

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

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PRESENT: Commissioner L. McNabb, Chair

Members:

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

Absent: Commissioner A. Young

Staff: T. Hickey R. Harding  
C. Connett, 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:

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-JAN-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:

6. DELEGATIONS:

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

(a) Ms. Elaine Nelson, VI Raiders Marketing/Sales Director, 2005 Boxwood Road, Nanaimo, BC V9S 5X9, requesting that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission permit the VI Raiders to place permanent advertising at Caledonia Park as follows:

- a dedicated sponsorship plaque wall on the rear of the concession and the end of the grandstand where their souvenir table is located;
- two sided banners hanging from the top edge of the grandstand;
- signage on the south field fence and the announcer booth.

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

(b) Mr. Kevin Smith, Nanaimo Curling Club, updating the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission on the Curling Club and its programs.

Mr. Smith advised that:

- for the past 3 years he has served on the Curling Club Board of Directors as the Building Director.
- the Curling Club began in 1947 and has been part of the community since that time.
- the existing Curling Club was opened in 1969 and was constructed at no expense to the taxpayer - all funds were raised by the Club.
- in addition to regular members there are over 800 school children, 35 Juniors (11-17 years), 20 Special Olympics/Visually Impaired and 336 senior participants.
- the Club is working to install an elevator to make the upper floor accessible.
- will be hosting the BC Seniors Games Curling event.

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

(c) Mr. Bruce Clark, Nanaimo Minor and Senior Lacrosse Teams, 869 Wentworth Street, Nanaimo BC, expressing concern to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission regarding the shortfalls in allocation of dry floor time for the 2007 Lacrosse Season.

Mr. Clark advised that:

- he is representing all lacrosse associations in Nanaimo and distributed a chart showing floor time needed by the various lacrosse associations.

- the Civic Arena was considered as the official home of lacrosse in Nanaimo, and with it gone, lacrosse has no “home” arena.
- ice users are being booked in what is traditional lacrosse time in early April and in July which is very disruptive.
- lacrosse representatives met at the end of January with Chair McNabb and City staff and appreciate the changes resulting from that meeting; however, they are not sufficient.
- he advised that in speaking to a representative from hockey regarding the BC Junior Camp, the comment was that evaluations can be held in one rink at the Nanaimo Ice Centre.
- he stated that lacrosse time has been reduced; and the Frank Crane Arena is already fully booked.

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

- (d) Mr. Forbes Mitchell, GM & Governor, and Mr. Shawn Krause, Nanaimo Timbermen, Jr. A Lacrosse Club, 21 – 1925 Bowen Road, Nanaimo BC V9S 1H1, speaking to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission about their concerns regarding the 2007 season.

Mr. Mitchell advised that:

- this is the third season of Jr. A. Lacrosse and the Club has serious concerns about the lack of floor time. The first league game is April 29 and the earliest access to the arena dry floor is after April 7 which makes it very difficult to assess players and get a team together with enough practice time before April 29.
- because of the lack of floor time for home games; 3 games have to be played at Parkville or Port Alberni; a “home” facility is needed in order to remain in the league and this year we have to switch facilities on July 8.
- the Club wants to secure professionally manufactured advertising and have all fees/commissions payable to the City waived in order to generate revenue. Sponsorship at the Frank Crane Arena is not possible because of the Clipper board advertising.
- there is a lack of provisions for game officials at the Nanaimo Ice Centre such as the announcers and statisticians; and viewing of the 30 second clock is very difficult for the scorekeepers.
- Nanaimo Ice Centre is a great facility but the penalty box is not divided which could result in problems.
- there is the need for extra security staff on game days because of one entrance for two facilities and it is difficult to get volunteers.
- there is no dedicated dressing room at Nanaimo Ice Centre and they are the only team in the league without one.
- last year, the playoffs were mid-August and the Club intends to host the Minto Cup in 2010 which is near Labour Day; but in order to do that, a “home” facility with sufficient floor time is required.

- Mr. Shawn Krause spoke about the need for sponsorship advertising as a method of raising funds to operate the Club. The Commission was asked to waive any fees payable to the City for advertising sponsorship in order to help with the cost of transportation when having to host home games outside of Nanaimo. He explained that some games can be moved from Saturday; however, according to the league, they are to play Saturday games. The league has agreed to some Friday and Sunday games. If they are unable to have Saturday games, the Club will be suspended.

Chair McNabb asked Mr. Mitchell to confirm when the dry floor was available at the Civic Arena. Mr. Forbes replied it was available approximately April 5 – 7. Chair McNabb stated that dry floor is available at the Nanaimo Ice Centre on April 7.

Commissioner Cameron asked if the Club had a dedicated dressing room at the Civic Arena. Mr. Mitchell replied that the Club spent approximately \$3,000 to upgrade the Sable Room for use as dedicated dressing room.

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

- (e) Mr. Clive Stocks, President, Nanaimo Timbermen Sr. B. Lacrosse Club, 388 Trinity Drive, Nanaimo BC V0R 5X3, speaking to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission about the need for advertising at the Nanaimo Ice Centre.

Mr. Stocks advised that:

- for the past 25 years, at the Civic Arena, the Nanaimo Timbermen Sr. B. Lacrosse Club has sold advertising as a method of fundraising; and has operated a very successful franchise that is community owned.
- they are requesting that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission permit them to hang professionally painted sponsor advertising at the Nanaimo Ice Centre in the same manner that they were permitted to do so at the Civic Arena.
- the Nanaimo Timbermen Sr. B. Lacrosse Club will pay for the cost of signage.
- the signs would be on sheets of white cor-plast weighing 3.5 pounds, with grommets connected with S clips.
- the Club is looking for the same status as they had at the Civic.
- the Club needs floor space to play on, and the ability to have sponsorship advertising to help support the team.
- at the Nanaimo Ice Centre a small storage area is provided for a fee; however, the Club needs storage space similar to what they had at the Civic Arena at no charge. He asked if they will be given the same terms and conditions to construct an outside connecting storage area that Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association was given.

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

#### **LATE DELEGATIONS:**

- (f) Mr. Scott Marsden, Executive Director, Nanaimo Art Gallery, 900 Fifth Street, Nanaimo BC V9R 5S5, updating the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission on their programs.

Mr. Marsden advised that:

- he has just moved to Nanaimo and is looking forward to his new responsibilities.
- he is looking to upgrade the current facilities and to have a Grade A gallery constructed downtown to help raise the cultural standards of Nanaimo.
- has already had preliminary discussions with Malaspina University-College regarding creating a public art gallery that would include a public visual art education program.
- he is also looking to implement a school program.

Commissioner Lance noted that the City provides \$60,000 of annual funding to the Nanaimo Art Gallery and asked if the downtown gallery will be open when the cruise ships are in port. Mr. Marsden replied that he will look into that. He noted that it appears the 2 local galleries do not necessarily work cooperatively and it may be best to have one.

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

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

8. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:

- (a) Parks Committee. Commissioner Field reported on the meeting held 2007-FEB-15.

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

1. That Sandy's Ukrainian Kitchen be awarded a contract subject to the elimination of hot dogs, ice cream and floats from the menu.
2. That Victorian Ice Cream be awarded a contract as per submitted application and menu.
3. That Dogzilla be awarded a contract as per the submitted application and menu.
4. That only three licences be awarded to Maffeo Sutton Park for the 2007 season.
5. That Staff contact the two other applicants to see if they are interested in having a licence to operate at Westwood Lake.

Commissioner Lance noted that Just Fries was very popular and asked how the Maffeo Sutton vendors were evaluated.

Commissioner Field replied that originally small push carts were used but they have developed into large trailers and the Committee felt that 3 were sufficient at Maffeo Sutton Park. The menus were reviewed and vendors selected based on what the Committee considered to be a variety of relatively healthy items.

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

- (b) Recreation Committee. Commissioner Lance reported on the meeting held 2007-FEB-14.

2007 – 2010 Proposed Fees and Rental Policy Information Report.

The Department's Fees and Rental Policy is being reviewed with the objective of creating a new policy for the period 2007-SEP-01 to 2010-AUG-30.

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

- (c) Cultural Committee. Commissioner Lance reported on the meeting held 2007-FEB-07.

Complimentary Tickets Information Report.

The Cultural Committee was provided with an Information Report re: Policy for Accepting Event Tickets or Gifts and was encouraged to use that information to determine their own circumstances with regard to complimentary tickets. When tickets are received the Chair distributes two to members of the Cultural Committee and returns any others.

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

- (d) Athletic Commission. No meeting held.

- (e) Grants Advisory Committee. Commissioner Burnett reported that no meeting was held.

- (f) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee. Commissioner Lance reported that a meeting was held 2007-FEB-27 and another meeting will be held on 2007-MAR-20.

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

- (g) Social Planning Advisory Committee. Commissioner Johnstone reported that a needle clean up program will be undertaken this spring.

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

- (h) Port Theatre. Monthly report for January.

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

- (i) Nanaimo Art Gallery. Delegation received.

- (j) Nanaimo District Museum. Monthly report for January was received. Commissioner Lance noted the launch of fundraising for Adopt an Artifact was well received and they are hoping sponsors will come forward.

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

- (k) BC Seniors Games Committee. Commissioner Johnstone reported that a very successful key volunteer rally was held 2007-FEB-26 with approximately 100 people in attendance; and cash donations are already being received.

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

9. STAFF REPORTS:

- (a) Feasibility and Costs for Beach Access at Norasea Road and Breonna Drive.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that a beach access not be constructed along the Norasea Road right-of-way.

The Norasea Road right-of-way is 20 metres wide and situated on the north slope of Nanaimo. This area is extremely steep and there is history of bank failure in this region. Because of the steepness and narrowness of the right-of-way, it would be very difficult to build and maintain. In addition, the north slope conditions require that a geotechnical study be made prior to any permits being considered.

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

- (b) Urban Forest Plan.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommends that Council authorize the development of an Urban Forest Plan that includes:

- Developing a vision, with input from the public and stakeholders, for the role and form of the desired urban forest in Nanaimo.
- The update of the current Tree Protection Bylaw.
- Strategies and implementation options for urban tree management, protection, planting, maintenance and removal.
- How the City can better integrate its policies and regulations regarding the management of the urban forest to better promote a healthy, aesthetically pleasing and sustainable environment.

- Awareness of how trees play a vital role in areas such as storm water management, energy efficiency, air quality, habitat enhancement, natural area preservation, and the overall quality of life in the community.

The City of Nanaimo contains a significant urban forest that is an important part of our local heritage and setting. The 2004 Parks Recreation and Culture Master Plan identified the need for Nanaimo to develop an Urban Forest Plan and strategy.

Commissioner Sherry asked if the report will encourage planting of specific types of trees and will height restrictions be included. Mr. Harding replied that the report will include public education and more investigation of this issue.

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

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (staff reports):

(a) Update on the Maffeo Sutton Park Site Planning and Redevelopment Process.

Maffeo Sutton Park is a key downtown open space that provides a waterfront venue for special events. Redevelopment presents opportunities to design the park and Civic Arena site in a manner that better meets current and future community needs. In April 2006, a park planning process for Maffeo Sutton was approved by Council; however, a revised timeline has been developed with detailed designs to be completed by Spring 2008.

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

(b) Harbourfront Plaza Improvement Site Planning and Redevelopment Process.

The Olympic live site screen will be installed in June. It is felt that the plaza should be an attractive, safe and vibrant area that interfaces well with adjacent facilities and is physically and visually linked to the waterfront walkway, conference centre, surrounding businesses and amenities, and the downtown commercial core.

This winter, the consultant and representatives from DNP and the City will examine plaza use and meet with community stake holders / special event groups to receive their input. Concept plans will be developed and presented to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission in March followed by an open house in early April to receive public input. Later in April, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission will recommend the Harbourfront Plaza Improvement Plan for City Council approval and plaza improvements will be initiated in the Fall as resources are available.

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



(c) Lacrosse Use of Arena Facilities.

On 2007-JAN-31, Larry McNabb, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Chair, Tom Hickey and Brent Meunier, City staff, met with representatives from the Nanaimo Timbermen Lacrosse Associations who expressed two major concerns.

1. Lacrosse wants access to dry floor space as early as March 15.
2. Lacrosse wants two arenas available through the month of July.

Other concerns expressed by lacrosse included that:

- there is no glass between the penalty boxes in the Nanaimo Ice Centre arenas;
- the City is not putting money into the maintenance of outdoor lacrosse boxes;
- the Departure Bay Lacrosse Box is being removed;
- there are no lacrosse banners in the Nanaimo Ice Centre;
- the 30 second scorekeeper is in a poor position in the Nanaimo Ice Centre.

In further discussion, another concern was raised that Nanaimo Ice Centre Arena #2 does not meet height requirements for lacrosse play.

In 2006, the Civic Arena was ready for lacrosse play on April 3 with the Frank Crane Arena coming available for lacrosse later in April. While lacrosse is very interested in having dry floor space as early as March 15 for rep team and senior team practice, there is substantial ice use at this time; plus additional tournament use at the Nanaimo Ice Centre is expected in the future.

Both Nanaimo Ice Centre arenas will be available for lacrosse play on April 7 and 8. The lacrosse associations will have access to two arenas from that date, whereas last year only the Civic Arena was available for most of April. The April 7 indoor start for Nanaimo lacrosse is one of the earliest indoor starts on Vancouver Island. From late April to July 8, there will be 3 arena dry floor spaces available for lacrosse use which is one more arena than in the past. This will easily accommodate the booking needs of the Nanaimo Minor Lacrosse Association and all the senior teams.

The July schedule for arenas was developed based on actual use in 2006 and expected use in 2007. The objective is to balance the needs of many user groups and maximize the utilization of these facilities. After July 8, lacrosse play will significantly decrease; and after July 16, all lacrosse allocations will be at the Frank Crane Arena. Based on bookings at the Civic and Frank Crane Arenas during the last couple of seasons, all the expected lacrosse use from July 16 can be accommodated at the Frank Crane Arena.

In early 2006, staff met with all arena users groups to develop the arena schedules. At that time the lacrosse organizations were informed that they could expect access to dry floor space at Nanaimo Ice Centre after the first weekend in April. Senior B and Junior A were also provided the option of playing the full season at Frank Crane Arena or to be expecting to move to Frank Crane Arena at some time in July.

In comment to the other concerns expressed:

- The City is maintaining the Bowen and Harewood outdoor lacrosse boxes. Because Nanaimo Minor Lacrosse Association is now playing all their games and most of their practices inside, they indicated that their requested upgrades are not needed.
- The Departure Bay lacrosse box is currently in poor condition. The Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission have initiated a planning process that proposes removal of the lacrosse box and replacing it with a 100' x 50' multi-purpose space with boards.
- There is no glass between the penalty boxes at the Nanaimo Ice Centre. While it is fine for most play, the senior lacrosse groups believe that will be a problem. The City is working to establish glass in this area.
- While the 30 second clocks are clearly visible, the difficulty is for the scorekeeper to see deep into the corners from the penalty box. Ideas are being discussed.
- The Nanaimo Ice Centre #2 has a picture of the 1956 Mann Cup Championship team. Nanaimo Ice Centre #1 has artwork themed with children on ice. We have been working with the artist to do similar artwork with a lacrosse theme.
- The Nanaimo Ice Centre was designed to be a good venue for lacrosse play. During the public consultation process, and then leading into design, consensus was gained that at least one of the two rinks needed to meet minimum lacrosse height standards (25') and both if possible. The height is 26' from the floor to the underside of the lighting in both arenas. While the Canadian Lacrosse Association has no specific minimal requirements for ceiling height, generally 25' is the accepted minimum.

Mr. T. Hickey noted that there is sufficient dry floor space to accommodate home games for lacrosse.

Commissioner Sherry asked when the ice went into the Nanaimo Ice Centre and the Frank Crane Arena last year. Mr. Hickey replied the beginning of July at the Nanaimo Ice Centre and late August, after VIEX, at the Frank Crane Arena.

Commissioner Sherry asked why both Nanaimo Ice Centre rinks need to have ice in July. He stated that expecting all the lacrosse groups to play at Frank Crane Arena is not realistic. He also noted that in the past, lacrosse has rented gymnasiums for pre-season training.

Commissioner Johnstone asked if it is less expensive to have ice in both Nanaimo Ice Centre rinks. Mr. Hickey replied that the Nanaimo Ice Centre rinks have a more efficient ice plant but the majority of cost saving is in staffing. To have ice at one Nanaimo Ice Centre arena and Cliff McNabb arena costs approximately \$250 - \$300 per day more than having both ice sheets at the Nanaimo Ice Centre.

Commissioner Dempsey asked if ice will be out of the Nanaimo Ice Centre earlier in 2008. Mr. Hickey advised that each year staff review the needs of all user groups.

Commissioner Dempsey asked about the lack of storage space at the Nanaimo Ice Centre. Mr. Hickey replied that rental storage space is available to lacrosse at the Nanaimo Ice Centre.

Commissioner Sperling asked if wooden floors could be put over the ice. Mr. Hickey replied that is possible; however, for lacrosse play a carpet would also be required over the flooring. He further added that the Nanaimo Ice Centre does not have wood flooring at this time.

Commissioner Lance asked if it was possible to assign a designated dressing room for lacrosse at the Nanaimo Ice Centre. Mr. Hickey replied that the Nanaimo Ice Centre was not designed with the intention of having permanent dressing rooms assigned.

Chair McNabb asked the lacrosse delegations if they had any further comment.

Mr. Bruce Clark asked that when there were 3 arenas, why wasn't ice put in the Civic Arena in July. Mr. Hickey replied that the Civic Arena was not able to sustain ice in the summer.

Mr. Bruce Clark commented that out of 4 available arenas, lacrosse should be entitled to have a single "home" arena for their use during the lacrosse season. He further commented that the original plans for the Nanaimo Ice Centre did not include the Minor Hockey storage room but it was done. He asked if lacrosse could have a dedicated dressing room constructed on the side of the building. Mr. Hickey replied that an addition to the Nanaimo Ice Centre is a possibility and can be discussed.

Mr. Clive Stocks stated that the hours in the arena is not the problem; it is the number of days that are being lost.

Mr. Harry Sommerfeld commented that all the best-view advertising on the rink boards has been sold, and lacrosse is being asked to sell board advertising that is useless because it is not easily visible. Mr. Hickey noted that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission established the Nanaimo Ice Centre advertising policy last March and all groups were then invited to sell board advertising at that time.

Chair McNabb thanked Mr. Clark, Mr. Stocks and Mr. Sommerfeld for their additional comments.

Commissioner Lance asked if temporary banner advertising is permitted in the arenas. Mr. Hickey replied that temporary advertising is permitted.

Commissioner Johnstone asked if a large electronic advertising sign has been considered. Mr. Hickey replied that Commission could consider this.

Commissioner Murray asked how Commission can assist Jr. A. Lacrosse in having access to the same arena in order that they can maintain their status for league play. Mr. Hickey replied that Jr. A. will play their league home games at Nanaimo Ice Centre, and for playoffs they are scheduled at the Frank Crane Arena.

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

(d) Manager of Parks Monthly Report.

(e) Manager of Recreation and Culture Services.

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

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Local Government Program Services School Community Connections Program Application, "Making the Connection".

*Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommends that City Council support the application by School District No 68 for a UBCM School Community Connections Program funding application.*

This funding would be used to conduct an assessment of the Rotary Bowl to identify improvements that might enable improved multi-purpose use of the facility.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: (Information)

- (b) Letter dated 2007-JAN-16 to Inspector Lou Racz, RCMP Nanaimo Detachment, from Brent Meunier, Manager of Recreation and Culture advising of the 2007-MAR-31 "So You Wanna Fight" event and inviting their presence at the event.
- (c) For Information Only Report to Tom Hickey, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, from Jeff Ritchie Financial Manager Community Services, regarding the Oliver Road Community Centre Project.

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

12. NOTICE OF MOTION:

13. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Tour of Oliver Road Community Centre Site.

It was moved and seconded that Commission tour the Oliver Road Community Centre site during March, preferably mid-afternoon. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Seminar Session.

Commissioners are requested to submit seminar topics to the Director.

It was moved and seconded that a Commission seminar be held prior to April 12, from 3 – 5 p.m. to discuss topics such as Fees and Rental Charges, Maffeo Sutton Park Planning and Piper Park Planning. The motion carried unanimously.

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS:

(a) Ms. Elaine Nelson, VI Raiders Marketing/Sales Director.

Mr. Hickey confirmed that temporary advertising is permitted in parks.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission permit the VI Raiders to place sponsorship plaques on the back of the concession building and on the south end wall of the grandstands; and to hang seasonal advertising banners on the grandstand; and further, that the VI Raiders be permitted to paint their logo on the back of the grandstands.. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Nanaimo Lacrosse delegations.

Commissioner Burnett noted that all three delegations had several concerns and she asked for clarification regarding the Jr. A. Lacrosse issues. Mr. Hickey replied Sr. A, Sr. B and Jr. A lacrosse teams all want to play on the same night rather than scheduling alternate Saturday nights, or booking Friday or Sunday nights. He stated that there is dry floor time available for Jr. A. Lacrosse in Nanaimo and it is not necessary for them to play home games out of town. He stated that he will have follow up discussion with them on this topic. Mr. Hickey noted that Nanaimo is a strong lacrosse community and that there is floor time available to meet their needs.

Commissioner Sherry asked what the fee is for placing advertising in the arena. Mr. Hickey replied that the City receives 20% of the revenue.

Commissioner Sherry stated that the Clippers have their board advertising up at the Frank Crane Arena for 12 months and that is not fair to the other users and should be addressed. Chair McNabb replied that the Clippers advertising contract will be reviewed in the next few months.

Chair McNabb noted that sponsorship advertising generates revenue for the user groups and there are 4 lacrosse teams vying for advertising space, dry floor space and fans. He added that staff will monitor use closely this year and make changes where possible for 2008.

Commissioner Field asked about participation numbers of lacrosse and hockey. Mr. Hickey advised that Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association has approximately 850 players and Nanaimo Minor Lacrosse Association has about 425 players; there are 48 adult hockey teams and 5 adult lacrosse teams. The Nanaimo Skating Club, Ringette, public ice skating and skate lesson programs are additional ice users.

Commissioner Murray asked if the lacrosse clubs reach the playoffs, can they be accommodated with dry floor space. Mr. Hickey confirmed that all lacrosse playoff games can be accommodated at the Frank Crane Arena. The issue is that Sr. B. and Jr. A. want to stay at the Nanaimo Ice Centre.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission refer the issue of arena advertising to the Recreation Committee for review and recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

It was moved and seconded that Unfinished Business Item (d) Costs to construct a beach access and steps at the foot of Norasea Road at Breonna Drive; and Item (e) VI Raiders Football Club Advertising Plan for Caledonia Park. The motion carried unanimously.

CURRENT 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 January 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) Arena Advertising Review – referred to the Recreation Committee.

16. QUESTION PERIOD:

Mr. Fred Taylor, 204 Emery Way, Nanaimo, asked if there would be consideration for planting evergreens in the development of the Urban Forest Plan.

Mr. Taylor suggested that arena advertising signs should be up for seasonal play rather than the entire year.

17. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 9:00 p.m. that the meeting terminate, with the next Meeting of Commission to be held Wednesday, 2007-MAR-28, commencing at 12:noon in the Beacon House Community Centre at Gallows Point on Protection Island; 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, Wednesday, 2007-MAR-14, 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-APR-12, 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:



T. Hickey, Director  
Parks, Recreation and Culture