

**NOTES OF THE REGULAR RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, 2010-JUN-09, COMMENCING AT 3:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioner Diana Johnstone, Chair
Commissioner Shirley Lance
Commissioner Dawn Burnett
Commissioner Janet Cowling
Commissioner Gisele Rudischer

Staff: S. Samborski Robin Tweed, Recording
E. Williams

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

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, 2010-APR-14 at 3:00 p.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting notes of 2010-APR-14 be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. DELEGATIONS:

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

- (a) Mr. Wayne Robinson, President, Vancouver Island Exhibition (VIE), #4 – 2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 3K7, requesting assistance with Funding to offset the Vancouver Island Exhibition operating expenses.

Mr. Stephen Kass presented on behalf of the VIE and advised that over the past several months the VIE has been presenting and discussing their financial needs. Would like to focus on some of the financial challenges currently facing and what they are anticipating. Funding has become more difficult to secure; however, costs are continuing to rise. Would like to plan proactively for the future. In past years, they have been at a breakeven point; however, it is not anticipated that this will be the case in the future. A financial activity report for revenue and expenditures 2004-2009 was provided to the Committee. The RCMP Musical Ride in 2009 brought in additional revenue which helped tremendously to offset overall expenses. 2009 Administrative Expenses rose in 2009 due to mandatory vehicle repairs and maintenance. In 2004 a paid position was brought into the VIE, in

2006 it was realized that it was non-sustainable, so in 2007 and 2008 they did not have paid staff. In order to have staff to work on administrative functions they again needed to pay wages to a staff person in 2009. In 2009 VIEEx suffered a net loss of \$2,110.00. In 2010 they are increasing their ticket prices \$1.00/person across the board; however, the HST will take approximately \$0.64 of the ticket price so therefore will only realize a \$0.36 increase in revenue. The VIEEx will be taking on the Commercial Home Show this year. Their main stage and entertainment costs are being frozen for 2010. They have also sought grant funding and sponsorship. They are planning for the future of VIEEx and agriculture in Nanaimo to ensure the VIEEx remains the premier function on Vancouver Island. VIEEx is now working with the Community Gardens program for both adults and children, and, are looking forward to partnering with the City and various other partners to build an agricultural centre at Beban. They are not in a financial position to hire a Marketing Manager; however, a student from Vancouver Island University, in order to meet credit and hour requirement for her program will be assisting with the Commercial Home Show. At the suggestion of the Committee they will also seek support from the Regional District of Nanaimo.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT: (None.)
7. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES: (None.)
8. STAFF REPORTS:

(a) **VIEEx Annual Operating Funding.**

Staff's Recommendation:

1. That the Recreation Committee recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve a \$12,000 annual operating funding (line item) to support the Vancouver Island Exhibition (VIEEx) organization starting in 2011.

It was agreed by the Committee that a friendly amendment be made to the recommendation number 1.

It was moved and seconded that the Recreation Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve a \$12,000 annual operating line item to support the Vancouver Island Exhibition (VIEEx) organization starting in 2011, for a maximum three-year term, and that the VIEEx provide all materials documentation and surveys as requested by Staff. The motion carried unanimously.

Staff's Recommendation:

2. That the Recreation Committee recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend the VIEEx apply for Cultural Special Event funding to assist with the fall fair component of their operation.

It was determined that it was not necessary to put Item 2. forward as a motion.

9. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (staff reports): (None.)

10. CORRESPONDENCE: (Action)

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11. NOTICE OF MOTION: (None.)

12. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) Sport Tournament Grant – Review of applications and allocation of funds for the final intake of 2010 applicants.

It was determined that discussion only meeting be held and that the Committee return to review and make decisions on the Grants. The Committee has requested that there be an explanation of the table of contents, the funding available, and any special items of note, as well as have Staff ask if any available funds in the Sport Tournament Grant can be frozen and rolled over to the next operating year. Staff provided a review with comments on each of the applications.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None.)

14. QUESTION PERIOD: (None.)

15. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 4:20 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the follow up Sport Tournament Grant allocation meeting to be held on Tuesday, 2010-JUN-15, at 3:00 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room, and that the next regular meeting of the Recreation Committee to be held, if required, Wednesday, 2010-JUL-07, commencing at 3:00 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

The motion carried unanimously.



Diana Johnstone, Acting Chair
Recreation Committee

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



S. Samborski, Senior Manager
Recreation and Culture Services

APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION:



Richard Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture