

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN THE BEACON HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE, AT GALLOWS POINT, PROTECTION
ISLAND, ON WEDNESDAY, 2007-MAR-28 COMMENCING AT 12:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioner L. McNabb, Chair

Members:

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

Absent: Commissioner L. Fraser

Staff:	T. Hickey	R. Harding
	B. Meunier	C. Connett, recording

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) A letter from Mr. Terry Gordon, who is unable to attend the meeting, will be presented by Mr. Ralph Kirby as a late delegation.

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-FEB-28 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:

The Protection Island Lions Club thanked the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for holding their March meeting at Beacon House Community Centre.

6. DELEGATIONS:

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

- (a) Mr. Liam Taylor, President, Protection Island Lions Club, 208 Colville Trail, Nanaimo BC V9R 6R1, requesting that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission consider an extension of the erosion control riprap program to protect the eastern edge of the Gallows Point property.

Mr. Taylor advised that:

- about four years ago the City placed rock riprap around the shoreline of Gallows Point (208 Colville Trail) in an effort to control the erosion of the bank which has been very effective.
- the eastern edge of the property is unprotected and high tides and stormy seas continue to erode this section of the bank to the extent that a couple of large trees are leaning and when they fall more land will be lost.
- this bank will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to reclaim once eroded and the foundation for the light-keepers cottage, a designated heritage building, is situated on it.
- the Protection Island Lions Club is requesting that the City review the continued erosion and consider an extension to the program.

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

- (b) Mr. Liam Taylor, President, Protection Island Ratepayers Association (PIRA), 1135 Pirates Lane, Nanaimo BC V9R 6R1, requesting that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission consider applying a non-slip surface to the transition flap of the Gallows Point gangway; and adding "P" shaped handrail extensions at the end of the existing handrails.

Mr. Taylor advised that:

- currently Gallows Point dock is the only public emergency access for the island.
- recent improvements to the gangway and dock by the City are appreciated.
- the connecting flap at the bottom of the gangway is the only section that is bare metal which can be very slippery.

- at low tide the connecting flap can also be a difficult passage because the hand rails end with the gangway.
- to ensure the safety of disabled persons and emergency aid workers PIRA is requesting that a non-slip surface be applied to the transition flap and “P” shaped handrail extensions be added to the end of the existing handrails.

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

- (c) Mr. Jim Harris, DIGS (Douglas Island Garden Society) Community Garden VIP Committee, 173 Colvilleton Trail, Nanaimo BC V9R 6R1, requesting that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission allocate a \$15,000 grant from the Volunteer in Park Program for Phase 1 of the project.

Mr. Harris advised that:

- DIGS is a registered, non-profit society and the community garden mission statement is, “to create a self regulating community garden on Protection Island that will promote organic gardening, contribute to community development, foster positive social interaction and increase environmental awareness.”
- a public meeting was held 2007-FEB-19 with over 30 people in attendance; 369 residents were surveyed with 135 responding, and of those, 95% in favour of the proposed community garden.
- the community garden will be built in three phases – Phase 1 is scheduled to start in the Spring of 2007 at a capital cost of \$15,048.55, Phase 2 capital costs will be \$2,835.18 and Phase 3 capital costs will be \$10,937.55.
- the site of the proposed community garden is a sunny, flat area of public land but will need soil barged over for the raised beds.
- the Committee visited several other community gardens on Vancouver Island, attended a conference and conducted research on the internet regarding the operation of community gardens.
- the community garden will have a 4 foot fence to protect the beds from deer.
- there will be public beds as well as beds that can be leased annually; 37 people are interested in having a garden bed.
- soil testing will be required as the proposed area may have some contaminants.
- DIGS sees this project as a joint effort between the City and the islanders with the City providing the cash and the islanders providing the labour.

Commissioner Sherry asked about water use and the provision of a washroom. Mr. Harris replied that staff advised that a reasonable amount of water would be provided; however, a portion of the membership fees could be used to subsidize the water costs. Mr. Harris stated that if a washroom was required in the future, they would need to work on a plan for the facility to present to the City.

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

- (d) Mr. Ralph Kirby presenting on behalf of Terry Gordon, a resident on Protection Island (tggordon@island.net) unable to be in attendance, requesting that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission critically consider the DIGS Community Garden proposal.

