

**MINUTES OF THE THIRD 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-APR-26, AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Members: Commissioner L. McNabb, Chair
Commissioner J. Cameron
Commissioner L. Sherry
Commissioner P. Field
Commissioner L. Fraser
Commissioner D. Johnstone
Commissioner S. Lance
Commissioner K. Light
Commissioner G. Baltzer
Commissioner B. Sperling
Commissioner E. Hamilton
Commissioner B. Dempsey

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Second Regular Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission held 2006-MAR-22 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. Mel Sheng, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), 4166 Departure Bay Road, Nanaimo BC V9T 4B7,** advised that the long-term goal is to develop a self-sustaining coho run in the Millstone River. Coho salmon, introduced into the Millstone River in the early 1980s, are currently unable to migrate past a set of falls in upper Bowen Park. These falls are located immediately above an existing series of fishways that were built by DFO and the Nanaimo Fish and Game Club in 1982.

Salmon studies conducted on the Millstone River between 1981 and 1998 concluded that the habitat above the falls would be highly productive for coho salmon. The construction of a side-channel around the impassable falls in Bowen Park will allow the coho to migrate into the upper watershed on their own, rather than being manually transported.

The channel has been conceptually designed by the Resource Restoration Division in DFO with the entrance at the concrete box located halfway up the existing fishway. This is the upper limit for salmon access into the Millstone River and presents itself as the best option for attracting fish into a by-pass channel. The preliminary cost estimate to construct the channel is \$350,000.

Upon completion of the channel, a network of trails can be established for the public. A kiosk and interpretative signage will describe the project and provide information on salmon life in the park. It is anticipated that the public will be able to view coho spawning in the channel; and that seniors, and children under 16, will be able to fish coho salmon in the park. School District #68 and Malaspina University-College have also expressed interest in using this channel as an outdoor classroom for their science programs.

DFO and the Nanaimo Fish and Game Club are seeking the Nanaimo Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission's approval to hold a public open house before finalizing the side channel design and costs. The final plans will be presented to the Commission in September for approval with construction expected in the summer of 2007.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the presentation from Mr. M. Sheng, Fisheries and Oceans, be received.

Carried unanimously.

- (2) **Ms. Cynthia Dier, Administrator, Nanaimo Montessori School, 945 Waddington Road, Nanaimo BC V9S 4V1** stated that she hopes that Commission will support the establishment of a community garden in Beaufort Park. She requested a \$1,400 grant from the Volunteer in Park Program to purchase a garden shed and tools that will be available for all community gardeners. Ms. Dier advised that an Open House was held and there was good support for the project.

Ms. Dier stated that the community gardens will provide:

- a way for Nanaimo Montessori School students to contribute to the community.
- a unique way to teach biology to the students.
- a way for members of the community, who do not have their own yards, to have organic vegetable or flower gardens.
- a method of keeping the area free of broom and blackberry.

Ms. Dier advised that the garden site has been cleared by Katimavik volunteers, trails have been laid, water access has been installed and community garden policies/procedures have been developed. The School will host a summer program that will include maintaining the gardens under the direction of a local master gardener who has volunteered his time. The community gardens will be a beautiful place for the public to gather and enjoy.

Commissioner Sherry asked if the \$30 plot fee will be used for administration or if any part of the fee will be used to pay water costs. Ms. Dier responded that most of the fee will be used for creating the gardens and very little will be used for administration. She noted that at this time she could not say if there would be sufficient funds to contribute to the cost of the water.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the presentation from Ms. C. Dier, Nanaimo Montessori School, be received.

Carried unanimously.

- (3) **Ms. Holly Bright, Crimson Coast Dance Society, 10b – 150 Commercial Street, Nanaimo BC V9R 5G6**, thanked the Cultural Committee and the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for their support of the arts in Nanaimo and for providing a grant to the Crimson Coast Dance Society. She expressed excitement that Nanaimo is advancing the arts and cultural movement.

Ms. Bright advised that Spoken Dance, their highest profile event ever, takes place 2006-MAY-06 at the Port Theatre. She noted that this event has been made possible, in part, by the funding support provided by the City. Spoken Dance integrates contemporary dance by Andrea Nann with readings by Booker prize winning author of the English patient, Michael Ondaatje. One of the evening works is also accompanied by renowned Cellist, Anne Bourne. The evening concludes with a reception and book signing. The Society is donating 20% of the proceeds from book sales and reception tickets to a Sri-Lankan based Helping Hands tsunami relief effort that is close to the heart of the Ondaatje family, who are originally from Sri Lanka. Ms. Bright invited Commission to attend the Spoken Dance event.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the presentation from Ms. H. Bright, Crimson Coast Dance Society, be received.

Carried unanimously.

- (4) **Mr. Fred Taylor, 204 Emery Way, Nanaimo BC V9R 5Z8** expressed appreciation to staff for involving community input in the Loudon Park planning process. He asked if the Rick Hansen Man in Motion funding could be used to repair the accessible float at Diver Lake.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the presentation from Mr. F. Taylor, be received.

Carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Grants to Non-Profit Organizations – Chair McNabb advised that Council, at their meeting of 2006-APR-03, recommended that a select committee, chaired by Councillor Unger (*Grants Advisory Committee Chair*), be formed to review the existing grants processes and policies. Chair McNabb appointed Commissioner Johnstone and Commissioner Fraser to represent Commission and the Cultural Committee on the select committee.

Sub-Committee Chair's – Chair McNabb advised that each Sub-Committee will elect their own chair to serve for a one year term and shall re-elect a chair each January.

Commission Photograph – Chair McNabb advised that the Commission photograph will take place in the Bowen Complex upstairs lobby at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, 2006-MAY-24.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. (1) **Mr. David Clark, 3696 Bell Road, Nanaimo BC V9R 6X3, and Mr. William Clark, 3752 Overlook Drive, Nanaimo BC V9T 1M6** requested Commission's support for recognition of Annie Clark's involvement in the establishment of Neck Point Park, and other parks in the City, and asked that a trail be named "Annie Clark's Way".

Mr. Hickey advised that *Community Charter* Section 90(1) states, "Personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity", be dealt with "In Camera".

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the request by Mr. Dave Clark and Mr. William Clark be moved "In Camera".

Carried unanimously.

1. (2) **Mr. Ken Wagner, Nanaimo Clippers Owner/Governor, and Mr. Hadi Abassi, Nanaimo Timbermen Owner/Director,** requested Commission's support in their collective endeavour to install an executive seating area in the Frank Crane Arena.

Chair McNabb advised that there will be no cost to the City but suggested a staff report is needed to assess the feasibility of this proposal.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that staff prepare a report on the proposal by the Nanaimo Clippers and the Nanaimo Timbermen to install an executive seating area in the Frank Crane Arena.

Carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

2. (1) **Parks Committee.** Commissioner Field reported on the meeting held 2006-APR-13.

- 2.(1.1) **Loudon Park.**

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the following interim improvements be implemented at Loudon Park:

1. Explore the implementation of park gating (Proposed hours: 6 a.m. - 9 p.m. during April 1 – September 30 and 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. during October 1 – March 31).
2. Review traffic flows and drop off areas at the entrance to the park.
3. Meet with the Canoe and Kayak Club, and Rowing Club, to review guidelines for noise levels and hours of use.
4. Review options for dealing with drainage to improve soil conditions and aesthetics.
5. Meet with RCMP and Bylaw Services to review patrols and enforcement issues. This meeting will occur in May.
6. Loudon Walkway vegetation removal and upgrading of trail to park standards.
7. Enhance park signage and overall site and walkway kiosks.
8. Paint the front wall of the washroom in a mural similar to other park buildings.

Carried unanimously.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Loudon Park Improvement Process Goals as listed below be adopted:

- Work with park user groups and residents to determine necessary and desired facility upgrades.
- Improve Loudon Park and the Loudon Walkway system to meet changing community needs by updating facilities for safety, accessibility and general appearance.
- Increase maintenance and design standards to create a friendlier park and trail environment for all.
- Work with the RCMP, Animal Control and Bylaw Services to enforce park, trail and lake regulations.
- Include the implementation of a wheelchair accessible fishing float in the improvement process and public review.

Carried unanimously.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Loudon Park Improvement Process as listed below be adopted:

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| April | Parks Committee reviews site issues and approves a park and walkway improvement process and timeline. |
| May | Parks Committee and staff meet with stakeholder groups to discuss issues and ideas about park improvements and receive input on the draft improvement plan. Parks Committee and staff create a draft improvement plan based on stakeholder input. |
| June | A public open house will be held to gather public input into the draft improvement plan. |
| September | Hold a second open house to present a refined plan. |
| October | Refine the draft improvement plan based on the public input and then present the improvement plan to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for consideration. |
| Fall | Implement the improvement plan based on capital and operating fund allocations being approved. |

Carried unanimously.

Motion

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

Carried unanimously.

- 2. (2)** **Recreation Committee.** Commissioner Lance reported on the meeting held 2006-APR-12.
2.(2.1) Review of Tournament and Festival Fund Applications.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Recreation Committee review and revise Tournament and Festival Fund guidelines to better meet the needs of the user groups; and report to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission

Carried unanimously.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that if any of the organizations being recommended to receive a grant do not meet all of the criteria, that they are advised that approval is for one time only and that they will need to meet all of the criteria in future applications.

Carried unanimously.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the following 2006 Tournament and Festival Fund Grants.

	Requested	Approved
Canadian Mental Health Association	5,000	0
Nanaimo Minor Hockey Atom Friendship Tournament	1,000	1,000
Nanaimo Motocross Association	1,500	1,500
Nanaimo Pumpkin Society	1,500	0
Nanaimo Riptides Swim Team June Jamboree Meet	1,500	1,500
Runners of Compassion – Nanaimo Chapter	1,500	0
Vancouver Island Exhibition	1,500	1,500
Woodlands School Canada Sports Friendship Exchange Program	1,500	0
TOTAL:	15,000	5,500
Previously Approved February 2006:		3,000
2006 Total Funds Allocated to Date:		8,500
Amount Remaining:		\$11,500

Carried unanimously.

Motion

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

Carried unanimously.

2. (3) Cultural Committee. Commissioner Lance reported on the meeting held 2006-APR-05.

2.(3.1) Sculpture Honouring 3 Generations of Women. In 2005, Mr. Ron MacIsaac asked Mr. Daniel Cline to produce a sculpture to honour women that lived through the depression and the war years, such as his long time secretary, Ms. Clara Singbeil. Mr. Cline's presentation to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission at their 2005-OCT-05 meeting was referred to the Cultural Committee. At the 2006-MAR-08 Cultural Committee meeting, Mr. Cline confirmed that the statue is to honour women in general and he later provided a project budget.

A maquette (scale model) of the sculpture will be prepared for the Cultural Committee's approval before initiating the work. A plaque acknowledging "3 Generations of Women" will be included with the project and wording for the plaque will also be reviewed by the Cultural Committee. The project is intended to be completed by the end of the summer and will become the property of the City.

The total project cost is \$16,500 and \$10,000 of funding is already secured (anonymous donor - \$5,000 and Singbeil family - \$5,000). City funding of \$6,500 that is needed to cover project costs can be allocated from the Art in Public Places Capital Budget, which currently has \$98,815.

Motion

1. That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission proceed with the Art in Public Places project of a sculpture honouring 3 generations of women with the siting in Maffeo Sutton Park, and further,
2. That the wording for the plaque be approved by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission; and,
3. That \$6,500 be allocated from the Art in Public Places Capital Budget for this project.

Carried unanimously.

- 2.(3.2) Western Edge Theatre. Mr. Frank Moher, Artistic Producer of Western Edge Theatre, has expressed concern about the decrease in the amount of Cultural Funds that Western Edge Theatre received for 2006 and the Cultural Committee is recommending that a letter be sent to him explaining the grant process.

Commission discussed this topic noting that letters are sent out with each grant but those letters do not explain the grant process. Mr. Hickey advised that he has spoken to Mr. Moher and explained the grant process.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission send a letter to Mr. Frank Moher, Western Edge Theatre, regarding the Cultural Fund Grant awarded.

Motion Defeated.

Opposed: Commissioners Sherry, Cameron, Fraser, Johnstone, Lance, Baltzer, Sperling, Hamilton and Dempsey.

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) Seniors Programs and Services Staff Presentation (B. Sugiyama). Mr. Sugiyama circulated the monthly newsletter and a summary of his presentation noting that annual membership is approximately 1,900 members.

Over 80 programs and activities are lead by 80 volunteers and 10 to 15 paid instructors. Some program examples include over 200 seniors enrolled in three different fitness classes; 105 seniors enrolled in 4 different dance classes; over 200 seniors play card games such as Euchre, Cribbage, Whist and Bridge; 60 to 80 seniors carpet bowl in three separate sessions; and computer classes are very popular with over 200 registrants. The Thursday weekly special event is attended by 90 to 200 people depending on the type of entertainment. 6 to 10 van trips are offered each month to attractions and events on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland and are usually at capacity.

Over the past five years, the Bowen Seniors have contributed \$10,000 to the 2001 lobby expansion, \$2,500 toward a commercial dishwasher for Activity Room #1 kitchen and \$600 toward the purchase of a newer used snooker table.

Special services offered to the seniors include a law clinic, a financial advisor, a blood pressure clinic, a seniors advocate and income tax preparation.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the presentation from, Mr. B. Sugiyama, be received.

Carried unanimously.

3. (2) **Millstone River Side Channel Proposal for Bowen Park.** Mr. T. Hickey, Director, advised that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans provided an update to Commission at their 2005-OCT-26 meeting at which time the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission passed a motion supporting the Millstone River (Bowen Park) Diversion Channel Project.

More work was needed to assess the project's feasibility based on the assessment of ground conditions, the survey of potential channel routes and considerations on how to maintain water flows. Based on community input and Commission's continued support, Department of Fisheries and Oceans will finalize channel design and costs for presentation to Commission in the Fall. The project will need Commission and Council approval before moving to construction.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission host a public open house regarding the Millstone River Side Channel Project.

Carried unanimously.

3. (3) **Beaufort Park Community Gardens Update.** Mr. R. Harding, Manager of Parks, advised that at their 2005-JUN-22 meeting, the Parks Recreation and Culture Commission received a delegation from the Nanaimo Montessori School requesting the development of a community garden in Beaufort Park adjacent to their school building. The Commission passed a motion asking staff to work with the proponents through the Volunteer in Park (VIP) program to develop a community input plan with costs and operating principles to be brought back to the Commission for consideration.

The Nanaimo Regional General Hospital therapy department, School District 68, and the Nanaimo Community Gardens Association are all interested partners in a community garden venture at Beaufort Park. The Nanaimo Montessori School has been researching the operating policies of many community gardens in other municipalities and has developed a draft set of operating principles.

In December, Katimavik volunteers cleared a large unmaintained area of the park including the proposed community garden location and will be available this Spring to build the first phase of 10 to 12 garden plots. Each plot is 1 metre by 1 metre. The success of the gardens can be monitored and the garden expanded as required.

The Nanaimo Montessori School will take on responsibility for operating the community garden and will tend to plots until they are adopted and after they have been abandoned. To initiate operation, the Montessori School is requesting \$1,400 from the Volunteer in Park Fund to purchase a shed, tools and composter. The City will supply the water for irrigation at an estimated cost of about \$400 - \$600 annually.

Commissioner Sherry asked if any of the administration fee would be directed to the cost of supplying the water. He suggested that the group is taking a lead role on this project and should assume some responsibility for the water costs.

Motion

1. That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the Community Garden Volunteer in Park project at Beaufort Park to be operated by the Nanaimo Montessori School; and further,
2. That the Commission allocates \$1,400 from the Volunteer in Park Fund to the Nanaimo Montessori School,
3. That Staff discuss, with the Nanaimo Montessori School, the feasibility of using some of the administration fee to help cover the cost of water.

Carried unanimously.

3. (4) **Feasibility of Planting Palm Trees along Departure Bay Road.** Mr. T. Hickey, Director, advised that at their 2005-APR-27, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, received a Mr. Peter Skipper who presented his concept and rationale for creating a palm tree lined drive along Departure Bay Road. The Commission requested that staff review the information and report back on the feasibility, options and costs. The plan developed included the construction of three planting nodes to be done in conjunction with road improvements and traffic calming work to be completed by the Engineering Department.

Commission recommended that Council include palm trees in the proposed plantings along Departure Bay Road as part of the 2006 planned road works and that \$25,000 be included in the 2006 Parks, Recreation and Culture Capital Plan for the purchase of palm trees and materials for this project. Council reviewed this recommendation and referred it back to the Commission for further consideration and consultation with the Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association.

Since Council reviewed this report in June 2005, a private citizen offered to purchase the palm trees for this project. In subsequent months, the Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association entered into a neighbourhood planning process and has recommended that palm trees not be used for plantings along Departure Bay Road. Also, the planned road works have been postponed to 2007. Based on this information, the private donor has withdrawn his support for funding the project.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission receive the report.

Carried unanimously.

3. (5) **2002 BC Summer Games Legacy Grant Fund.** Mr. T. Hickey, Director, advised that at their 2006-MAR-22 meeting, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission passed a motion that the 2002 BC Summer Games Legacy Grant Fund money returned by PacificSport be applied to the 2005 BC Disability Games Legacy for disbursement. The BC Games Society was consulted regarding Commission's recommendation. They advise that the 2002 BC Summer Games Legacy Grant Fund money not be distributed through the 2005 BC Disability Games Legacy Grant process because the two Games are separate entities and the criteria of disbursement is not the same.

Motion

That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission rescind its 2006-MAR-22 motion stating, "that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommends that the 2002 Summer Games Legacy Grant funds returned by PacificSport be applied to the 2005 Disability Games Legacy for disbursement".

Carried unanimously.

Motion

That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission request the Recreation Committee to initiate a process to reallocate the returned 2002 BC Summer Games Legacy Grant Funds.

Carried unanimously.

3. (6) **Manager of Parks Monthly Report.** Mr. R. Harding, Manager of Parks, reviewed his report. Commissioner Johnstone asked if the Volunteer Park Marshall program has commenced. Mr. Harding advised that the Volunteer Park Marshall program was not yet underway. Mr. Harding noted that he will be meeting with the City's security company and Bylaw Services to review schedules and procedures for park patrols, gate closures and bylaw infractions.

Commissioner Cameron asked if Parks, Recreation and Culture Staff were involved in the Departure Bay Neighbourhood Planning Process. Mr. Harding replied yes.

Commissioner Lance advised that the Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee discussed the Departure Bay Neighbourhood Plan and comments regarding the street plantings were that they needed to maintain sight lines by controlling and considering tree height.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Manager of Parks Monthly Report be received.

Carried unanimously.

3. (7) **Manager of Recreation and Culture Services Monthly Report.** Mr. B. Meunier, Manager of Recreation and Culture Services, reviewed his report and circulated a Healthamongus poster. Commissioner Cameron advised that the Healthamongus press release did not mention the City of Nanaimo as a sponsor.

Mr. Meunier advised that the Department has partnered with the Association des francophones de Nanaimo to process their summer program registration. The City receives a fee for each registration.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Manager of Recreation and Culture Services Report be received.

Carried unanimously.

3. (8) **Cost of Lifeguarding Services at Public Beaches.** Mr. T. Hickey, Director, advised that in 2006, lifeguarding services were provided at Westwood Lake from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. seven days per week during the months of July and August at a cost of \$21,900. Should the Commission recommend lifeguarding services at other outdoor beaches, the cost would be comparable to Westwood Lake.

Until the early 1990s the City provided lifeguarding services at Westwood Lake, Long Lake (Loudon Park), Colliery Dam, Harewood Wading Pool and Departure Bay Beach. Lifeguarding services have also been requested by the community at Brannen Lake and Swy-a-Lana Lagoon. Most recently, the Departure Bay Neighbourhood Plan requested that lifeguarding services be reintroduced at Departure Bay Beach.

By 1994, lifeguarding services were cut at all but Westwood Lake and Harewood Wading Pool. The decision to continue to provide lifeguarding services only at Westwood Lake was based on:

- a) Westwood Lake having substantially higher swimming attendance than any other Nanaimo beach location.
- b) Limited funding and a higher priority being placed on other Parks, Recreation and Culture services.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission receive the report.

Carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY REPORTS:

- 4. (1) **Port Theatre** – the monthly activity report for March was reviewed.
- 4. (2) **Grants Advisory Committee** – no meeting.
- 4. (3) **Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee** – dealt with previously.
- 4. (4) **Social Planning Advisory Committee** – planning session held.

Motion

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

Carried unanimously.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 5. (1) Correspondence to Mr. Larry McNabb, Chair, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, from Ms. Anne Gilroyed, Executive Director, Nanaimo Art Gallery, expressing appreciation for the Arts and Cultural Event Fund Grant to stage “Momentum” and “Artsfest”.
- 5. (2) Correspondence to Mr. Larry McNabb, Chair, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, from Mr. Rol Morris, Chair, Nanaimo Chamber Orchestra, expressing appreciation for the Cultural Grant awarded by Commission.
- 5. (3) Correspondence to Mr. Larry McNabb, Chair, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, from Linda Gerick, Treasurer, Harbour City Jazz Society, expressing appreciation for the Arts and Cultural Event Fund Grant awarded by Commission.
- 5. (4) Correspondence to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, from Ms. Norma Michaud, Recording Secretary, Nanaimo Power and Sail Squadron, expressing appreciation to staff and Commission for their assistance with the Nanaimo Harbour Chart Display.
- 5. (5) Memorandum from Chris Sholberg, Heritage Planner, inviting Commission to attend the Wellington Coal Mine Plaque unveiling at Diver Lake Park (between the parking lot and lake) on Tuesday, 2006-MAY-02, at 12:noon.

5. (6) Copy of correspondence to Mr. Larry McNabb, Chair, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, from the Honourable L. Krog, MLA, urging that Commission support honouring the late Annie Clark by naming a trail in Neck Point Park, "Annie Clark's Way".
5. (7) Ms. Nancy Adams, CGA, Grants Manager, Rick Hansen Man in Motion Foundation, 520 West 6th Avenue, Vancouver BC V5Z 1A1, regarding Grant #032-05, Wheelchair Accessible Fishing Platform – Long Lake, requesting that a one-page report on the impact of the grant be completed by 2006-MAY-27. Copy of staff response.

Motion

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

Carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS:

Dealt with previously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion

It was moved and seconded that Item #2 - Vegetation Plan for the beach area on Departure Bay Road, #3 - "Generations" life size stone female statue, #7 – cost to reinstate lifeguards at public beaches, be removed from Unfinished Business.

Carried unanimously.

CURRENT 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 and staff.
- (3) Nanaimo Christian School request to Purchase Parkland – staff report.
- (4) Park Zones and Identifying Parkland – staff report.

Mr. T. Hickey, Director, updated Commission that the City Solicitor has provided a review of current law related to municipal parkland. Because of the various considerations and public input needed to establish a Parks Zone, a consultant may be needed to help.

Commissioner Sherry suggested that reviewing the old report will help Commission understand the background to this issue.

Mr. R. Harding, Manager of Parks, advised that significant changes have taken place since the original report was prepared. Zoning regulates use, but does not control the acquisition or disposition of parkland.

Staff will prepare a report summarizing the current status of parkland and outline a process for establishing Park Zoning. The report will also include the inventory of City park property.

- (5) Review and Revise Tournament and Festival Fund application and guidelines – referred to Recreation Committee.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission request that Council initiate the development of an Urban Forest Master Plan as identified in the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan.

Carried unanimously.

Chair McNabb asked for two Commissioners to sit on the 2007 BC Seniors Games Nominating Committee. Commissioners Johnstone and Lance volunteered.

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD. Nil.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD. Nil.

Mr. Fred Taylor, 204 Emery Way, Nanaimo BC V9R 5Z8 asked if the Parks, Recreation and Culture minutes from the meeting where discussion took place regarding park zoning and purchase of parks such as Beban Park will be circulated to Commission.

Mr. R. Harding advised that the Zoning Bylaw speaks to how land can be used but has nothing to do with how land is acquired. Parkland is acquired in various ways.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Cultural Committee

No meeting scheduled for May.
Wednesday, 2006-JUN-07; 4:15 p.m.

Recreation Committee

No meeting scheduled for May.
Wednesday, 2006-JUN-14; 4:00 p.m.

Parks Committee

No meeting scheduled for May.
Thursday, 2006-JUN-15; 5:00 p.m.

COMMISSION PHOTOGRAPH

**Wednesday, 2006-MAY-24; 6:45 p.m.
(Bowen Complex Upper Lobby)**

COMMISSION

Wednesday, 2006-MAY-24; 7:00 p.m.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

ADJOURNED: 8:40 p.m.