

REPORT TO: THE PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION

FROM: SHIRLEY LANCE, CHAIR, RECREATION COMMITTEE

**RE: MEETING HELD AT BOWEN PARK COMPLEX, BOWEN CONFERENCE ROOM
ON WEDNESDAY, 2003-NOV-12 AT 4:45 P.M.**

Present: Commissioner S. Lance, Chair
Commissioner G. Baltzer
Commissioner B. Lane
Commissioner D. Johnstone
Commissioner A. Young

Regrets: Commissioner A. Young

Staff: S. Lance
B. Meunier

Commissioner S. Lance, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS:

1. (1) **Ms. Marie Davidson, President, Nanaimo BMX Society,** provided a brief overview of the BMX World Cup Event scheduled for 2004-JUL-28 to 2004-AUG-01 at Beban Park. She outlined how she was promoting Nanaimo and Vancouver Island along with the actual event at other events throughout North America. In 1997, 17 countries were represented at that world cup event with the majority of delegates coming from the United States and Canada.

In addition to the BMX site, this event will also require day parking and a camping area at Grandview Bowl. Similar to the last world cup event held in 1997, Marie indicated that the paved area at Grandview Bowl would be used for motor homes and that the grass area would be used for tenting. The BMX Society would bring in portable toilets and provide security on-site for the duration of the event.

Recommendation:

Moved by Commissioner D. Johnstone and seconded by Commissioner A. Young, that the presentation from Ms. Marie Davidson, Nanaimo BMX Society, be received.

Approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

2. (1) **Nanaimo BMX Society request for camping at Beban Park.** Brent Meunier, Manager of Recreation Services, advised that the current camping policy provided special consideration for overnight camping for the Nanaimo BMX Society for one major event per year. Staff would work with the event sponsor to encourage delegates to use the licensed camping facilities in and around Nanaimo. However, for some delegates camping on-site was needed. At the 1997 event, approximately 40 campers remained on-site with the majority of participants staying in hotels or using local campgrounds. On-site campers at Beban would be charged a fee comparable to the local campgrounds. Staff would work with the organizers to have them collect and submit the

fees. In turn, a portion of this camping fee is normally returned to the organizer to provide some minimal assistance with their event costs.

Commissioner Johnstone recommended sending a letter to the local campground operators as a courtesy to advise them that camping on-site for this event has been approved by the Commission.

Recommendation:

Moved by Commissioner D. Johnstone and seconded by Commissioner G. Baltzer, that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the Nanaimo BMX Society's request to permit camping during the BMX World Cup Event at the Grandview Bowl between 2004-JUL-28 and 2004-AUG-01.

Approved.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:30 p.m.

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