

**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF NANAIMO
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION, HELD IN THE
CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX,
ON WEDNESDAY, 2006-SEP-27, AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Members: Commissioner L. McNabb, Chair
Commissioner L. Sherry
Commissioner P. Field
Commissioner L. Fraser
Commissioner D. Johnstone
Commissioner S. Lance
Commissioner D. Burnett
Commissioner B. Dempsey

Absent: Commissioner J. Cameron
Commissioner E. Hamilton
Commissioner B. Sperling

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

PRESENTATION OF PROVINCIAL AWARDS:

Commissioners Dempsey and Lance presented Provincial awards to the 2006 Herold Engineering 13 Year Old Pirates Baseball Team; and Commissioners Sherry and Field presented awards to the BC Senior Games Zone 2 winners.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission held 2006-JUL-26 be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS: Nil.

RECEIVING OF LATE CORRESPONDENCE AGENDA:

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Late Correspondence Agenda be received.

Carried unanimously.

RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS:

(1) **Mr. Shaun Hurley and Mr. Derek Rickwood, Rotary Club; Ms. Patricia Huggins, Nanaimo Minor Baseball Association and Dr. Pat Ross, Malaspina University-College,** spoke to Commission about the need to construct a field house at Serauxmen Sports Fields. The Serauxmen Sports Fields received extensive play this season and are, at this time, serviced by only two portable toilets.

Mr. Hurley advised that the Rotary Clubs of Nanaimo, Malaspina University-College and the Nanaimo Minor Baseball Association wish to participate, with the City of Nanaimo, in the construction of a field house at Serauxmen Sports Fields that would include washrooms, change rooms, a concession, storage space and an upstairs multi-purpose room that could be used by the community. The cost estimate to construct this facility is \$650,000.

Mr. Hurley said that the vision of this diverse facility is shared by several community groups and the planning committee has been working on this project for the past year. The groups involved are committed to the project and want to see it completed; however, construction costs have been rising and fundraising has fallen short.

City of Nanaimo	\$250,000
Rotary Clubs of Nanaimo	150,000
Nanaimo Minor Baseball Association (cash and services)	25,000
Malaspina University-College (services)	<u>50,000</u>
	\$475,000

Funding Shortfall: \$175,000

Dr. Ross stated that Malaspina University-College contributed \$275,000 towards the construction of Mariner Field and found working with the City and Nanaimo Minor Baseball a very positive experience. He noted that the Serauxmen Sports Fields need the field house and meeting room facility to make it a complete package.

Dr. Ross commented that the Malaspina University-College Physical Education program would greatly benefit from the use of a field house for equipment storage, access to change rooms, washrooms and showers and on site storage of medical supplies and the meeting room would provide a location for video reviews, workshops and conferences for appropriate sporting events. The field house would allow for hosting national level sporting events.

Ms. Huggins stated that the development of the Serauxmen Sports Fields has been a three year journey involving many hundreds of hours of volunteer work. She urged Commission to support the funding request of \$175,000 and to not under build this facility. Ms. Huggins confirmed that Nanaimo Minor Baseball Association and its community partners have fulfilled their promise to raise \$550,000 towards this project; plus has donated an additional \$250,000 for a total of \$800,000. She stressed that none of this money was City taxpayer's dollars.

Ms. Huggins advised that the construction of the Rotary Field House will not only help Nanaimo Minor Baseball, the local Rotary Clubs and Malaspina-College, but it will also provide a venue to help support local volunteers from many community organizations and assist the City's sport-tourism initiative. She asked that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that the City provide funds to cover the shortfall so that the field house facility can proceed.

Commissioner Dempsey asked Ms. Huggins if there is any further opportunity for in-kind services from the construction industry. She replied that they have already provided very generous support but it may be possible.

Commissioner Johnstone asked when construction would start if their funding request was approved. Mr. Fred MacDonald, Malaspina University-College Trades Program, replied that the construction would take one year and could start either in early February or September 2007.

Commissioner Lance asked who would be responsible for the field house maintenance costs. Mr. T. Hickey replied that the City would be.

Chair McNabb stated that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission has been very supportive of the Serauxmen Sports Fields Project.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the presentation from Mr. S. Hurley, Ms. P. Huggins and Dr. P. Ross, be received.

Carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Resignation of Commissioner Kait Light. Chair McNabb advised that Council will advertise, receive applications and select a replacement Commissioner.

Commissioner Dawn Burnett will serve on the Grants in Aid Committee and the Recreation Committee in place of Mr. Geoff Baltzer who resigned in May.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. (1) **Letter from Ms. Fay Swanson, 1106 Thunderbird Drive, Nanaimo BC V9S 2P2** regarding noise from the Vancouver Island Exhibition (VIEEX).

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Commission Chair respond by letter to Ms. F. Swanson.

Carried unanimously.

1. (2) **Letter from Ms. Jackie Hendrix, 213 Bird Sanctuary Drive, Nanaimo, BC V9R 6G8** regarding the cost of Parks, Recreation and Culture fitness programs.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the request from Ms. J. Hendrix, be referred to the Recreation Committee for consideration and recommendation.

Carried unanimously.

1. (3) **Brochure from British Columbia Achievement Foundation, PO Box 3663 Stn. Terminal, Vancouver, BC V6B 3Y8** regarding nominations for the British Columbia Community Achievement Awards.

The Commission requested staff to publish information regarding the British Columbia Community Achievements Award on the City website.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

2. (1) **Parks Committee.** Commissioner Field reported on meetings held 2006-SEP-19 and 27.
2.(1.1) **Loudon Park Draft Plan.**

Motion

It was moved and seconded:

1. That Concept Plan "C" be changed so that the building location and details are more conceptual and not as detailed as shown.
2. That the draft Concept Plan show a possible connection between Loudon Park and the Highway Rest stop property that could be a floating or elevated walkway and could also function as a dock.

3. That the Commission approve the draft Loudon Park and Walkway Improvement Plan for public review and input.
4. That a Public Open House be hosted to present the draft plan and receive input on Thursday, 2006-OCT-19 at the Beban Park Auditorium between 4 - 8 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Parks Committee report be received.

Carried unanimously.

2. (2) **Recreation Committee.** No meeting held.
2. (3) **Cultural Committee.** Commissioner Lance reported on the meeting held 2006-SEP-06 noting that the revised financial form received approval from the Committee. She also stated that the Cultural Forum today was excellent and attended by over 100 people.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Cultural Committee report be adopted.

Carried unanimously.

2. (4) **Athletic Commission.** No meeting held.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

3. (1) **Oliver Road Community Centre Update.** Mr. T. Hickey, Director, advised that the budget for the 36,000 sq. ft. Oliver Road Community Centre project was estimated to be \$9,378,511 in August 2005. With detailed design well underway, the project manager, TASK Construction Management, has updated their project costs based on drawings at ± 30% completion. Staff have worked with the project manager and architect to reduce project costs to the revised cost estimate of \$10,900,000. The project is now under funded and Council will be asked to consider allocating additional funds to the project.
3. (2) **Manager of Parks Monthly Report.** Mr. R. Harding, Manager of Parks, reviewed his report.

Commissioner Lance asked why planning work continues for Emery Way Park when the residents don't want a VIP program at that location. Mr. Harding replied that a neighbourhood meeting was held last Spring, and there is still interest in pursuing a VIP program at Emery Way Park.

He noted that a Parkway Park VIP meeting has taken place and some equipment is being replaced.

3. (3) **Manager of Recreation and Culture Services Monthly Report.** Mr. B. Meunier, Manager of Recreation and Culture Services, reviewed his report and thanked Commission for their attendance at the opening of the Nanaimo Ice Centre and the closing of the Civic Arena. He noted that program registration is higher than usual and staff are working with First Nations representatives regarding their access to the LEAP program.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Director's report be received.

Carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY REPORTS:

- 4. (1) **Port Theatre** – the monthly activity report for July and August was reviewed.
- 4. (2) **Grants Advisory Committee** – Commissioner Burnett will be sitting on this Committee.
- 4. (3) **Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee** – Commissioner Lance said they are commencing the ten year review of Plan Nanaimo.
- 4. (4) **Social Planning Advisory Committee** – a new staff person hired.

Commissioner Lance asked that the Nanaimo District Museum and the Nanaimo Art Gallery be added to the community monthly reports.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Community reports be received.

Carried unanimously.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 5. (1) Copy of correspondence to Mr. L. McNabb, Chair, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, from Ms. Debbie Trueman, General Manager, Nanaimo District Museum in appreciation for the New Nanaimo Museum Sports Hall of Fame Legacy Funds.
- 5. (2) Copy of correspondence to Ms. Mary Smith, Recreation Supervisor Parks, Recreation and Culture, from Nanaimo & Area Land Trust (NALT) thank you regarding the Music for the Mountain Festival.
- 5. (3) Copy of correspondence to Ms. Mary Smith, Recreation Supervisor, Parks, Recreation and Culture, from Mr. Douglas Hardie, President, South End Community Association in appreciation for the summer day programming at Haliburton Park.
- 5. (4) Copy of correspondence to Mr. Tom Hickey, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, from Ms. Donna Hill and Mr. Bruce Angus, in appreciation for the summer monitoring at Colliery Dam Park.
- 5. (5) Invitation to attend the Broadway Park VIP Meeting on Thursday, 2006-SEP-28, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Items of General Information be received.

Carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS:

- (1) **Mr. Shaun Hurley, Rotary Club, Nanaimo Minor Baseball, Ms. Patricia Huggins, Malaspina University-College, Dr. Pat Ross.**

Commissioner Sherry asked how much extra funding is being requested, and if this request has been presented to Council. Chair McNabb said that the request is for an additional \$175,000 and it has not been presented to Council.

Commissioner Sherry asked if there are funds within the Parks, Recreation and Culture budget to fund this extra cost. Mr. Hickey replied that Commission could reprioritize the Capital Projects for 2007. Commissioner Sherry suggested this request could also be considered as a Higher Service Level Request.

Commissioner Field said that he fully supports this request and that the development of the Serausmen Sports Fields has made a significant impact on Nanaimo.

Commissioner Burnett asked if the second floor could be completed at a future date. Mr. Hickey advised that the Rotary donation is tied to the second floor being completed.

Commissioner Johnstone suggested that funding may be available from the BC Legacies Fund.

Mr. T. Hickey stated that PacificSport has indicated that they are interested in being part of this project and to have an onsite office in the field house based on their being able to fundraise for the project.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission direct staff to provide options for 2007 Capital Projects that could be cancelled or postponed, as well as seek additional funding partnerships, so that further funding can be allocated to the Rotary field house project at Serauxmen Sports Fields.

Carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (1) Community Paddling/Auxiliary Coast Guard dock at the Brechin Boat Ramp – referred to staff to work with groups to develop plans and feasibility.
- (2) Loudon Park Community Input and Improvement Plan – Parks Committee & staff.
- (3) Use of Electric Bikes on City Trails – staff report.
- (4) Nanaimo Christian School Request for Joint Use of Holland Road Park – referred to Parks Committee.
- (5) Nanaimo District Lacrosse Association request to upgrade facilities – staff report.
- (6) Cost of Department Fitness Programs – referred to Recreation Committee.
- (7) Serauxmen Field House Funding options within Current Capital Budget – staff report.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:

Commissioner Field asked if there will be beer sales in the seats at Clipper hockey games. Mr. Meunier replied that the Clippers have expressed no interest but that the Timbermen Lacrosse Team is interested.

Mr. Harding reminded Commission of the BC Ferries Open House tomorrow from 4 – 7 p.m. on site at Brechin Boat Ramp.

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD. Nil.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD.

Mr. Fred Taylor, 204 Emery Way, Nanaimo BC asked if Malaspina University-College could help with the construction of the field house to save money. Mr. Hickey replied that they are involved in this project.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Cultural Committee	Wednesday, 2006-OCT-04, 4:15 p.m.
Recreation Committee	Wednesday, 2006-OCT-11, 4:00 p.m.
Loudon Park and Walkway Open House	Wednesday, 2006-OCT-19, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Beban Park Social Centre

COMMISSION

Wednesday, 2006-NOV-01; 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 2006-NOV-22; 7:00 p.m.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried unanimously.

ADJOURNED: 7:58 p.m.

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