Mr. Gordon's letter advised that:

- the playfields at Smugglers Park, where the community garden is to be located, were donated by the late Frank Ney for the benefit of all residents of Protection Island to enjoy.
- The fields, which are used for a variety of events, are in a central location on a generally level surface; they contain a multi-purpose court and a tennis court has long been proposed.
- the fields have been used for 20 years for a variety of activities such as softball, kite flying, dog running, winter snowball fights, a landing area for the air ambulance and for BC Hydro to fly in new poles.
- it is surprising that a new club can ask to take over this public parkland.
- the information sheet provided by DIGS makes no mention of these many existing uses and does not ask residents if they are prepared to give up the playfields should this project proceed.
- because Protection Island has a finite amount of public land available, it is important that the community share the land for its many present and future uses.
- Smugglers Park can accommodate one multi-games court, one tennis/badminton court, one softball field and possibly one area for a community garden; sharing a scarce resource in an equitable and civil way for the use and benefit of all residents is the hallmark of genuine community living.

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

Chair McNabb asked the public in attendance if they had any further comments for the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission regarding the community garden proposal.

Mr. Brad Neil stated that he owns the lot across the street from the proposed garden and he concerned that vehicle parking will be a problem.

Ms. Coreen Hanson suggested the garden could be started at the end of the playfield so that the field could continue to be used. She noted that there is a ball field on the island. In her opinion, vehicle parking at the garden entrance will not be an issue.

Mr. Al Thornton explained that a creek is adjacent to the multi-purpose court. He also noted that there has been some discussion by island residents that a compromise is needed for the location and size of the community garden proposal. It has been suggested that the garden should be located on the far side of the playfield so that sufficient room would remain for a tennis court adjacent to the multi-purpose court. He also commented that users should pay; and if the City pays for dirt to be barged over for a community garden, then why aren't they bringing in dirt for the parks.

Commissioner Lance asked why residents don't just have gardens on their own property. A member of the public replied that there is insufficient sunshine because of the trees and most lots have rock rather than soil. Commissioner Lance suggested that residents could provide their own raised beds and bring in their own soil.

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

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- (a) Chair McNabb advised that Commissioner L. Fraser will be on a temporary leave of absence from the Commission and it's Committee's until approximately September.

8. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:

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

Nanaimo Ice Centre Advertising Signage.

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

- 1. continue to permit temporary signage at City parks and facilities and that the City charge no commission on this form of advertising sales.
- 2. review seasonal advertising signage on a case by case basis to determine whether a sales commission is appropriate.
- 3. continue to charge 20% commission on all advertising signage installed on an annual basis.
- 4. limit annual advertising at the Nanaimo Ice Centre and Cliff McNabb arenas to the arena boards and that seasonal advertising be limited to the arena floor/ice surface.

The Committee felt that advertising should not cover the entire arena area so several specific areas were selected.

Commissioner Sherry expressed concern about the annual advertising review and that one advertiser can have boards up for 12 months rather than the length of the particular sporting season. He suggested that Commission consider seasonal sales rather than annual sales.

Commissioner Lance noted that lacrosse did have the opportunity to sell arena boards but did not. Each year all groups will have the opportunity to sell boards.

Commissioner Field asked if board advertising at the Frank Crane Arena is on an annual basis. Mr. Hickey replied that yes, currently board advertising at the Frank Crane Arena is on a yearly basis by the Nanaimo Clippers.

Commissioner Johnstone asked if electronic signage was investigated. Mr. Hickey advised that staff have not yet investigated the cost of electronic signage and this option can be considered by the Recreation Committee.

Commissioner Dempsey suggested consideration should be given to sharing all the advertising revenue equally between the arena user groups.

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 accommodate temporary advertising signage in Nanaimo Ice Centre Arena 1 along the west wall, beneath the murals and that this location be reviewed prior to the start of next season.

It was confirmed that if the City had to remove the temporary advertising the group would be charged.

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

Travel Assistance Program Requests from Nanaimo Minor Baseball Association.

Recreation Committee's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council award the Nanaimo Minor Baseball Association \$1,300 from the Travel Assistance Program to offset travel costs related to participation in the Babe Ruth Pacific Northwest Regional Tournament in Pendleton, Oregon, USA.

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

Recreation Committee's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council award the Nanaimo Minor Baseball Association \$1,200 from the Travel Assistance Program to offset travel costs related to participation in the Cal Ripkin Pacific Northwest Regional Tournament in Eugene, Oregon, USA.

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

(c) Cultural Committee. No meeting held.

(d) Athletic Commission. Commissioner McNabb reported on the meeting held 2007-MAR-20.

Rules for Martial Arts Event.

Athletic Commission's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission adopt the "Stand-Up Mixed Martial Arts Rules" for the So You Wanna Fight Event scheduled for 2007-MAR-31.

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

- (e) Grants Advisory Committee. Commissioner Burnett reported that a meeting is scheduled on 2007-APR-04.

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

- (f) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee. Commissioner Lance reported that recommendations will be presented to Council shortly.

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

- (g) Social Planning Advisory Committee. Commissioner Johnstone reported on the March meeting advising that there were no items related to Parks, Recreation and Culture.

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

- (h) Port Theatre. Monthly report.

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

- (i) Nanaimo Art Gallery. Monthly report.

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

- (j) Nanaimo District Museum. Monthly report.

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

- (k) BC Seniors Games Committee. Commissioner Johnstone reported that plans are proceeding on schedule. She thanked Commissioner Field, Transportation Director, and Commissioner Burnett, Key Volunteer and Protocol Director, for their assistance on the board.

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

9. STAFF REPORTS:

(a) Nanaimo and District Track and Field Club Request For Support.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommends that Council support the Nanaimo and District Track and Field Club application for an Olympic/Paralympic Live Sites Grant provided that the Nanaimo and District Track and Field Club work with the City of Nanaimo and School District No. 68 on enhancing the multi-purpose use of the Rotary Bowl.

The Nanaimo and District Track and Field Club is requesting support for grant applications to fundraise for the resurfacing of the track surface at Rotary Bowl. The Club is proposing to apply for grants under the Ministry of Community Services LocalMotion Program and the Ministry of Economic Development's Olympic/Paralympic Live Sites Program.

The Ministry of Community Services LocalMotion Program funds capital projects in a 50:50 cost sharing arrangement based on the total cost of the project. The City already has submitted applications for the Terminal Park Intersection / Terminal Park Access (\$341,625) and the Mostar Connector Trail (\$298,750). A local government can apply for 2 projects and the maximum amount a local government can receive under the LocalMotion Program is \$1,000,000 per year. The next deadline is February 2008.

The Olympic/Paralympic Live Sites Program provides matching funds up to \$330,000 for the construction or upgrade of facilities that leave a lasting Olympic legacy within the community. The City received an Olympic / Paralympic Grant in 2005 for the Live Sites Screen to be installed this June at the Harbourfront Plaza. A number of community groups asked to apply for this funding but were advised that the City was applying for the live site screen.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission has recommended that City Council support an application by School District No. 68 for a UBCM School Community Connections Program Funding. The initial \$5,000 in funding will be used to conduct an assessment of the Rotary Bowl to identify improvements that might enable enhanced multi-purpose use of this facility. Based on this assessment, the Nanaimo and District Track and Field Club could work with other community organizations and service clubs to identify potential funding sources for the renovation or upgrade of this facility for improved multi-purpose use. This may include a grant of \$125,000 available through the School Community Connections Program.

Commissioner Sherry commented that it is important that Rotary Bowl be available for more community multi-use.

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

(b) Spray Pool Plan.

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

1. remove the Comox Park pool prior to Summer 2007 at a cost of \$3,000.
2. receive input from the Chase River Community Association regarding the removal of the Chase River Pool by Summer 2007 at a cost of \$3,000.
3. have staff meet with residents in the Franklyn Park area in the Summer of 2007 to review wading pool issues and discuss replacing the pool in 2008 with a year-round play structure chosen in cooperation with the neighbourhood association.
4. operate the Mansfield Park pool as a spray pool as directed by the Vancouver Island Health Authority.
5. have staff meet with residents in the Mansfield Park area to review wading pool issues and discuss long term options which include replacing the pool in 2009 with a year-round play structure chosen in cooperation with the neighbourhood association.

There are currently water parks at Departure Bay Park, Harewood Centennial Park and Deverill Square (Haliburton) Park that meet BC Health Act Regulations and are operated with push button timers without needing staff supervision.

Comox Park, Chase River Park, Franklyn Street Park and Mansfield Park have wading pools; however, only Mansfield Park is operated as a wading pool when playground leaders are on site to fill and drain daily. The other 3 wading pools are no longer operated as such but have had some very basic water spray features installed that operate on push button timers. This has allowed for the availability of a water feature, while meeting BC Health Act Regulations, without the need for staff supervision. However, these converted wading pools often require additional maintenance because neighbourhood children find ways to plug the drains which raise health and safety concerns. Each of these wading pools requires pressure washing, painting, water connection and winterizing which is about \$1,900 per pool each year. Daily maintenance is required at each of these locations to ensure a safe and healthy environment. The conservation of water should also be considered as the ongoing operation of these pools is being reviewed.

