

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION
HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM
ON WEDNESDAY, 2009-OCT-28, COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioner L. McNabb, Chair

Members: Commissioner D. Johnstone
Commissioner F. Pattje
Commissioner L. Avis
Commissioner S. Lance
Commissioner D. Burnett
Commissioner M. Young
Commissioner G. Rudischer
Commissioner J. Cowling
Commissioner B. Sparkes
Commissioner B. Dempsey
Commissioner B. Meunier

Staff:	R. Harding	J. Ritchie
	S. Samborski	M. Goddard, recording

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 MINUTES:

(a) Minutes of the Regular Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Meeting held Wednesday, 2009-SEP-23 at 7:00 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. Drew Cooper, General Manager, Pacific Sport, 900 – 5th Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5S5, providing an update of recent activities over the past year and an overview of community based initiatives.

Mr. Drew Cooper was not in attendance.

- (b) Mr. Chris Bassett, 849 Athena Place, Nanaimo, BC V9V 1B9, providing a review of the WPVL request for a VIP program grant of \$20,000 for the construction of a batting cage at May Bennett Pioneer Park.

Mr. Chris Bassett advised that provided a Powerpoint presentation and advised that WPVL (Wellington, Pleasant Valley, Lantzville) is a non-profit fastpitch softball association representing 475 Nanaimo youth. For over 25 years WPVL has been providing opportunities to children 5-18 to remain physically active while learning the values of teamwork, commitment and responsibility. To continue their efforts to develop the softball skills of youth, their goal is to install a batting cage at the May Richards Bennett Pioneer Park. To reach that goal, they are requesting a grant of \$20,000 through the volunteer in Parks (VIP) program. The advantages of having a batting cage at the park include a safe environment to develop hitting skills; a longer training season (March to October), increasing usage of the park; allows training during games; and allows hitting practice during rainy periods. The proposed batting cage would have a solid roof and lights, be constructed alongside the existing tennis courts and be approximately 14'W c 14'H x 65'L.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- (a) Olympic Torch Event on 2009-OCT-31 - verbal.

Councillor Diana Johnstone advised that the event runs at 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. with finale being a 15 minute firework display. This is a family event featuring entertainment and treats for children. There will be one food vendor, the Salvation Army, and there will be security. The Chairman approached the RDN who is providing courtesy Park and Ride transportation from various places in Nanaimo. As City representative on the Committee, she expressed gratitude to all Parks, Recreation and Culture and in particular the staff liaison people, who have done a fantastic job will be volunteering their time on Saturday.

- (b) Medallion and Certificate Presentations are scheduled for Wednesday, 2009-NOV-18.
- (c) PRCC members to bring their Commission binders to the 2009-NOV-25 meeting for updating in December for 2010 – verbal reminder.

- (d) PRCC Christmas Social scheduled for Wednesday, 2009-DEC-02 – verbal reminder.

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

8. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:

- (a) Parks Committee. Commissioner Sparkes reported on the meeting held 2009-OCT-15.

- (i) Amendment to Schedule "A" of Bylaw 2008 No. 7073 – Hours of Operation - Parks

Parks Committee's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the proposed amendment to Schedule "A" of Bylaw 2008 No. 7073 – Hours of Operation – Parks; and recommend that Council amend Schedule "A" of Bylaw 2008 No. 7073 as follows:

PARK	HOURS OF OPERATION	
	Current Hours	Proposed Amendment to Hours
Diana Krall Plaza E&N Trail Georgia Park McGregor Park Maffeo Sutton Park Parkway Trail Queen Elizabeth Promenade	24 hours/day	No change
Loudon Park	6:00 am – 6:00 pm October 1 - March 1 6:00 am – 10:00 pm March 1 – September 30	No change
All other Parks	6:00 am – 6:00 pm November 1 – March 31 6:00 am – 11:00 pm April 1 – October 31	6:00 am – 9:00 pm November 1 – March 1 6:00 am – 11:00 pm March 1 – October 31

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

- (b) Recreation Committee. No meeting held.
- (c) Cultural Committee. No report.
- (d) Grants Advisory Committee. Commissioner Burnett reported on the meetings held since 2009-JUL-22.

- (e) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee. Commissioner Lance reported on the meetings held since 2009-JUNE-16.
- (f) Social Planning Advisory Committee. No report.
- (g) Port Theatre. Monthly report for September, 2009.
- (h) Nanaimo Art Gallery. Monthly report for September, 2009.
- (i) Nanaimo District Museum. Monthly report for September, 2009.

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

9. STAFF REPORTS:

(a) **Fees And Rental Policy Schedule 'C' Update.**

Staff provided an information report, outlining the process to review the Fees and Charges Bylaw.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission receive the report.

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

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (staff reports):

(a) Senior Manager of Parks. Monthly report for September, 2009.

Staff provided a verbal update highlighting that graffiti continues to be a large monthly expense and volunteers in parks and other options to deter such as better lighting were discussed. The graffiti will continue to be removed. Neighbourhood organizations have been helpful in this regard. The community plots have been successful and were well received, it would be good to expand them.

(a) Update on Christmas Tree Sales Issue – Verbal – Suzanne Samborski.

Staff provided a verbal update advising VIEX and Mr. Gogo have met, but there was some misunderstanding. Staff have clarified with Mr. Gogo that he is welcome to use Beban Park for Christmas tree sales, but as an alternative location, he cannot sell at both. He is going to go forward to Council.

(b) Senior Manager of Recreation and Culture Services - Monthly Report for September 2009.

Staff advised of the partnership with VIHA, where they pay us a lump sum of funding and then nurses and clients can access our facilities and programs until that funding

has been used. This is a successful program which has doubled in the last six months. There is an opportunity for the program to continue to grow.

With the Frank Crane Arena closing in 2010 for slab floor removal, Nanaimo Lacrosse is the group most affected. All activities that season will fit; the ice will come out earlier and be put in later. Revenue will be affected, but the floor does have to be replaced.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE: (Information)

- (a) Narrative and Financial Reports received 2009-SEP-22 from the Nanaimo Arts Council.
- (b) Letter dated 2009-SEP-17, received 2009-SEP-29, from Premier Gordon Campbell, Board Member, British Columbia Achievement Foundation, regarding the British Columbia Community Achievement Awards.
- (c) Minutes of the Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors, Board of Directors, meeting held 2009-OCT-02.

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

12. NOTICE OF MOTION: (None.)

13. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER BUSINESS: (None.)

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS:

- (a) Mr. Chris Bassett, WPVL.

WPVL request for a VIP program grant of \$20,000 for the construction of a batting cage at May Bennett Pioneer Park.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission refer the WPVL request for a VIP program grant of \$20,000 for the construction of a batting cage at May Bennett Pioneer Park to the Parks Committee for review under the VIP Program.

It was moved and seconded that Staff's recommendation be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None.)

16. QUESTION PERIOD:

17. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 7:30 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission to be held Wednesday, 2009-NOV-25, commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room; and,

With the next meeting of the Cultural Committee to be held Wednesday, 2009-NOV-04, commencing at 4:15 p.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room; and,

With the next meeting of the Recreation Committee to be held, Tuesday, 2009-NOV-10, commencing at 3:00 p.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room; and,

With the next meeting of the Parks Committee to be held, Thursday, 2009-NOV-12, commencing at 5:00 p.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

The motion carried unanimously.



L. McNabb, Chair
Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



R. Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture