

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS, RECREATION, AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE**  
**411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC**  
**WEDNESDAY, 2017-NOV-22, AT 5:30 P.M.**

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**PRESENT:**   **Members:**   Councillor I. Thorpe, Chair  
Carrie Chassels  
Marsha Down  
Tyler Fraser (vacated 7:12 p.m.)  
Trevor Heshka (vacated 6:17 p.m.)  
Howard Houle (vacated 7:00 p.m.)  
Alec McPherson  
Daniel McVicar  
Ken Milne  
Mark Swain  
Tracy Vandermolen  
Maureen Young

**Absent:**       Councillor W. L. Bestwick (Alternate)  
Julia Buisman  
Gabby Lent  
Calvin Tant

**Staff:**       R. Harding, Director, Parks and Recreation  
B. Corsan, Deputy Director of Community Development (arrived 6:49 p.m.,  
vacated 7:29 p.m.)  
D. Beck, Recreation Coordinator (vacated 6:18 p.m.)  
R. Lawrence, Environmental Planner (vacated 6:18 p.m.)  
S. Snelgrove, Steno Coordinator  
S. Griffin, 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 5:31 p.m.

Councillor Thorpe, Chair, facilitated round table introductions.

2.   INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a)   Remove Agenda Item 5(a) Overview and Update on Boys and Girls Club of Central Vancouver Island.
- (b)   Reorder Agenda Item 5(c) Summer 2017 with Parks and Recreation to Agenda Item 5(a).
- (c)   S. Snelgrove, Steno Coordinator, advised that the presenters for Agenda Item 6(a) Linley Valley Park Public Engagement Study were not in attendance and Rob Lawrence, Environmental Planner, would provide an overview.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Wellness Committee held in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2017-APR-26 at 5:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) Summer 2017 with Parks and Recreation

Introduced by Richard Harding, Director, Parks and Recreation.

Deborah Beck, Recreation Coordinator, provided a presentation regarding Summer 2017 with Parks and Recreation. The presentation included:

- Summer Day Camps which received Government of Canada Summer Jobs Grant in the amount of \$17,350;
- 5-2-1-0 Initiative to help get kids active;
- Leaders In Training (LIT) & Quest program which marked its 35<sup>th</sup> year;
- 9 Full Day Camps offered to children between the ages of 5 – 12;
- Camp Sunsation which was funded in part by the Ministry of Children & Family Development for children and youth with special needs;
- Speciality Day Camps which included sports camps, computer programming camps, preschool camps, art camps and more;
- Some camps offered through the City are run by community contracted service providers;
- Free summer playground programs in partnership with the Nanaimo Food Share Summer Lunch Munch Program;
- Canada Day 150 celebration;
- Family Fishing Day at the Colliery Dam;
- Concerts in the Park which hosted 18 different concerts at Bowen Park Amphitheatre and Maffeo Sutton Park;
- Golden Bucket Contest; and
- Family Fun Nights.

Committee discussion took place regarding other types of opportunities the City could use to make citizens more aware of the programs that the City is providing. Spoke about the ways social media helps to promote the programs offered by the City and looking to find other ways to reach people who do not use social media.

Brent Hargreaves a member of the public spoke regarding the City connecting with other organizations such as Girl Guides and the Boys and Girls Club.

6. REPORTS:

(a) Linley Valley Park Public Engagement Study

Introduced by Richard Harding, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Rob Lawrence, Environmental Planner, provided a verbal update regarding Linley Valley Park Public Engagement Study.

T. Heshka vacated the Board Room at 6:17 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation, and Wellness Committee receive the report titled Linley Valley Park Public Engagement Study dated 2017-OCT-10 for information. The motion carried unanimously.

R. Lawrence and D. Beck vacated the Board Room at 6:18 p.m.

5. PRESENTATIONS: (continued)

(b) Update on School District 68 and City of Nanaimo Joint Development and Use Agreement for All Weather Field at Nanaimo District Secondary School

Richard Harding, Director, Parks and Recreation, provided a presentation and update regarding School District 68 (SD68) and the City of Nanaimo joint development and Use Agreement for all weather field at Nanaimo District Secondary School (NDSS). The presentation included:

- Turf field located behind NDSS;
- New score clock still to be installed;
- Funds generated from the field will help to maintain the field;
- Hours of operation are shared between the City of Nanaimo and SD68; and,
- Field can be booked like other fields with the same fees and charges.

Richard Harding, Director, Parks and Recreation, provided a presentation on other projects completed by the Parks and Recreation Department which included:

- Kinsmen Outdoor Pool Liner Replacement;
- Beban Learning Garden & Greenhouse;
- Steve Smith Bike Park;
- Beaufort Multi-Purpose Courts and replacing two existing tennis courts with pickleball courts and areas for basketball;
- Perfect Mind Software Upgrade (in progress);
- Beban Pool and Nanaimo Aquatic Centre pool shutdowns for annual maintenance and repairs;
- Buttertubs March Conservation Area Management Plan;
- Former Greater Nanaimo Water District (GNWD) Lands converted to Parkland;
- Westwood Lake Park and Neck Point Park Boardwalk Replacements;

- Installation of Jesters Way Park Playground and Linley Point Gyro Park Playground;
- Brechin Boat Ramp Replacement; and,
- Harewood Centennial Park Site Plan which included the multi-purpose covered space and the next phase for the skatepark.

B. Corsan entered the Board Room at 6:49 p.m.

H. Houle vacated the Board Room at 7:00 p.m.

T. Fraser vacated the Board Room at 7:12 p.m.

(c) Waterfront Walkway – Draft Plan

Bill Corsan, Deputy Director of Community Development, provided a presentation regarding the Waterfront Walkway Implementation – Draft Plan.

Committee discussion took place regarding the rationale for upgrading sections of the walkway.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation, and Wellness Committee receive the presentation titled Waterfront Walkway Draft Plan for information. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation, and Wellness Committee endorse the Waterfront Walkway Draft Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

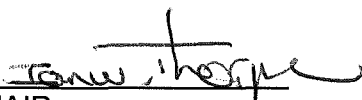
B. Corsan vacated the Board Room at 7:29 p.m.

7. QUESTION PERIOD:

- Brent Hargreaves re: release date of the draft Biosphere report related to the Linley Valley Park Engagement Study prepared by the Vancouver Island University students, and when the information will be publically available.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 7:31 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

  
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CHAIR

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CORPORATE OFFICER