

NOTES OF THE REGULAR RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, OF THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX,
ON WEDNESDAY, 2008-JUL-09, COMMENCING AT 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioner S. Lance, Chair

Members:

Commissioner L. Avis
Commissioner J. Cameron
Commissioner P. Field

Absent: Commissioner D. Burnett

Staff: S. Samborski E. Williams
H. Richardson (recording) R. Tweed (observing)

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 4:00 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 MEETING NOTES:

(a) Meeting Notes of the Regular Recreation Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 2008-MAY-14, commencing at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Bowen Park Complex.

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

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Review of 2008 Tournament and Festival Grant Application from the Silly Boat Regatta.

The Silly Boat Regatta has historically been a one-day event that is held at the beginning of the Nanaimo Marine Festival. Although the group requested the use of Maffeo Sutton Park for two days, it was only available for one day.

Tournament and Festival Grant provides preferences for events that are in excess of one day.

Recreation Committee's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council not approve the \$1,000 tournament and festival grant request from the Nanaimo Child Development Centre Society for the Silly Boat Regatta.

Staff will prepare a letter to the Child Development Centre suggesting that if the Silly Boat Regatta is expanded to two days in 2009, that they re-apply for the Tournament and Festival Grant and it will be re-evaluated.

The Tournament and Festival Grant objective is to assist as many groups as possible in hosting tournaments and festivals utilizing services and facilities within the City of Nanaimo.

When a new Recreation Committee is appointed in January of 2009, the suggestion was made that the Tournament and Festival Grant criteria be reviewed.

It was moved and seconded that the Tournament and Festival Grant criteria be reviewed in January of 2009 when the new Recreation Committee is appointed. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) "Atlantis" Theme at Beban Park Pool.

Information from Commissioner Avis suggests that an "Atlantis" theme be introduced at the Beban Park Pool to increase usage by creating a sense of freshness to the facility. Ms. Avis suggested that usage at Beban Pool is very low compared to the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre (NAC). She suggested looking at new programs for the pool and an aggressive advertising campaign. S. Samborski informed the Committee that a Marketing Position has been posted. This position is department-focussed and will assist in promoting the pool at Beban.

Staff will look at a "whole facility" plan for Beban Recreation Centre, which would include a public input component. Staff will also look at the 10-Year Master Plan as it pertains to the Beban Pool.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 4:55 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next Meeting of the Recreation Committee to be held on 2008-SEP-10, commencing at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Bowen Park Complex. The motion carried unanimously.

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S. Lance Chair
Recreation Committee

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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R. Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture