

**MINUTES OF THE TENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF NANAIMO
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION, HELD IN THE
CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX,
ON WEDNESDAY, 2005-NOV-23, AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Members: Commissioner L. McNabb, Chair
Commissioner B. Holdom
Commissioner P. Field
Commissioner S. Lance
Commissioner B. Lane
Commissioner C. Tang
Commissioner G. Baltzer
Commissioner A. Young
Commissioner J. Whiteaker

Absent: Commissioner D. Tyndall
Commissioner D. Johnstone
Commissioner B. Sperling

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Ninth Regular Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission held 2005-OCT-26 be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS: Nil.

RECEIVING OF LATE CORRESPONDENCE AGENDA: Nil.

RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS:

(1) **Mr. Bob Gold, President, Nanaimo Riptide Swim Team, 741 - Third Street, Nanaimo BC V9R 7B2, Ms. Kathryn Macleod, Malaspina University-College, Mr. Sandy Raddysh, Aquatic Supervisor,** advised that the Nanaimo Riptides Swim Team, in cooperation with Malaspina University-College and the City of Nanaimo, have submitted a Pan Pacific Swimming Championships Staging Proposal. Mr. Gold reported that the championships will be held at the University of British Columbia from 2006-AUG-17 to 20 and visiting teams will require training and accommodation for a minimum of one week prior to the start of the championships. The Club's Staging Proposal PowerPoint presentation, which has been mailed out to teams from New Zealand, China, Japan, Australia, USA and other pacific countries, was shown to Commission. Mr. Gold stated that an announcement is expected by year end.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the presentation from Mr. Bob Gold, President, Nanaimo Riptides Swim Team, be received.

Carried unanimously.

- (2) **Ms. Anne Gilroyed, Executive Director, Nanaimo Art Gallery, 900 Fifth Street, Nanaimo BC V9R 5S5**, thanked Commission for their continuing support and advised that the Nanaimo Art Gallery had a most successful season. Some of the highlights were:

- Images of Internment - Artwork by Dr. Shimizu; over 25 paintings reflecting his time in the New Denver Internment Camp for Japanese Canadians.
- Artsfest: Originals Only - a special showing of art work in the downtown gallery as well as over 50 artists in the plaza.
- Artist Café - The Sheila Norgate Feature Artist brought 85 people to the gallery to listen to her talk about her art practice.
- Festival of Banners - saw 276 banners created for City streets and 48 for the Malaspina University-College Campus.
- Artists in the Schools – saw 13,760 students participate in three School Districts.

Ms. Gilroyed noted that the Art Gallery's website has received 15,000 hits this year already; and over \$2,000 was raised for the Festival of Banners via the website.

Chair McNabb thanked Ms. Gilroyed for her presentation.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the presentation from Ms. A. Gilroyed, Executive Director, Nanaimo Art Gallery, be received.

Carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chair McNabb expressed appreciation to the Commission members for their service over the past three years and invited them to reapply. Committee applications will be available at Legislative Services on 2005-DEC-01.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nil.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

2. (1) **Parks Committee.** No meeting held.
2. (2) **Recreation Committee.** Commissioner Lance advised that there was not a quorum for the meeting scheduled on 2005-NOV-15; and asked that Recreation Committee members remain after the Commission meeting.
2. (3) **Cultural Committee.** Commissioner Field reported on the meeting held 2005-NOV-02 noting that the female statue proposal was discussed and the artist asked to provide additional information to ensure that the statue will be representative of all women.
- 2.(3.1) **Nanaimo Foundry Adaptive Reuse Public Consultation Process.** Chair McNabb suggested that the Cultural Committee's recommendation to have a Cultural Committee member sit on the Heritage Commission regarding the Foundry reuse is premature because, at this time, no recommendations have been forwarded for Council's consideration.

Commissioner Tang stated that press releases regarding proposals for the Foundry reuse appear to be arts/cultural related and that the Cultural Committee would like to be part of the process. She advised that a short list of proposals will be prepared by the end of November and then forwarded to Council. Commissioner Tang noted that Council will make a decision as to the Foundry demolition or Adaptive Reuse and that the Cultural Committee should be involved in this process as of 2005-DEC-01 when the short list is prepared.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Cultural Committee recommendation that a Cultural Committee member participate with the Heritage Commission in the selection of the Foundry Building reuse be postponed.

Defeated.

Opposed: Commissioners Lance, Tang, Holdom, Whiteaker, Young and Baltzer.

Mr. T. Hickey, Director, noted that when the Heritage Commission forwards their recommendations to Council that Council can ask the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for advice.

Commissioner Tang stated that the Heritage Commission's main focus is preserving our heritage but if the proposals relate to the arts, then the Cultural Committee should have the opportunity to review and adjudicate the proposals before Council makes a decision.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that a Cultural Committee member participate with the Heritage Commission in the selection of the Foundry Building reuse.

Carried.

Opposed: Commissioners Lane, McNabb.

Motion

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

Carried unanimously.

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

Chair McNabb vacated the chair at 7:40 p.m. and appointed Commissioner Holdom as the Acting Chair.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- 3. (1) Arena Programs and Services Staff Presentation.** Ms. Laara Clarkson, Arena Programmer, advised that in 2005 over 5,400 participants registered for programs such as the RecSkate program, Boots to Blades, Power Skating, Novice Hockey League, Hockey Skills, School Skating Lessons, Recreational Figure Skating and Private lessons.

This year 19,789 people attend a variety of public skating sessions including Everyone Welcome, Family, Senior's, Adult, Parent and Tot Skating and Scrub Hockey. The Department is looking into offering women's scrub hockey next year. Ms. Clarkson advised that the Department also offers specialty programs such as Pizza Movie Skate, Parent and Child Hockey, Hockey Daycamp on Pro-D Days, Adventure Ice Hockey Camp and Birthday Party packages. Special events are also scheduled throughout the year such as the Winter Wonderland / Finale, Glow in the Dark Skating and the Winter Skate Carnival.

Ms. Clarkson distributed the Christmas holiday schedule to Commission.

Acting Chair Holdom thanked Ms. Clarkson for the presentation.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the presentation from Ms. Laara Clarkson, Arena Programmer, be received.

Carried unanimously.

Acting Chair Holdom vacated the chair, and Commissioner McNabb resumed the chair at 7:45 p.m.

3. (2) **Cultural Forum Summary.** Mr. B. Meunier, Manager of Recreation and Culture Services, advised that the Cultural Forum, hosted on 2005-OCT-20 by the Cultural Committee, was attended by nearly 60 people from a wide variety of cultural organizations. The forum reviewed the cultural accomplishments achieved in Nanaimo; outlined current initiatives being developed; reviewed the cultural recommendations in the 2005 Nanaimo Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan; and established existing needs and priorities as identified by participants.

The Cultural Forum was facilitated by Brian Johnston, PERC, and the participants identified nine different cultural priorities with co-ordination of effort and marketing being the highest priority. Working in smaller groups, the participants also established a set of action plans for each of those priorities. The information gathered at the workshop will assist the 2006 - 2008 Commission and Cultural Committee with establishing direction in the area of cultural services.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the priorities established at the Cultural Forum be forwarded to the 2006 - 2008 Cultural Committee for review and consideration regarding the feasibility of implementation.

Carried unanimously.

3. (3) **Manager of Parks Monthly Report.** Mr. R. Harding, Manager of Parks, reviewed his report noting that Capital projects are concluding. He advised that the City of Nanaimo is one of the first communities to receive government funding for a fuel reduction project. Up to \$25,000 in matching funding is committed by the Province to the Beach Estates Park project.

Mr. Harding introduced Mr. Vic Cooper, Carpenter lead hand, who heads up the Department's vandalism prevention program.

Commissioner Whiteaker asked if the City is providing 24 hour security at the Merle Logan Field. Mr. Harding replied that during the last stage of construction security was in place until about 2:00 a.m. because during construction the area received significant vandalism. It is anticipated that the ongoing use of the Merle Logan Field will reduce the vandalism in this area but until the security cameras are installed, security is scheduled on Friday and Saturday evenings. The Merle Logan Field was closed for 3 days to re-glue some of the seams and the City will not be signing off on this project until May 2006 when installation is finalized.

Mr. T. Hickey advised that Nanaimo Minor Baseball Association is applying for two additional grants to fund construction of the last 60 foot ball field planned for Serausmen Fields. Meetings will also be taking place with Malaspina University-College and the Rotary Club regarding construction of the field house.

Mr. Harding invited Commission to attend the upcoming Volunteer In Park meetings Saturday, 2005-NOV-26 and Saturday, 2005-DEC-03.

3. (4) **Manager of Recreation and Culture Services Monthly Report.** Mr. B. Meunier, Manager of Recreation and Culture Services, reviewed his report noting that the Christmas Craft Bazaar, in its 24th year, was attended by 4,779 people over 4 days and generated \$27,170 revenue. He advised that attendance has decreased substantially over the past two years and a critical review of this event will take place.

Mr. Meunier also noted that action steps have been taken with life guarding staff and the cleaning contractor to help reduce cleaning issues at the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre.

Mr. Meunier invited Commission to attend the Winter Wonderland event at the Frank Crane Arena during 2005-DEC-28 to 2006-JAN-01; and the New Year's Eve Finale at Beban Park on 2005-DEC-31.

Mr. T. Hickey advised that staff are meeting with each arena user group to determine ice allocation needs for the Nanaimo Ice Centre.

Motion

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

Carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

4. (1) **Port Theatre** – Commissioner Whiteaker reviewed the monthly activity report and noted that the Port Theatre is on budget for the current year and 2006 budget planning is underway. Commissioner Whiteaker advised that Lord of the Dance will be playing at the Port Theatre 2006-FEB-25 and tickets will be on sale early in December.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Port Theatre report be received.

Carried unanimously.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION:

5. (1) Copy of correspondence to Mr. Glen Jackson and Mr. Rob Miller, Ryan Vending, from Mr. Bill France, Arenas Supervisor, regarding renewal of financial contribution regarding Loonie-Twoonie Skate.

Motion

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

Carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS: Nil.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion

It was moved and seconded that Unfinished Business Item #2, Bench Donation Program, be removed.

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) Vegetation Plan for the beach area on Departure Bay Road – report in Spring 2006.
- (3) "Generations" life size stone female statue – referred to Cultural Committee.
- (4) Options and costs to repair the Departure Bay Lacrosse Box – staff report.

Commissioner Lane asked what the status is of other items of Unfinished Business such as Commission members sitting on community committees. Mr. Hickey advised that Commission moved to have a seminar session on this topic, as well as other topics including consideration for water park development and the need for a multi-purpose building at Beban Park. The seminar will be scheduled for early in the next term.

Mr. T. Hickey, Director, advised that letters are being mailed out to the neighbours adjacent to the proposed Loudon Park fishing pier and that if there are no significant concerns, staff will move forward with the project.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:

Commissioner Whiteaker invited Commission to attend the Cottars Concert, a Cape Breton foursome, at Beban Park on 2005-DEC-01.

Commissioner Tang advised that the City of Nanaimo received \$330,000 from the BC government to create an Olympic Paralympic Live Sites viewing area at the Port Theatre that will include a jumbo LCD screen.

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD. Nil.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD. Nil.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Cultural Committee

Wednesday, 2005-NOV-30; 4:15 p.m.
Douglas Room, Coast Bastion Hotel

COMMISSION CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

**Wednesday, 2005-DEC-07; 6:30 p.m.
Bowen Park Complex Auditorium**

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried unanimously.

ADJOURNED: 8:18 p.m.