Chase River Pool – has no organized playground program, is on School District Property and the City does not have any other park amenities on the site. Water consumption is difficult to estimate because the spray feature is connected through the School's water meter. Actual usage based on a gate counter installed for August 2006 was 34 people which is very low.

Comox Park Pool – has no organized playground program and water cost is approximately \$1,100 per season. Staff have no user data for this facility but have observed that use is low.

Franklyn Street Park Pool – in 2006, the organized playground program ran for 4 hours per week but, because of low participation, will not run in 2007. The water cost is approximately \$800 per season.

Mansfield Park Pool – has a very well attended playground program. The pool was filled and drained by staff daily and was operational when weather permits; but because of high use and resulting water quality issues there were pool closures in 2006. The water cost is approximately \$2,000 - \$2,500 per year. The Public Health Engineer and the Medical Health Officer have confirmed that Mansfield Park can only be operated as a spray pool unless improvements are made so that it meets BC Health Act Regulations. The improvements required will be to the extent that the pool has to be constructed and operated like the Kin Pool.

Commissioner Sherry commented that when the Chase River Fire Station relocates perhaps that will free up space for a water park.

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

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (staff reports):

(a) Maffeo Sutton Implementation Plan.

Mr. Harding reviewed the Interim Site Plan for the Maffeo Sutton Park. The goal is to make the area useable for special events in the short term as well as temporary landscape with walkways during the planning process for the Park. It is hoped that all the work will be completed by May 2007 and open to the public prior to the May Long Weekend.

The Liquor Primary licence for special events can continue at Maffeo Sutton Park.

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

(b) Updated City of Nanaimo Trail Implementation Plan.

Commissioners were provided with copies of the updated Trail Implementation Plan and asked to review it prior to the motion to adopt being made at the April 2007 meeting. This document has been very helpful since its inception and one of the major changes is that it now includes standards.

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

(c) Monthly Report from Mr. R. Harding, Manager of Parks.

Mr. Harding provided handouts regarding the various Volunteer in Park programs and showed Commission the Park Warden vest. The Departure Bay Open House is scheduled for Thursday, 2007-APR-14 from 3 – 7 p.m.

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

(d) Monthly Report from Mr. B. Meunier, Manager of Recreation and Culture Services.

Mr. Meunier advised that the elevator at Frank Crane Arena was budgeted at \$150,000; however, only 1 tender was received at a cost of \$240,000. This has resulted in the project being put on hold.

Mr. Meunier mentioned that the Nanaimo Ice Centre penalty boxes have been divided and gates installed at a cost of \$10,000.

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

11. CORRESPONDENCE: (Action)

- (a) Email dated 2007-MAR-08 from Jesse Oien jinski2@shaw.ca requesting that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission consider constructing a skate park at the Civic Arena site.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission include the concept to construct a skate park at the Civic Arena as input for the planning process of Maffeo Sutton Park.

Commissioner Cameron asked if staff consider Maffeo Sutton Park an appropriate location for a skate park. Mr. Hickey replied that staff do not consider this to be an appropriate location.

Commissioner Johnstone asked if the existing skate park adjacent to the Curling Club could be updated. Mr. Hickey replied that staff will check into this.

Commissioner Field stated that he does not agree with the staff recommendation because it may give the impression that Commission is considering Maffeo Sutton as an appropriate location for a skate park.

Commissioner Sherry suggested that the public input process should accept all suggestions and then an evaluation be completed.

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

- (b) Letter dated 2007-MAR-12, from Ms. Sue Little, Nanaimo and District Track and Field Club, P.O. Box 361, Nanaimo BC V9R 5L3, requesting written support from the City of Nanaimo to submit grant applications to re-surface the Rotary Bowl Track.

Dealt with previously.

- (c) Letter dated 2007-MAR-23, from Mr. and Mrs. Alan Faminoff, 206 Colvilleton Trail, Protection Island, Nanaimo BC V9R 6R1, requesting that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission consider extending the erosion control riprap to protect the eastern edge of the Gallows Point property.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission include the input provided by Mr. and Mrs. Alan Faminoff in their consideration of extending the erosion control riprap.

Commissioner Dempsey asked if the Gallows Point property in question is parkland or private property. Mr. Hickey replied that it is parkland. Commissioner Dempsey asked when the Department of Fisheries and Oceans would permit this work to be done. Mr. Hickey replied that the previous riprap work was completed in September but he does not know what the limitations are.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: (Information)

- (d) Letter received 2007-MAR-02 from Nanaimo Arts Council expressing appreciation for the 2007 Arts and Cultural Event Fund Grant and the 2007 Cultural Operating Grant.
- (e) Letter from Mr. Michael Armstrong, Administrator, TheatreOne, to Mr. Larry McNabb, Chair, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, expressing appreciation for the Cultural Operating Grant and the Cultural Event Grant.
- (f) Bowen Park Seniors Board of Director's meeting minutes of 2007-FEB-02 and 2007-MAR-02.
- (g) Letter received 2007-MAR-27 from Ms. Sara Frisch, President, Malaspina Choir, expressing appreciation for their Cultural Grant.

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

12. NOTICE OF MOTION:

13. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Western Edge Theatre Letter Campaign.

Commissioner Sherry suggested that staff should prepare a response to the many requests for rehearsal theatre space thanking them for their thoughts and concerns and advising that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission is continuing to work with the arts community.

Commissioner Field suggested that a summary of what the City currently does for the community in the way of arts and culture funding should also be included in the response.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission prepare a letter of response to Western Edge Theatre that includes a summary of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission's initiatives that support and enhance arts and culture facilities and services in the community. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Luncheon.

Commissioner Field expressed appreciation to the Protection Island Lions Club for providing lunch.

(c) BC Seniors Games Official Office Opening Ceremony.

Commissioner Johnstone invited Commission to attend the BC Seniors Games Official Office Opening Ceremony on Tuesday, 2007-APR-10 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at 575 Fitzwilliam Street.

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS:

(a) Mr. Jim Harris, DIGS (Douglas Island Garden Society) Community Garden VIP Committee.

Commissioner Cameron asked if the Protection Island Rate Payers Association speaks for the taxpayers of Protection Island.

Commissioner Sperling suggested that most likely one group does not speak on behalf of everyone.

Mr. R. Harding, Manager of Parks, advised that the VIP process used for this proposal was the same process used for the Beaufort Park Community Gardens.

Commissioner Cameron asked what the normal cost allocation is per project. Mr. Harding replied that it is project specific but often \$15,000 - \$20,000 is allocated for playground equipment. Projects are allocated funding on a first come first served basis.

It was moved and seconded that that Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission request staff to prepare a report providing more information on the DIGS Community Garden proposal. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Mr. Liam Taylor, President, Protection Island Ratepayers Association.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission request staff to prepare a report assessing the further erosion at Gallow's Point as well as the need to extend the erosion control riprap. The motion carried unanimously.

- (c) Mr. Liam Taylor, President, Protection Island Lions Club.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission request staff to apply non-slip surface to the transition flap and install handrail extensions to the end of the existing handrails. The motion carried unanimously.

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) Community Paddling/Auxiliary Coast Guard dock at the Brechin Boat Ramp – referred to staff to work with groups to develop plans and feasibility.
- (b) Nanaimo Christian School Request for Joint Use of Holland Road Park – referred to Parks Committee for consideration in Spring 2007.
- (c) Serauxmen Field House Funding options within Current Capital Budget – currently working with Rotary to submit a BC Gaming Grant for this project, and a staff report will be prepared in April 2007.
- (d) Departure Bay Centennial Park Improvement Process – report in May 2007.
- (e) Fees and Rental Policy Schedule C Update – report in May 2007.
- (f) DIGS Community Garden VIP request – staff report requested.
- (g) Erosion Control at Eastern Edge of Gallows Point – staff report requested.
- (h) Trail Implementation Plan – to be reviewed for April meeting.

16. QUESTION PERIOD:

- (a) Coreen Hanson, Protection Island resident, asked what the next steps are regarding the DIGS. Mr. Hickey, Director, replied that staff will speak to Mr. Harris and PIRA then prepare a report for Commission's consideration.
- (b) Mr. Kirby stated that there used to be a garden circle at the ferry terminal. The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department provided the flowers and the islanders provided the labour to plant and look after the garden. Mr. Kirby advised that this

area is in need of attention and that it is possible that the watering system may be broken. Mr. R. Harding, Manager of Parks, will investigate.

17. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 2:15 p.m. that the meeting terminate, with the next Meeting of Commission to be held Wednesday, 2007-APR-25, 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, 2007-APR-04, 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, 2007-MAY-10, 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, 2007-MAY-11, 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

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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T. Hickey, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture