetastic)	7,500	1,843
Performing Arts BC	7,500	2,396
Vancouver Island Symphony	4,000	2,232
Vancouver Island University Foundation	2,500	248
Art Gallery Festival of Banners	5,462	1,103
TOTALS:	\$93,237	\$30,182

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

- (b) Parks Committee. No meeting held.
- (c) Recreation Committee. No meeting held.
- (e) Grants Advisory Committee. Commissioner Avis reported on the meetings held since 2011-NOV-23.
- (e) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee. Commissioner Lance reported on the meetings held since 2011-NOV-23.
- (f) Social Planning Advisory Committee. Commissioner Cowling reported on the meetings held since 2011-NOV-23.
- (g) Port Theatre. Monthly report for November and December, 2011.
- (h) Nanaimo Art Gallery. Monthly report for November and December, 2011.

- (i) **Nanaimo Museum.** Monthly reports for November/December 2011, and December 2011/January 2012 and Nanaimo Museum January 2012 “timelines” newsletter.

It was moved and seconded that the Advisory Body reports be received. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **STAFF REPORTS:**

- (a) **DOWNTOWN NANAIMO BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION PROGRAMMING AND OPERATING DIANA KRALL PLAZA AND THE OLYMPIC LIVE SITE.**

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission support an additional one year (January - December 2012) extension to the existing pilot agreement Parks, Recreation & Culture has with the Downtown Nanaimo Business Improvement Association (DNBIA) to program the Diana Krall Plaza and Olympic Live Site.

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

- (b) **BEBAN SOCIAL CENTER AUDITORIUM FLOOR.**

Staff's Recommendation: That the Beban Auditorium flooring replacement project be postponed and a comprehensive maintenance plan to extend the life of the existing parquet floor be developed.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the postponement of the Beban Auditorium flooring replacement project pending the development of a comprehensive maintenance plan to extend the life of the existing parquet floor. The motion carried unanimously.

10. **INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (staff reports):**

- (a) Monthly Report – Senior Manager of Parks & Civic Facilities – November / December 2011.
- The auction of public art will be advertised.
- (b) Monthly Report – Senior Manager of Recreation and Culture Services – November / December 2011.
- Amenities are different at the Kin/Dept Bay. Commissioner Pattje asked why the numbers are down. Communication with the community will be happening to find out what they would like to see at these facilities and offer more of what they are looking for.
- (c) Changes to the Delivery of the Departments Seniors Bus Trips.
- Commissioner Avis wanted to clarify and make some correction to the information Ms. Tickson gave. Seniors did receive notice months in advance. Also, only 11 people on average used the bus. It is a small minority that have become attached to the program. A suggestion might possibly be that Janey be brought on as a host in future.
 - Commissioner Cowling asked if Council was looking for a recommendation? No.

It was moved and seconded that the Information Only Items be received. The motion carried unanimously.

11. CORRESPONDENCE: (Action Required.)

CORRESPONDENCE: (Information Only.)

- (a) Newsletter, Vancouver Island Sport Tourism Council, Issue 01 – Jan/Feb 2012.
- (b) Letter dated 2011-DEC-16 from Donna Smith, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration, District of Lantzville, P.O. Box 100, 7192 Lantzville Road, Lantzville, BC, V0R 2H0, advising of the appointment of Councillor Graham Savage as the District of Lantzville representative and Councillor Brian Dempsey as the alternate representative on 2011-DEC-12 to the City of Nanaimo Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for a three-year term.
- (c) Minutes of the Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors, Board of Directors meetings, held 2011-DEC-02 and 2012-JAN-06.

Commissioner Avis commented for information that the NHCS donated a hydro ryder to the City of Nanaimo. The cost of the hydro ryder was \$2200. It is at Beban Park Pool and is a wonderful tool for people with mobility issues in the water.

It was moved and seconded that PRCC write a letter of congratulation and appreciation to the NHCS for the donation. Motion carried unanimously.

- (d) Letter dated 2012-JAN-11 from Maureen Pearse, Senior Manager, Corporate Administration, Regional District of Nanaimo, 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2, advising that at the RDN Speical Meeting held 2012-JAN-10, the Board endorsed its 2012 Board appointments, confirming the appointments of Mr. Alec McPherson (Electoral Area A) and Ms. Maureen Young (Electoral Area C) as the RDN Board representatives to the City of Nanaimo Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, and also advising that the RDN will be advertising for a public member to represent Electoral Area B.
- (e) Letter dated 2012-JAN-11 from Ms. Corry Hostetter, General Manager, DNBIA, A10 Victoria Crescent, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5B8, to Mr. Ian Blackwood, Manager, Facility Maintenance and Construction, thanking Mr. Blackwood and his Staff for their invaluable contributions to a very successful 2011 Christmas season downtown.
- (f) Notification dated 2012-JAN-19 from BC Recreation & Parks Association regarding BCRPA Provincial Award nominations for individuals and/or organizations for their achievement and commitment to the field of parks, recreation, culture and health promotion.

It was moved and seconded that PRCC write a letter of appreciation to the members of the Cultural Committee for the work they do delegating the Cultural Grants. Motion carried unanimously.

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

12. NOTICE OF MOTION:

13. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER BUSINESS: None.

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS:

- (a) Ms. Karen Streeter, VIEx - VIP Funding - Phase 3, Beban Urban Community Garden.

It was moved and seconded that \$10,000.00 from the VIP funds be given to the VIEx for the Community Gardens project. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Ms. Grace Tickson – Bus Trips - Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors.

It was moved and seconded that a letter from PRCC to the NHCS and Ms. Tickson of thanks and information to them that staff will continue to work with NHCS to provide trips through local providers. The motion carried unanimously.

- (c) Ms. Brenda Levesque & Mr. Phil Levesque - Proposed Junior B Hockey Team - 2012/2013 Season - Nanaimo Ice Centre.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission request a Staff report outlining impacts and issues of bringing a Junior B Hockey club to Nanaimo. The motion carried unanimously.

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) Travel Grant Exception – Wheatsheaf Fastball Club *(referred 2011-NOV-23 to Staff to report to the Recreation Committee and subsequent return to the PRCC.)*

16. QUESTION PERIOD: No questions.

17. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 9:12 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next regular meetings as follows:

COMMISSION	Wednesday, 2012-FEB-22; 7:00 p.m. Bowen Park Complex Conference Room
Cultural Committee	Wednesday, 2012-FEB-01; 4:15 p.m. – if required Bowen Park Complex Conference Room
Recreation Committee	Wednesday, 2012-FEB-08; 3:00 p.m. – if required Bowen Park Complex Conference Room
Parks Committee	Thursday, 2012-FEB-09; 5:00 p.m. – if required Bowen Park Complex Conference Room

The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



D. Johnstone, Chair
Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission



R. Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture