

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, OF THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX,
ON WEDNESDAY, 2008-OCT-29, COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioner L. McNabb, Chair

Members:

Commissioner L. Avis
Commissioner J. Cameron
Commissioner B. Dempsey
Commissioner P. Field
Commissioner S. Lance
Commissioner B. Sperling
Commissioner A. Young

Absent:

Commissioner L. Fraser
Commissioner D. Johnstone
Commissioner D. Burnett
Commissioner L. Sherry

Staff:

R. Harding
S. Samborski

J. Ritchie
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:

- (a) Mr. Adam Miller requested Commission allow him to make a late presentation on Youth Ball Hockey.

It was moved and seconded that Mr. Miller be allowed five minutes to present to Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

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, 2008-Jul-23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Bowen Park Complex.

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS: Twelve presentations were made prior to the Regular Commission meeting to BC Track and Field gold medal winners of the Junior Development and Juvenile Development Championships.

6. DELEGATIONS:

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

- (a) Ms. Tanya Lebans, Friends of Nanaimo Jazz Society – presentation of plaque of thanks to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for their support.

Ms. Lebans provided verbal information regarding the Friends of Nanaimo Jazz Society and their accomplishments over the past year in supporting young people's musical education in Nanaimo. Ms. Lebans presented a plaque to the Commission, as well as a Program and Poster on one of their events "Old Havana Jazz Affair".

- (b) Mr. Jim Whiteaker, President, Board of Directors, and Mr. Bruce Halliday, General Manager, Port Theatre Society, - Mr. Halliday to provide presentation on the "Studio Theatre".

Verbal, electronic and hard copy presentation provided on the proposed new "Studio Theatre" which will feature a 90-200 seat theatre, a small rehearsal space and washrooms on all three floors on the south side. Total construction costs are estimated at \$9,800,000.00 at 2008 prices. Mr. Halliday, on behalf of the Port Theatre Society, asked that the Commission recommend that Council support the Studio Theatre project.

This support includes:

- (i) Approval in Principle for the proposed use of City property;
- (ii) Approval in Principle to proceed with a public fundraising campaign;
- (iii) Approval in Principle for discussion with City staff regarding an increase to our annual service level;
- (iv) Approval and Support for application to senior levels of government for funding; and,
- (v) Approval in Principle for discussion with City Staff regarding Project management services.

Staff provided additional information to the Commission on the "Guidelines for City Assisted Community Projects" document.

- (c) Ms. Camela Tang and Mr. Chris Sholberg, on behalf of the Downtown Nanaimo Partnership, to outline a proposal to provide the City of Nanaimo with a piece of community art. *This delegation withdrew their presentation on 2008-Oct-29.*

LATE DELEGATION:

- (d) Mr. Adam Miller to give presentation on Youth Ball Hockey.

Verbal report with regard to Youth Ball Hockey and their fund raising endeavours. Currently looking for locations to play inside. Youth under 19 need a place to play and a group to belong to. Mr. Miller mentioned that they are trying to keep this a community event for young players and at no cost and would like a facility that will not charge him for these events. Mr. Miller was thanked for his presentation. Staff provided information on the presentation and also that they were currently working with Mr. Miller to attempt to find a venue for his group.

It was moved and seconded that staff work with Mr. Miller and his Youth Ball Hockey group. The motion carried unanimously.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- (a) **Shining Blue Light in Recognition of Diabetes Awareness** - Council, at its 2008-Sep-29 meeting, proclaimed November as "Diabetes Month" and 2008-Nov-14 as "Diabetes Day". Council also referred the issue of shining a blue light on a Nanaimo landmark to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission. Parks, Recreation and Culture staff, in consultation with the delegation, will shine a blue light on the Bastion as well as erect a blue light in Maffeo Sutton Park. The lights in both locations will shine for the entire month of November, 2008, in recognition of "Diabetes Month".

8. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:

- (a) Parks Committee. No meeting held.
- (b) Recreation Committee. No meeting held.
- (c) Cultural Committee. Meetings held 2008-Sep-03 and 2008-Sep-24. Commissioner Lance reported on the meetings held and made two motions as a result of business arising from the Cultural Committee with regard to the E.J. Hughes Mural.

It was moved and seconded that the City of Nanaimo investigate having a copyright on the E.J. Hughes Mural. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that images of the E.J. Hughes Mural be made and used on promotional material, to be sold by the City of Nanaimo, with proceeds going to Art in Public Places. The motion carried unanimously.

It was requested by Commissioner Lance that these matters be put on "Unfinished Business".

Also brought forward to the attention of the Commission were the concerns of the Cultural Committee with regard to the lettering on the Diana Krall Plaza. It was felt that the sign is so large that it will become the focal point of the Plaza instead of the public art. The Cultural Committee asked if it was possible to erect a plaque instead of the Diana Krall Plaza lettering at Diana Krall Plaza.

Staff advised that the signage had already gone out to tender and that as a surface sign will not take away from the art.

- (d) Grants Advisory Committee. Commissioner Burnett was absent.
- (e) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee. Commissioner Lance reported no meetings held.
- (f) Social Planning Advisory Committee. Commissioner Johnstone was absent.
- (g) Port Theatre. Monthly reports – August and September, 2008.
- (h) Nanaimo Art Gallery. Monthly reports – 2008-Jul-15 to 2008-Sep-10, and 2008-Sep-11 to 2008-Oct-09.
- (i) Nanaimo District Museum. Monthly report – August, 2008. *(Due to staff absences, there will be no report for September 2008.)*

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

9. STAFF REPORTS:

- (a) Nanaimo Bridge Club Tournament and Festival Fund Application.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve a Tournament and Festival Fund grant application for the Nanaimo Bridge Club in the amount of \$3,000 to assist with funding the Nanaimo Regional Bridge Tournament.

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

- (b) 2012 and 2014 BC Summer and Winter Games.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend to Council that:

1. the City apply to host the 2014 BC Summer Games and resolve that an expenditure of \$45,000 cash and \$50,000 in-kind services and facilities be committed if the Games are awarded; and, further, that
2. the City request that District 68 School Board resolve to support the Games application as per the bid package requirements.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation be adopted. Discussion with regard to Council meetings schedule. The motion carried unanimously.

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (staff reports):

- (a) Monthly Reports (July/August 2008, and September 2008)
- Mr. J. Ritchie, Senior Manager of Parks.

Commission requested an update on Westwood Lake Custodian. Staff provided information regarding reporting requirements as well as gate opening and closing times. Effective 2008-Nov-01 all parks will be closed at 6:00 p.m. for the winter season.

Rotary Field House opening is next Thursday, 2008-Nov-06, at noon and all Commissioners are invited to attend this event.

The Seniors' Wellness Park is progressing with the approval of \$100,000 in funding from the Province. Implementation should begin in the New Year.

Border collies are being brought in to deal with Canada Goose issue.

Commissioner Cameron raised the issue of pesticide use in the parks. Staff provided an overview of pesticide use by City, that uses an integrated pest management (IPM) program. Every management technique possible is utilized prior to using pesticides. Mr. R. Harding advised that Staff will develop a Commission seminar for the New Year on the issue.

Mr. R. Harding advised that signage to celebrate the "Sports Zone" on 3rd Street will be erected in February /March 2009, depicting different sports.

- (b) Monthly Reports (July/August 2008, and September 2008)
- Ms. S. Samborski, Senior Manager of Recreation and Culture Services.

The Bowen Seniors have changed their name and will now be known as the Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors. They have just welcomed their 2000th member.

The draft Departmental Marketing Plan has been released. Ms. Hannah King was the successful applicant for the Parks, Recreation and Culture, Marketing and Communications Specialist position and will be starting in her new position on 2008-Nov-03.

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

11. CORRESPONDENCE: (Action)

- (a) Letter dated 2008-Aug-21, to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission from Ms. Gennifer Tooke, Wellington Action Committee, thanking the Commission for funding the beautification of the Canada Centennial Building at Loudon Park and offering to restore the Centennial Plaque to its original state before it is remounted on the building.

Staff's Recommendation: That Staff respond to the Wellington Action Committee, on behalf of the Chairman, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, thanking them for their restoration offer and providing them an update of the action that has been taken to date with regard to the restoration of the Centennial Plaque.

