

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION
HELD IN ROOMS 1 & 2, BEBAN PARK SOCIAL CENTRE
WEDNESDAY, 2010-NOV-24, COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioner F. Pattje, Acting Chair

Members: Commissioner D. Johnstone
Commissioner L. Avis
Commissioner D. Burnett
Commissioner J. Cowling
Commissioner B. Dempsey
Commissioner S. Lance
Commissioner B. Meunier
Commissioner B. Sparkes

Regrets: Commissioner L. McNabb, Chair
Commissioner G. Rudischer
Commissioner M. Young

Staff:	R. Harding	R. Tweed, recording
	S. Samborski	M. Tanner, observing
	J. Ritchie	

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:07 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 MINUTES:

(a) Minutes of the Regular Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Meeting held Wednesday, 2010-OCT-27, at 5:00 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: None.

6. DELEGATIONS:

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

- (a) Mr. Jeff and Mrs. Carolanne Patton, on behalf of Mr. Josiah Patton, 1894 Kentucky Place, Nanaimo, BC, V9X 1C6, presenting a proposal for "Bowen Wild Edible Garden" to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.

Mrs. Patton provided a PowerPoint presentation and a detailed synopsis of the plan for establishing a "Bowen Wild Edible Garden" at Bowen Park. The area selected is currently an underutilized portion of Bowen Park of approximately one acre. The intent is to establish and maintain the "Bowen Wild Edible Garden" for educational purposes and will include a selection of edible plants, as well as poisonous plants and invasive species. Not all partners have been contacted as of yet. Due to vandalism concerns, it was felt that pamphlets rather than signage would be used and would provide more specific information to help people understand the garden's components and plants. This is a very tangible example of partnerships with VIU students and would include the Horticultural Program and fits within the management strategy of the parks as well as within the overall objectives of Parks, Recreation and Culture and partnerships with VIU. The group also made a request that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department approach VIU on behalf of Josiah Patton with this proposal.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- (a) 2011 PRCC & Committee Key Date Calendar.

It was moved and seconded that the 2011 Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission and Committee Key Date Calendar be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Cultural Committee Membership.

It was moved and seconded that Ms. Julie Bevan be appointed as a member of the Cultural Committee for the remainder of the term to 2012-MAR-31. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that a letter be sent to all applicants thanking them for their submissions and encouraging them to reapply in when the positions were again advertised. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that the Chairman's Report be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

8. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:

- (a) Parks Committee. No meeting held.

- (b) Recreation Committee. Commissioner Johnstone reported on the meeting held 2010-NOV-10.

Sport Tournament Grant Allocations.

Recreation Committee's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve and recommend that Council approve the expenditure of \$15,000 for the first intake of the 2011 Sport Tournament Grant allocations as follows:

Sport Tournament Grant Applications 2008 - 2011					
GROUP	2008	2009	2010	2011	2011
	GRANT	GRANT	GRANT	REQUEST	RECOMMENDED
Canoe & Kayak Club			500	1,750	600
Diamonds Synchronized Swimming Club				3,000	1500
Kennel Club		2,500	1,500	4,650	1800
Nanaimo & District Lacrosse Assn. (Bantam Tournament)	950	950	950	1,000	850
Minor Hockey Assn. (Midget Tier 1) (Provincial Championship)				2,000	2000
Minor Hockey (2010 PeeWee Hockey Tournament)	950	950	1,000	1,000	1000
Nanaimo Ice 2010 (Novice/Invitation Hockey Tournament)				1,200	1050
Nemesis Roller Girls (1st Annual V.I. Roller Derby Tournament)				5,050	2600
Riptides Swim Team Association	1,200	1,250	900	1,500	1050
Squash Club Open Tournament				2,750	750
Wellington Pleasant Valley League (WPVL) Softball Association			750	1,500	750
Atom Development Spring Hockey Tournament (Late application)	950	950		1,500	1500
TOTALS		12,300	22,650	25,400	15,000

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

- (c) Cultural Committee. Commissioner Avis reported on the meeting held 2010-NOV-17, on behalf of Eveline O'Rourke, Chair.

Commissioner Avis advised that discussions were held regarding late applications and it was determined that they would be accepted for review and that the application form and criteria for both grant processes will be amended to clarify the deadline. Interviews have been set for grant groups for 2010-DEC-07, at 4:00 p.m., and 2010-DEC-08, at 3:00 p.m. to be held in the Bowen Complex Conference Room.

