

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

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PRESENT: Councillor W. Bestwick, Chair

Members: Councillor I. Thorpe  
Carrie Chassels (arrived 5:31 p.m.)  
Marsha Down  
Gabby Lent  
Daniel McVicar  
Ken Milne  
Mark Swain  
Calvin Tant  
Tracy Vandermolen  
Maureen Young

Absent: Councillor W. Pratt  
Julia Buisman  
Robert Fraser  
Trevor Heshka  
Howard Houle  
Alec McPherson

Staff: R. Harding, Director, Parks, and Recreation  
S. Snelgrove, Deputy Corporate Officer  
J. Vanderhoef, Recording Secretary

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

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

C. Chassels entered the Boardroom at 5:31 p.m.

Councillor Bestwick initiated a round table introduction of the committee members and Staff.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

- (a) Move Agenda Item 5(b) - Overview of Parks and Recreation Department to follow Agenda Item 5 (c) - Key Date Calendar.
- (b) Add Agenda Item 5(e) - Update on Current Projects.

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 Meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Wellness Committee held in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2016-NOV-23 at 5:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. ADMINISTRATION:

(a) Introductions

Councillor Bestwick inquired if any members wished to add anything to the previous round table discussion. Nobody in attendance wished to add anything.

(b) Terms of Reference

Richard Harding, Director, Parks, and Recreation, reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee.

Committee discussion took place regarding member terms, geographic regions, grants and the process for dealing with conflicts of interest.

It was noted that there will not be meetings of the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee in August or December.

(c) Key Date Calendar

Committee discussion took place regarding changing the scheduled meeting time of the Parks, Recreation, and Wellness Committee. The majority of committee members agreed to leave the meeting time at 5:30 p.m.

(d) Overview of Parks and Recreation Department

Richard Harding, Director, Parks, and Recreation, provided an overview of the Parks and Recreation Department and provided an update on ongoing projects.

(e) Update on Current Projects

Richard Harding, Director, Parks, and Recreation, provided an update on current projects including:

- the redevelopment plan for Harewood Centennial Park;
- the Nanaimo District Secondary School Lands and Joint Development of Artificial Turf Field; and,
- the Stevie Smith Bike Park.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor Bestwick noted that the Parks, Recreation, and Wellness Committee Meetings will be a maximum of 90 minutes long.

A roundtable discussion took place regarding:

- covered tennis courts;
- more cycle paths;
- planting trees in older neighbourhoods;
- more electric car plug ins;
- encouraging artwork in the community;
- recognition of territory;
- delegation presentations; and,
- environmental issues.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 7:08 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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CORPORATE OFFICER