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

- (b) Letter dated 2008-Oct-20, to Mr. Jeff Ritchie, Senior Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, from Ms. Heather Lemieux, External Awards Coordinator, BC Wildlife Federation, requesting a letter of endorsement for the nomination of Nanaimo's Millstone River Bypass in Bowen Park Project for the Canadian Wildlife Federation's Doug Clarke Memorial Award for 2009.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission direct Staff to prepare a letter of endorsement, for signature by the Commission Chair, for the nomination of Nanaimo's Millstone River Bypass in Bowen Park Project for the Canadian Wildlife Federation's Doug Clarke Memorial Award for 2009.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: (Information)

- (c) Letter dated 2008-Jul-28, to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission from Ms. Odette Laramée, Manager, Nanaimo Arts Council, providing the Quarterly Status Report (for the 2nd quarter) with regard to the 2008 Cultural Operating Grant Funding.
- (d) Letter dated 2008-Aug-01, to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission from Mr. W.M. (Bill) McGuire, Commodore, Loyal Nanaimo Bathtub Society, expressing thanks on behalf of the Society to the Commission and to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department for their involvement and cooperation for the staging of the 2008 "Great" International World Championship Bathtub Race and the Nanaimo Marine Festival.
- (e) Minutes of the Bowen Park Seniors Board of Directors Meeting held 2008-Sep-12.
- (f) Letter dated 2008-Oct-01, to Mr. Larry McNabb, Chairman, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission from Mrs. Lynda Avis, President, Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors, advising of their name change from Bowen Park Seniors at an Extraordinary General Meeting held on 2008-Sep-25.
- (g) Letter dated 2008-Oct-03, to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission from Mrs. Mindi Pettitt, Member at Large, Cultural Committee, advising of her resignation from the Cultural Committee. (*Note: member will complete her term to 2008-Dec-31, but will not be seeking re-appointment.*)
- (h) Letter dated 2008-Oct-14, to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission from Ms. Odette Laramée, Manager, Nanaimo Arts Council, providing the Quarterly Status Report (for the 3rd quarter) with regard to the 2008 Cultural Operating Grant Funding.

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

12. NOTICE OF MOTION:

13. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Commissioner Lance raised the issue with regard to providing a 2009 budget to Commission. Mr. R. Harding advised that the 2009 proposed budget will be provided to the new Council and Commission.

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS:

(a) Mr. Jim Whiteaker, President, Board of Directors, and Mr. Bruce Halliday, General Manager, Port Theatre Society, - Mr. Halliday provided a presentation on the "Studio Theatre".

It was moved and seconded that Commission recommend that Council support the Studio Theatre project by way of:

- (i) Approval in Principle for the proposed use of City property;
- (ii) Approval in Principle for the Port Theatre Society to proceed with a public fundraising campaign;
- (iii) Approval in Principle for discussion between the Port Theatre Society and City Staff regarding an increase to the Port Theatre Society annual service level;
- (iv) Approval and Support for application by the Port Theatre Society to senior levels of government for funding; and,
- (v) Approval in Principle for discussion between the Port Theatre Society and City Staff regarding project management services.

The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Mr. Adam Miller gave a presentation on Youth Ball Hockey, their fund raising endeavours, and there search for an indoor facility, preferably at no charge, in which to play.

It was moved and seconded that staff work with Mr. Miller and his Youth Ball Hockey group. The motion carried unanimously.

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) Process of Advisory Bodies Reporting to Commission – staff report.
- (b) Prepare DIGS License for Commission's review – staff report Nov 2008.
- (c) Beban Park Complex Feasibility Study Report – staff report.
- (d) Copyright on the E.J. Hughes Mural.
- (e) Images of the E.J. Hughes Mural be made, 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 8:00 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next Meeting of Commission to be held Wednesday, 2008-NOV-26, commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Bowen Park Complex; and,

With the next meeting of the Cultural Committee to be held Wednesday, 2008-NOV-05, commencing at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Bowen Park Complex; and,

With the next meeting of the Recreation Committee to be held, if required, Wednesday, 2008-NOV-12, commencing at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Bowen Park Complex; and,

With the next meeting of the Parks Committee to be held, if required, Thursday, 2008-NOV-13, commencing at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Bowen Park Complex.

The motion carried unanimously.



L. McNabb, Chair
Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



R. Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture