

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, OF THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX,
ON WEDNESDAY, 2007-NOV-28, COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioner L. McNabb, Chair

Members:

Commissioner L. Avis
Commissioner D. Burnett
Commissioner J. Cameron
Commissioner B. Dempsey
Commissioner P. Field
Commissioner D. Johnstone
Commissioner S. Lance
Commissioner L. Sherry
Commissioner B. Sperling
Commissioner A. Young

Absent: Commissioner L. Fraser

Staff:

R. Harding
S. Samborski
B. Meunier

J. Ritchie
E. Williams
D. Tyre, recording

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Commissioner Lance requested that a Commissioner be appointed to the Sports Hall of Fame Committee.

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, 2007-OCT-24 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:

On behalf of the City of Nanaimo, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission presented Provincial certificates and medallions to the Over Your Head Barnsley Shield Lifeguard Champion participants Mark Vuorella, Mark Carolan, Brandi Miller, Samantha Colbourne.

Provincial Certificates and medallions were also presented to the Raiders Football Club Cullen Cup Champions Jack Allen, Ranji Atwall, Tyler Bates, Mike Belloch, Aaron Davies, Jesse Ehrenberg, Reuben Friesen, Aaron Gillcash, Andrew Harris, Sean Hatfield, Camron Hoffman, Kent Jones, Scott Kennett, Tyrel Kerpan, Darcy MacDonald, Karim Maher, Corey Mann, Calin McFaul, Kyle Moore, Bronson Nicol, Graham Norrish, Karim Ould-Hamouda, Michael Roache, Gordon Robinson, Taylor Slaght, Andrew Smith, Matthew Veale, Curris Vizza, Doug Hocking, Hamead Rashead, Mike Gillcash, Jim McFaul, Darryl Rodgers, Jake Cody, Jay Hale, Lawrence Nagy, Hadi Abassi, Bob Thompson, Kyle Nekrash, Scott Kirkpatrick, Matthew Blokker, Anna Thommasen.

6. DELEGATIONS:

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

- (a) Brenda Grice, 206 – 335 Wesley Street, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 2T5, bgrice@archadia.com, regarding the E.J. Hughes Mural.

Ms. Grice informed Commission that the restoration and installation of the E.J. Hughes Mural at the Port of Nanaimo Conference Centre would have costs up to \$200,000 being paid specifically by funds designated for public art which were included in the 2007-2008 Parks, Recreation and Culture budget. Ms. Grice also stated that she appreciated the Motion made by Commission last month supporting the E.J. Hughes Mural display at the Conference Centre.

Ms. Grice stated that she submitted an application to speak to Council Monday, 2007-DEC-03, to discuss the importance of this piece of artwork. Ms. Grice was on the Heritage Commission when the murals were removed from their original location at the Malaspina Hotel. She advised that Nanaimo may not have an opportunity of displaying artwork of this magnitude again in the future and that various E.J. Hughes art has sold for approximately one million dollars. Ms. Grice noted that she has been canvassing the community to demonstrate support. She advised that Ian Thom, Curator of the Vancouver Art Gallery, will also speak to Council on 2007-DEC-03. She informed that Michael Gallery will send a letter of support stating it is of national significance. She also requested support from Commission in having this issue revisited.

Chair McNabb commented that Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission previously recommended to Council that funds be allocated to the restoration and display of the E.J. Hughes Mural but that Council did not approve Commission's recommendation.

Commissioner Cameron noted that correspondence has been received from the curator of Nanaimo Art Gallery expressing interest in assisting with this project. Ms. Grice responded that art groups in Nanaimo are well connected with this Gallery. Ms. Grice also mentioned that she can be contacted directly by email for those requiring further information.

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

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- (a) Chair McNabb presented a framed picture to Commission. He stated that the picture was donated by the Pacific Salmon Foundation in recognition of the City's contribution to the Bowen Side Channel.

8. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:

- (a) Parks Committee. No meeting was held.
- (b) Recreation Committee. Commissioner Lance reported on the meeting held 2007-NOV-14.

1. Review of Travel Assistance application from Nanaimo Blind Bowls.

Recreation Committee's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council award the Nanaimo Blind Bowls \$200 from the Travel Assistance Program to offset costs related to participating in the Canadian Blind Sports National Championships – Lawn Bowling in Peterborough, Ontario.

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

2. Review of Tournament and Festival Fund Grant Applications.

Recreation Committee's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council not approve the Gabriola Arts Council application as it is not located within the City of Nanaimo.

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

Recreation Committee's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council not approve a Tournament and Festival Fund Grant for the Global Film Festival, but that it be referred for consideration by the Cultural Committee as part of the review for funds from the Arts and Cultural Events Fund.

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

Recreation Committee's Recommendation: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the 2008 Tournament and Festival Grant requests as listed below:

| | | 2007 | 2007 |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | | Requested | Recommended |
| 1 | Dorman Timber Softball | \$1,500 | \$850 |
| 2 | Hockey – Atom 'A' Clippers | 1,000 | 950 |
| 3 | Hockey – Atom 'B' Clippers | 1,000 | 950 |
| 4 | Hockey – Atom Division Tournament | 1,000 | 950 |
| 5 | Hockey – PeeWee Division Tournament | 1,000 | 950 |
| 6 | Lacrosse – Bantam Tournament | 1,500 | 950 |
| 7 | Riptides Swim Team | 1,500 | 1,200 |
| 8 | Soccer – Provincial Futsal Tournament | 1,500 | 1,200 |
| | TOTAL: | \$10,000.00 | \$8,000.00 |

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

- (c) Cultural Committee. Commissioner Lance reported on the meeting held 2007-NOV-07 advising that the Cultural Committee has given its support in principle to the Marquee/Sculpture Project and that there is no recommendation at this time for Commission.

Commissioner Sherry inquired if pictures would be presented to identify what the Marquee/Sculpture will look like. Commissioner Lance informed that size and location information was given to the Committee and that the Committee will have a contest for the Marquee. Commissioner Lance informed that a jury will be selected to approve the art.

Commissioner Sherry noted the importance of having a picture to visualize what will be placed at the location. Mr. Richard Harding, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, stated that the actual signage component will be addressed by the Development Services Department to meet Bylaw requirements. Mr. Harding also noted that the display sign will be reviewed through the Art in Public Places process.

Commissioner Lance advised that the Cultural Committee met today regarding Grants.

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

- (d) Grants Advisory Committee. No meeting was held.
- (e) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee. Commissioner Lance reported that the Committee was shown a final draft of Plan Nanaimo and will be going to the public in January.

- (f) Social Planning Advisory Committee. No report.
- (g) Port Theatre. Monthly report – October. Commissioner Cameron reviewed the report and noted that attendance was down. Chair McNabb responded that Mr. Halliday, of the Port Theatre, indicated previously that numbers had increased. Commissioner Lance inquired if a representative from the Port Theatre would be able to attend a Commission Meeting to review the reports. Mr. Harding, Director, replied that the Port Theatre would be a delegation at the January 2008 Regular Meeting of Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.
- (h) Nanaimo Art Gallery. Monthly report – October and November.
- (i) Nanaimo District Museum. Commissioner Lance informed that a meeting was held 2007-NOV-28 and that the Sports Hall of Fame project was moving forward. Commissioner Lance requested on behalf of the Nanaimo & District Museum Society that Commission select a representative for the Sports Hall of Fame Committee.

It was moved and seconded that Mr. Allan Young be appointed to the Sports Hall of Fame Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lance reported that a deceased member of the Museum Society left money towards a legacy fund. The Vancouver Foundation will match these funds and the Museum is aiming to have \$100,000 in funds for the Foundation to match, which would mean that the legacy fund would start at \$200,000.

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

9. STAFF REPORTS:

- (a) 2009 World Under 17 Hockey Challenge.

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

1. recommend that Council support the Port Alberni 2009 World Under 17 Hockey Challenge Organizing Committee's Island Coastal Economic Trust grant application by providing a letter of support.
2. direct staff to work with the Port Alberni 2009 World Under 17 Hockey Challenge Organizing Committee.
3. allocate up to \$4,000 from the 2009 arena operating budget to cover in-kind service and facility fees

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

(b) "Portals To Our Heritage" At Departure Bay / Kin Hut And Jack Point Cultural Capital Project.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve:

1. the placement of a portal / kiosk at Departure Bay / Kin Hut; and further,
2. the moving of the petroglyph from Pipers Park (Museum site) to the location it originated at Jack Point Park to function as a portal.

Chair McNabb inquired about the portals. Mr. Bob Kuhn, Manager of Cultural Capitals of Canada, stated that there is a sketch of the Departure Bay Portal.

Commissioner Lance noted that at the recent Cultural Capitals meeting there was conversation about the Kin Hut being dismantled and a Long House being built in its place.

Mr. Richard Harding, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture noted that the Departure Bay Neighbourhood Plan stated as one option or concept that if and when the Kin Hut is rebuilt, the idea is to rebuild the Community Centre with a façade in the theme of a Long House.

Commissioner Cameron noted that there was confusion regarding the Long House and Kin Hut and asked Mr. Harding and Mr. Ian Howat, Director of Legislative Services, to verify the status of this project. Mr. Harding replied that the Kin Hut will need to be rebuilt at some point and that the idea of the Long House was merely one concept if and when rebuilding occurs.

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

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (staff reports):

(a) Sport / Cultural Tourism Staff Presentation (Elizabeth Williams).

Ms. Elizabeth Williams, Manager of Sports Tourism and Outdoor Events, presented an overview of Sport and Cultural Tourism in Nanaimo.

The goals of Sport and Cultural Tourism Strategy are to develop Nanaimo as a sport and cultural tourism destination; and, to reduce barriers to hosting tournaments, events or festivals and to help organizations to help themselves; and, for Tourism Nanaimo and the City's Parks, Recreation and Culture Department to develop closer communication and take coordinated action in tracking and enhancing sport and cultural tourism.

The City owns and maintains 22 sports fields/complexes, over 1,200 hectares of parkland and protected open space, over 128 kilometres of trails, 3 aquatic facilities and 3 arena facilities (4 sheets of ice). Some of the tactics and measurements of the Sports Tourism and Outdoor Events include: provide bid support for

organizations working to host tournaments, events or festivals; provide \$20,000 in tournament and festival funding; encourage organizations and volunteers to invest their time and effort into organizing tournaments, events and festivals; maintain event resource kits available to tournament, event or festival organizers; to work together to determine capacities and opportunities for new tournaments, events and festivals; and to develop and circulate a generic marketing brochure which promotes and positions Nanaimo.

Ms. Williams stated that Parks, Recreation and Culture is a member of the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance which includes membership in Sport Tourism Economic Assessment Model (STEAM) which measures economic impact of events in the community.

In addition to sport and cultural events having a positive impact on civic pride, it also has a significant impact on the economy, Ms. Williams noted. Some future development includes enhancing the Tournament and Festival Grant Program, investing in marketing collateral to further promote sport/cultural tourism opportunities and increasing the profile of Nanaimo as a sport and cultural destination.

Commissioner Cameron stated that the City needs to increase the profile within our own community. Commissioner Johnstone noted that she has shown a BC Seniors Games CD to Chair McNabb and it will be given to the City to use as a promotional tool.

Commissioner Dempsey proposed having the same presentation on Channel 4, which Commissioner Cameron agreed with.

Commissioner Johnstone inquired about the long range plans of the artificial fields and if money has been set aside. Mr. Jeff Ritchie, Senior Manager of Parks, informed that in 2010 two million dollars has been allotted for a second artificial field.

(b) Cultural Capitals of Canada Report from Mr. B. Kuhn, Manager of Cultural Capitals of Canada 2008 Project.

Mr. Bob Kuhn, Manager of Cultural Capitals of Canada, advised that in the spring of 2007, the City was awarded the title of Cultural Capitals of Canada 2008. Staff resubmitted the budget to ensure figures were accurate and will receive an Agreement within a week. Ms. Deborah Duncan, Manager, Finance, Community Services, is working with staff to make sure finances are in order.

Staff has been marketing to raise awareness of arts and culture in Nanaimo. A 32 page guide will be produced with each of the nine projects listed.

Two hundred street banners have been ordered that will contain a maple leaf and the Cultural Capitals logo. Three street signs will be placed at the north and south ends of town and at Departure Bay ferry terminal.

Mr. Kuhn also noted that staff is also working on a sponsorship package and on promotional materials and advertising.

(c) Monthly Report from Mr. J. Ritchie, Senior Manager of Parks.

Mr. Ritchie noted that the Harbourfront Plaza Project was moving ahead. The two Volunteer in Parks Community Gardens projects, Protection Island and Beaufort Park, are doing well. The November opening of the Side Channel went well and will be a benefit to Bowen Park.

Mr. Ritchie noted that the lights are working at Deverill Square Park and are being used by youth soccer. Mr. Ritchie also informed that the Departure Bay Neighbourhood Plan is moving ahead.

There has been a lot of support from the community regarding the Rotary Field House and the Malaspina University-College students are working there now.

A Focus Group for the Urban Forest Plan occurred 2007-NOV-27. Representatives of the Nanaimo Neighbourhood Association, Landscape Architects, City of Nanaimo and others attended. Issues will be identified before producing a questionnaire to go to the general public for review before finalizing a plan.

(d) Monthly Report from Ms. S. Samborski, Senior Manager of Recreation and Culture Services.

Ms. Samborski stated that registration was up for October and that there will be a drop in price for adult FITT passes starting 2007-DEC-01. She indicated that this is a promotional pass for families for the Christmas season.

Chair McNabb noted that he had received an email regarding receiving a discount for older patrons playing hockey. Ms. Samborski replied that Ms. Darcie Osborne, Manager of Arenas, is working on a proposal.

Commissioner Lance noted that the enrolment for the Leisure Economic Access Passes were down and asked if there was a reason for this. Ms. Samborski replied that perhaps participants are accessing this program through other avenues and will look into this.

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

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Correspondence from Dawn Burnett, RDN Area A Representative on the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, requesting Commission's consideration of designating the parcel of land at the end of Plecas Road as parkland.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that staff prepare a report on this property for Commission's review and information prior to forwarding to Council for consideration.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: (Information)

- (b) Letter dated 2007-OCT-24 to Mayor and Council from Camela Tang advising the Board's disappointment at the rejection of the E.J. Hughes mural as artwork for the Port of Nanaimo Conference Centre.
- (c) Letter dated 2007-NOV-15 to Councillor Larry McNabb, Chair, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, from Lynda Avis, President, Bowen Seniors, advising that the Bowen Seniors will contribute a maximum of \$1,000 towards the lighting of the art piece to be erected on the lobby wall of the Oliver Woods Community Centre.
- (d) Minutes of the Bowen Park Seniors Board of Directors meeting held 2007-NOV-02.
- (e) Letter dated 2007-NOV-07 to Councillor Larry McNabb, Chair, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, from Jae Valentine & Margot Holmes, Vancouver Island Symphony, expressing appreciation for providing the funding to sponsor Symphony in the Harbour.

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:

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) Nanaimo Christian School Request for Joint Use of Holland Road Park – referred to Parks Committee for consideration in Spring 2008.
- (b) Bowen Side Channel Interpretive Plan – staff report requested (January 2008).
- (c) Designating the parcel of land at the end of Plecas Road as parkland – staff to report (January 2008).

16. QUESTION PERIOD:

17. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 8:32 p.m. that the meeting terminate, with the next Meeting of Commission to be held Wednesday, 2008-JAN-23, commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Bowen Park Complex; and,

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With the next meeting of the Cultural Committee to be held Wednesday, 2008-JAN-02, 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-JAN-09, 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-JAN-10, commencing at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Bowen Park Complex.

The motion carried unanimously.

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L. McNabb, Chair
Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission

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R. Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture