

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION
HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM
ON WEDNESDAY, 2009-APR-22, 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	R. Lawrance
	A. Kemp	R. Tweed, 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, as amended, be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- (a) Minutes of the Regular Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Meeting held Wednesday, 2009-MAR-25, at 6:59 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) Ms. Adriane Schroeder, Community Action Coordinator, Canadian Cancer Society, Vancouver Island Region, requesting that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission support a bylaw that would phase out non-essential pesticide use.

Ms. Schroeder provided an overview on the request and background to the issue of non-essential pesticide use in the City of Nanaimo.

- (b) Mr. Fred Taylor, 204 Emery Way, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5Z8 requesting the opportunity to address the Commission in regards to non-essential pesticide use on all City parks, playing fields and residential property.

Mr. Taylor provided a viewpoint in opposition to the request by the Canadian Cancer Society, and advised that many of the names on the list of people opposed to pesticide use were not residents of the City of Nanaimo.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- (a) Reminder regarding the Medal and Certification presentation event to be held on Wednesday, 2009-APR-29, at 5:00 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Lobby.

8. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:

- (a) Parks Committee. No meeting held.
- (b) Recreation Committee. No meeting held.
- (c) Cultural Committee. No meeting held.
- (d) Grants Advisory Committee. Commissioners Avis and Burnett reported on the meeting held 2009-APR-05. Review of some grants, but process not complete.
- (e) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee. No report as the regularly scheduled Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee Meeting had been postponed.
- (f) Social Planning Advisory Committee. Commissioner Cowling reported on the meeting held 2009-APR-09.
- (g) The Port Theatre. Monthly report for March, 2009.
- (h) Nanaimo Art Gallery. Monthly report for March, 2009.
- (i) Nanaimo Museum. Monthly report for March, 2009.

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

9. **STAFF REPORTS:**

(a) **License of Use Agreements 2009.**

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission in accordance with the document "Guidelines Establishing Value of Rent for Lease or License Agreements to Non-Profit Societies", the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the following License of Use Agreements for a five-year (5) period at an annual rent of \$1.00 given that the services provided in these three licenses meet well with the stated guidelines.

Licensee	License Period	Admin Fee	Rent
Nanaimo Hornets Rugby-Football Club	2009-MAR-01 to 2014-FEB-28	\$125.00	\$1.00/year
Nanaimo & District Equestrian Association (NDEA) and Vancouver Island Exhibition Association (VIEEX)	2009-MAR-01 to 2014-FEB-28	\$125.00	\$1.00/year
Douglas Island Garden Society (DIGS)	2009-APR-01 to 2014-MAR-31	\$125.00	\$1.00/year

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

(b) **Urban Forest Management Strategy.**

A. Kemp, Urban Forestry Coordinator, provided an overview of the draft strategy.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission receive the draft Urban Forest Management Strategy and have an Open House in May to forward the Strategy for public review and comment.

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 March, 2009.

(b) **Senior Manager of Recreation and Culture Services.** Monthly report for March, 2009.

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

11. CORRESPONDENCE: (Action Required.)

- (a) Correspondence from Ms. Marion Brom, 3562 Monterey Drive, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6T2, dated 2009-APR-14 to Chair Larry McNabb, regarding a Petition for Dog Off-Leash Area in North Nanaimo (petition attached).

Staff's Recommendation: *That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission forward the matter of a dog off-leash area in North Nanaimo to the Parks Committee.*

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation be adopted.

Additional information was provided by Commissioner Pattje with regard to discussions held with Ms. Brom who is concerned that a delay will result by having this matter go through the usual review and approval process. Staff advises that the public needs to be informed prior to action being taken to ensure that issues do not arise as a result of not following due process. Staff will be returning to the Parks Committee with some recommendations, potential sites and public review options.

The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Information)

- (a) Minutes of the Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors Board of Directors Meeting held 2009-APR-03.
- (b) Letter dated 2009-MAR-14 (copied to Chair L. McNabb, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission), received 2009-APR-20, from Ms. Carmella Luvisotto, Band Director, Wellington Secondary School, 3135 Mexicana Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 2W8 to Ms. Eveline O'Rourke, Chair, Cultural Committee, thanking the Cultural Committee for honouring her with the Nanaimo Excellence in Culture Award.
- (c) Letter dated 2009-MAR-31, received 2009-APR-20, from Ms. Carmella Luvisotto, Band Director, Wellington Secondary School, 3135 Mexicana Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 2W8 to Councillor Larry McNabb, Chair, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission thanking the Commission for honouring her with the Nanaimo Excellence in Culture Award.
- (d) Letter dated 2009-APR-20, received 2009-APR-20, from Ms. Suzanne Allard Strutt, Chief Executive Officer, British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association, 101 – 4664 Lougheed Hwy., Burnaby, BC V5C 5T5 addressed to Ms. Jessica Gemella, Gemella Design Inc., and Ms. Mary Smith, City of Nanaimo, expressing the BCRPA's congratulations and advising that the Oliver Woods Community Centre had been selected as a winner of a 2009 BC Recreation and Parks Association Facility Excellence Award.

- (e) Invitation from Sport BC to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission to attend the Community Sport Hero Awards to be held on Tuesday, 2009-MAY-05, at 7:00 p.m. in the Port Alberni Room, at the Coast Bastion Inn. Note: There is no charge for this event; however, attendee RSVP is requested by Wednesday, 2009-APR-29.

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:

(Note: No motions were made as a result of the delegations.)

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) Process of Advisory Bodies Reporting to Commission – staff report – Legislative Services to clarify.
- (b) Prepare DIGS License for Commission's review – staff report April 2009.
- (c) Beban Park Complex Feasibility Study Report – staff report.
- (d) E.J. Hughes Mural – Copyright & Image Production used on promotional material, and sold by the City of Nanaimo, with proceeds going to Art in Public Places. – Update from Staff - for next PRCC meeting with have the Agreement and letter from the estate for information and review.

It was moved and seconded that Items 15.(a) and 15.(b) be removed from "Unfinished Business". The motion carried unanimously.

16. QUESTION PERIOD:

17. ADJOURNMENT:

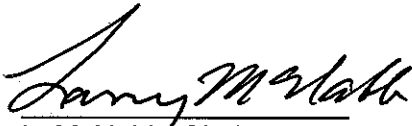
It was moved and seconded at 7:52 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission to be held Wednesday, 2009-MAY-27, commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room; and,

With the next meeting of the Cultural Committee to be held Wednesday, 2009-MAY-06, 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, if required, Wednesday, 2009-MAY-13, commencing at 4:00 p.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room; and,

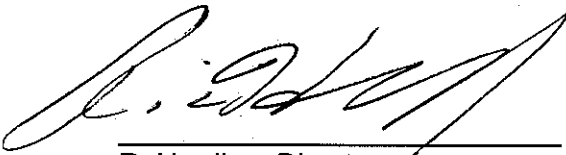
With the next meeting of the Parks Committee to be held, if required, Thursday, 2009-MAY-14, commencing at 5:00 p.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

The motion carried unanimously.



L. McNabb, Chair
Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



R. Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture