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PARKS, RECREATION AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
WEDNESDAY 2018-APR-25, AT 5:30 P.M.

Members:	Councillor I. Thorpe, Chair Tyler Fraser Trevor Heshka Howard Houle Gabby Lent Alec McPherson (vacated 6:15 p.m.) Ken Milne Tracy Vandermolen Maureen Young
Absent:	Councillor W. Bestwick Julie Buisman Marsha Down Daniel McVicar Mark Swain Calvin Tant
Staff:	R. Harding, Director, Parks and Recreation K. MacDonald, Parks and Open Space Planner B. Zurek, Planner J. Vanderhoef, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE PARKS, RECREATION AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

(a) Councillor Thorpe requested that the Agenda be reordered as follows:

4(a) Cambie Neighbourhood Park Improvement Request under the Partners in the Parks Program
4(b) 2018 Strategic Directions
4(c) Draft Hospital Area Plan

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda, as amended, be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

4. REPORTS:

(a) Cambie Neighbourhood Park Improvement Request under the Partners in Parks Program

Introduced by Richard Harding, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Presentation:

Kirsty MacDonald, Parks and Open Space Planner, provided an overview of the Partners in Parks Program and spoke regarding the following:

- current developments in the Cambie neighbourhood;
- Staff have been working with the Cambie neighbourhood to develop a plan for the Cambie Neighbourhood Park;
- there is a higher percentage of older children in the neighbourhood which has motivated the request for a sport court prior to building a playground; and,
- the neighbourhood is requesting $25,000 to complete phase one of their proposal.

Delegation:

Jocelyn Dewar, Representative of the Cambie Neighbourhood Park Development Committee, provided the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee with a park proposal, which included:

- the neighbourhood needs a safe space for kids to play;
- the neighbourhood kids were questioned about what they would like to see built and have requested a sport court;
- this community hosts events and would like to have a space to meet and host their events;
- the first phase of the plan is to construct a sport court, notice board, perimeter fencing, install trashcans, irrigation, benches; and,
- second phase of the plan will include swings and a playground.

Committee discussion took place regarding:

- Knowles Estate Reserve Fund as a possible funding option for the proposal;
- the current funding request is limited to the sport court;
- what expenses are anticipated for building the sport court;
- recently these types of requests have been going directly to Council; and,
- the new Linley Valley Park official opening on June 9th.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee recommend that Council allocate $25,000 from the 2018 Partner In Parks Program for Cambie Neighbourhood Park improvements. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) 2018 Strategic Directions

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee recommend that Council approve the following 2018 Strategic Directions:

1. Maffeo Sutton Park Improvement Plan
2. Recreation Software Update to Perfect Mind
3. The Youth Health Hub Project – Partnership with Island Health/VIU/SD68
4. Linley Valley Park Plan
5. Westwood Lake Improvement Plan
6. Serauxmen Stadium Improvement Plan
7. Caledonia Stadium Improvements
8. Leadership in Asset Management Program (LAMP) with Parks Operations

The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Draft Hospital Area Plan

Brian Zurek, Planner, Community & Cultural Planning, provided a presentation regarding the Draft Hospital Area Plan which included:

- an explanation of the process for adoption of the Draft Hospital Area Plan;
- the boundaries of the hospital area;
- the various Official Community Plan (OCP) zones within the hospital area;
- land use planning and policies;
- transportation and infrastructure policies meant to address improvements to sidewalks and crosswalks and prioritize capital projects going forward;
- open space and connectivity policies meant to reclaim accesses to Beaufort Park and improve the hospital area open spaces; and,
- improving urban design and street character.

Committee discussion took place regarding parking issues in the hospital area and the scale of buildings that have been developed there recently.

Brian Zurek, Planner, Community & Cultural Planning, responded explaining that parking issues are being reviewed by other Staff members, and that the recent developments within this area conform with the OCP and are considered appropriate for this area.

Alec McPherson vacated the Boardroom at 6:15 p.m.

Brian Zurek, Planner, Community & Cultural Planning, continued his presentation and spoke regarding the following:

- proposed wellness walk around the perimeter of the hospital area;
- various infrastructure upgrades planned for Beaufort Park;
- only 2 of the 8 access points to Beaufort Park are cleared at the moment;
- improving mobility by increasing bike lanes;
- proposed improvements to street layouts with increased greenery;

- a parking strategy is being prepared to manage the current issues; and,
- parking policies could be approved to implement charges that could cover costs for future projects.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2018-MAR-28 at 5:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:26 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER