

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION
MEETING
HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, 2009-MAR-25, 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 J. Cowling
Commissioner B. Sparkes
Commissioner B. Dempsey

Regrets: Commissioner B. Meunier
Commissioner M. Young
Commissioner G. Rudischer

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

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:59 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, 2009-FEB-25 at 6:55 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. Ed Poli on behalf of the Nanaimo Art Gallery, 150 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, B.C., V9R 5G6, providing an update on the "E.J. Hughes Celebration" to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.

Mr. Poli distributed additional written information for Commission members and provided some history and background on the mural restoration, as well as the schedule of events for the unveiling.

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

- (b) Mr. Richard Hoedl, 355 Pine Street, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 2C1, of the Art Masters Academy, showcasing a new concept to make use of the Old Nanaimo Museum to enhance the Arts District of Nanaimo.

Mr. Hoedl provided background on his history in Nanaimo as well as outside Nanaimo. He then discussed the concept of Art Apprenticeship in the field to provide a business model as well as an artistic program to apprentices. A larger space is required due to the high volume of applicants for this type of program and Mr. Hoedl would like to use the old Nanaimo Museum building for this purpose.

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

Staff provided an update on the current status of the planning process and study being undertaken on the old Nanaimo Museum Building.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- (a) BCRPA Symposium.

Commissioner Lynda Avis and Commissioner Dawn Burnett expressed their interest in attending the BCRPA Symposium. Commissioner Diana Johnstone announced that she has been appointed as a Director of the BCRPA and, as such, will attend on behalf of the BCRPA.

- (b) Designation of Alternate Chair.

Chair Larry McNabb advised that he had selected Commissioner Diana Johnstone to act as Alternate Chair in the event of his absence.

(c) Medal and Certificate Presentations.

A medal and certificate presentation event is being scheduled for 2009-APR-29 at 5:00 p.m. in the Bowen Complex Lobby area. Chairman Larry McNabb encouraged Commission members to attend as a community event.

8. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:

(a) Parks Committee. Commissioner Sparkes reported on the meeting held 2009-MAR-12.

(i) Meeting Dates / Time.

Parks Committee's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission review the Parks Committee meeting start time and approve an amendment from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month in order to better accommodate the members of the Parks Committee.

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

(ii) Bench and Plaque at Maffeo Sutton Park

Parks Committee's Recommendation: It was moved and seconded that the Parks Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission support Mr. Barron's proposal and have a plinth and plaque, subject to confirmation of location, erected to recognize the Concerned Citizens Committee for the preservation of the lands now known as Maffeo Sutton Park.

Following discussion of the matter by the Commission an amendment to the Park's Committee Recommendation was proposed, in order that it include confirmation of the members of the Committee in addition to the issue of funding for the plinth and plaque.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council support Mr. Barron's proposal to have a plinth and plaque erected in Maffeo Sutton Park in recognition of the Concerned Citizens Committee, subject to:

- (i) *confirmation of the placement location;*
- (ii) *confirmation of the names of the members of the original Concerned Citizens Committee; and,*
- (iii) *all funding being provided by the Concerned Citizens Committee.*

The motion carried. Opposed: Commissioner Lance and Commissioner Avis.

(b) Recreation Committee. No meeting held.

- (c) Cultural Committee. On behalf of the newly-elected Chair, Eveline O'Rourke, Commissioner Pattje reported on the meeting held 2009-MAR-04.

(i) Meeting Times for the Cultural Committee.

Cultural Committee's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission review the Cultural Committee meeting start time and approve the amendment from 4:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month, with date exceptions as previous adopted, in order to better accommodate the members of the Cultural Committee.

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

(ii) Cultural Strategy

Cultural Committee's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission receive the updated version of the 2008 Nanaimo Cultural Strategy and recommend to Council that they approve the 2008 Nanaimo Cultural Strategy.

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

(iii) Cancellation of Meeting Scheduled for 2009-APR-01

Cultural Committee's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission cancel the Cultural Committee meeting scheduled for 2009-APR-01, with this meeting to be rescheduled at the discretion of the Chair of the Committee.

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

- (d) Grants Advisory Committee. No meeting held.

- (e) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee. Commissioner Shirley Lance reported on the meeting held 2009-MAR-24. Had an update on the RDN strategy of growth and went through some re-zoning amendments.

- (f) Social Planning Advisory Committee. Commissioner Cowling reported on the Inaugural meeting held on 2009-MAR-11. Ms. Zeni Maartman has been elected as the new Chair.

- (g) Port Theatre. Monthly report for February 2009.

- (h) Nanaimo Art Gallery. Monthly report for 2009-FEB-01 to 2009-FEB-28.

- (i) Nanaimo District Museum. Monthly report for February 2009, additionally, the annual report was also provided.

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

9. STAFF REPORTS:

(a) **Travel Assistance Application From The Nanaimo Ebbitides Swim Club**

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the application for a Travel Assistance Grant for the Nanaimo Ebbitides Swim Club in the amount of \$100.00. The application meets all of the grant criteria.

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

(b) **2008 City Of Nanaimo Cultural Strategy**

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the updated 2008 City of Nanaimo Cultural Strategy.

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

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (staff reports):

(a) Senior Manager, Parks. Monthly report for February 2009. Provided verbal report on the Spirit Eagles project and distributed a photograph of a likeness of the two Spirit Eagles that would be coming to Nanaimo for placement at Maffeo Sutton Spirit Square and McGregor Park.

(b) Senior Manager, Recreation and Culture Services. Monthly report for February 2009. In the first 21 days of registration we are up 20% in registrations from the same time last year.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE: (Information)

(a) Minutes of the Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors Board of Directors Meeting held 2009-MAR-06.

Staff reported that the Wellness Park equipment has been ordered. The construction should be completed by the end of June, with opening scheduled for the beginning of July 2009.

Commissioner Avis provided additional information on the final refurbishing of the Bowen Complex lobby area by the Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors group.

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

12. NOTICE OF MOTION: (None.)

13. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER BUSINESS:

Richard Harding is working on a session that he would like to provide to Commission members in April or May on how to promote active living and sport in our community and interfacing with user groups and other levels of government. He would to have School District, as well as Vancouver Island University, personnel in as well.

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS:

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It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission receive the presentation. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Mr. Richard Hoedl, 355 Pine Street, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 2C1, of the Art Masters Academy, showcasing a new concept to make use of the Old Nanaimo Museum to enhance the Arts District of Nanaimo.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission refer the matter of the Old Nanaimo Museum building to Staff for the planning process. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

16. QUESTION PERIOD: (No questions.)

17. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 8:09 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission moving to an "In-Camera" session and with the next Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission to be held Wednesday, 2009-APR-22, 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 as determined by the Chair, 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-APR-08, 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-APR-09, 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