Commissioner Johnstone advised that at the "Freedom of the City" celebration held Monday, 2010-NOV-22, she had been approached with regard to issues surrounding funding for the Nanaimo Empire Days Society. To date they have not submitted an application to the Cultural Committee and may approach the Cultural Committee with a late application. They are no longer eligible for funding through the "Grants in Aid" Committee.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission allow late applications for PRC Grant Programs. The motion was unanimously defeated.

It was moved and seconded that should the Nanaimo Empire Days Society apply for funding they appear directly before Council to make their submission. The motion carried unanimously.

- (d) Grants Advisory Committee. Commissioner Burnett reported on the meetings held since 2010-OCT-27.

Have been reviewing permissive tax exemptions requests and the processes of other jurisdictions with the intention of making a presentation to the Council.

- (e) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee. Commissioner Lance reported on the meetings held since 2010- OCT-27.

Reviewing re-zoning applications. Planning Department showed how they are mapping the City to come within the Plan Nanaimo areas.

- (f) Social Planning Advisory Committee. Commissioner Cowling did not attend the 2010-NOV-02 meeting; however, will report on this meeting and meetings held since 2010-NOV-24 at the next Commission meeting.

- (g) Port Theatre. Monthly report for October, 2010.

- (h) Nanaimo Art Gallery. Monthly report for October, 2010.

- (i) Nanaimo District Museum. Monthly report for 2010-OCT-08 to 2010-NOV-15.

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

9. STAFF REPORTS:

- (a) **Updated Neck Point Park Master Plan.**

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council adopt the Updated Neck Point Park Master Plan.

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

(b) **VIEx / Beban – Multi-Use Facility.**

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission endorses the 2006-MAY-24 motion supporting “staff initiate a process, with the Vancouver Island Exhibition (VIEx), to develop the concept and determine the feasibility of constructing a multi-use facility at Beban Park”.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation be adopted.

There was a friendly amendment to the motion, to read:

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission endorses the 2006-MAY-24 motion supporting “staff initiate a process, with the Vancouver Island Exhibition (VIEx), to develop the concept and determine the feasibility of constructing a multiple-use facility at Beban Park.” The motion carried unanimously.

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

- (a) Senior Manager of Parks - Monthly report for October, 2010.
- (b) Senior Manager of Recreation and Culture Services - Monthly report for October, 2010. Commissioner Burnett has requested that staff provide information on the number of Grade 5 Get Active! participants that live outside of the City of Nanaimo.
- (c) Lease Agreement with Double H Holdings - Verbal Update. This matter went through the alternative approval process. Mr. Hurd is working on plans and will be submitting through the City in the spring.
- (d) PRC Snow & Ice Priorities / Facility Closure Procedures – Verbal. Provided for information only.

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

11. **CORRESPONDENCE:** (Action Required) None.

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- (a) E-Mail correspondence dated 2010-OCT-25 to Nanaimo Daily News from Mr. John Archie Allen, 693 Park Avenue, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 4H5, regarding Parks, Recreation and Culture, Nanaimo, and expressing appreciation and thanks to all the staff and workers involved in the upgrades to Nanaimo Ice Centre, Frank Crane Arena, the Social Centre and the swimming pool at the Beban Complex.
- (b) E-mail correspondence dated 2010-OCT-29 from the Centre of the Arts – Nanaimo with an update on Nanaimo Centre Stage news providing information on some of the recent improvements to the building and amenities.

- (c) Minutes of the Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors, Board of Directors meeting, held 2010-NOV-05.

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

12. NOTICE OF MOTION:

13. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER BUSINESS:

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS:

- (a) **Mr. Josiah and/or Carolanne Patton - "Bowen Wild Edible Garden"**

It was moved and seconded that this matter be referred to the Parks Committee with a written report being provided to that Committee by staff prior to their meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) Advertising Signage at May Bennett Park (referred to Parks Committee)

16. QUESTION PERIOD: No questions.

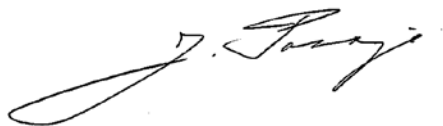
17. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 8:33 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next regular meetings as follows:

COMMISSION	Wednesday, 2011-JAN-26, 7:00 p.m. Bowen Park Complex Conference Room
Cultural Committee	Wednesday, 2011-JAN-05; 4:15 p.m. – if required Bowen Park Complex Conference Room
Recreation Committee	Wednesday, 2010-DEC-08; 2:00 p.m. Bowen Park Complex Conference Room
Parks Committee	Thursday, 2011-JAN-06; 5:00 p.m. (<i>rescheduled from 2011-JAN-13</i>) Bowen Park Complex Conference Room

The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



F. Pattje, Acting Chair
Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission



R. Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture