

**MINUTES**  
PARKS, RECREATION AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEETING  
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE  
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC  
WEDNESDAY, 2018-JUN-27, AT 5:30 P.M.

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Members: Councillor I. Thorpe, Chair  
Trevor Heshka (entered 5:35 p.m.)  
Howard Houle  
Alec McPherson  
Daniel McVicar  
Ken Milne  
Mark Swain  
Maureen Young

Absent: Councillor W. Bestwick  
Julie Buisman  
Marsha Down  
Tyler Fraser  
Gabby Lent  
Calvin Tant  
Tracy Vandermolen

Staff: R. Harding, Director, Parks and Recreation  
A. Groot, Manager, Facility Planning and Operations  
K. MacDonald, Parks and Open Space Planner  
K. Gerard, Recording Secretary

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

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The Parks, Recreation and Wellness Meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Add Agenda Item 7(a) - Rotary Club Tree Planting 100 Year Celebration and reorder Agenda Items accordingly.
- (b) Councillor Thorpe requested that Agenda Item 6(a) – Fern Neighbourhood Park Improvement Request Under the Partners in Parks Program, be moved to follow Agenda Item 4 – Adoption of Minutes.

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 Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, on Wednesday, 2018-MAY-23, at 5:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS:

(a) Fern Neighbourhood Park Improvement Request Under the Partners in Parks Program

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Introduced by Kirsty MacDonald, Parks and Open Space Planner.

Delegation:

1. Drew Peters provided the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee with a presentation regarding Fern Park and the Partners in Parks request from residents which included:
  - park location is situated in a large space that can accommodate many people/families and is in a quiet area of the neighbourhood;
  - plan to maintain the agriculture heritage of this area in the new park plan;
  - currently there is no safe place for children to play;
  - plan includes picnic benches, removal of dead trees and replanting with mature fruit trees;
  - fundraising has been going well and donations have been confirmed from local businesses; and,
  - playground will be the first to be built, budget for the playground is \$50,000.

Committee discussion took place and included:

- the Partners In Parks program and its benefits in the community; and,
- how the donations that have been made and future donations will be secured.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee recommend that Council allocate \$25,000 from the 2018 Partners in Parks Program, and \$20,000 from the Deferred Revenue Account for Future Partners in Park project, for Fern Neighbourhood Park improvements. The motion carried unanimously.

6. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) Facility Planning and Operations

Art Groot, Manager, Facility Planning and Operations, provided a presentation regarding Facility Planning and Operations.

Committee discussion took place regarding:

- different types of energy sources such as solar power;
- facility maintenance now and for the future, managing those facilities and assets; and,
- value of current facilities based on 2016, is approximately \$300 million dollars.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Rotary Club Tree Planting – 100 Year Celebration

Introduced by Councillor Thorpe and All Britton, Manager, Parks Operations.

Committee discussion took place regarding:

- tree planting will include native trees in and around Beban Park including the new Steve Smith bike park area;
- the Rotary Club plants 100 trees throughout various communities as part of their 100 year celebration; and,
- trees will be planted in mid-September to October and are consistent with the Beban Park Master Plan.

(b) Correspondence from Adrian Hovestad re: Model Airs Club of Nanaimo

(c) Correspondence form Ron Lychak re: Additional Benches Around Westwood Lake

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee receive the correspondence from Adrian Hovestad, dated 2018-MAR-27, regarding Model Airs Club of Nanaimo and the correspondence from Ron Lychak, dated 2018-JUN-18, regarding Additional Benches Around Westwood Lake for information. The motion carried unanimously.

8. QUESTION PERIOD:

- Adrian Hovestad re: opposed to Model Airs Club of Nanaimo, exclusive use of 2191 East Wellington Road site.

Kirsty MacDonald, Parks and Open Space Planner, spoke regarding:

- East Wellington Park Planning Open House that was held on June 20<sup>th</sup>, was a success with over 200 residents in attendance;
- the online survey is still available for residents on the City of Nanaimo website at <https://www.nanaimo.ca/your-government/projects/projects-detail/east-wellington-park-planning>;
- 2191 East Wellington Road is currently in the flight path of helicopters landing at West Coast Helicopters Maintenance & Contracting Ltd on Boxwood Road; and,
- there are currently no limitations or bylaws in effect for helicopters in that area;

Richard Harding, Director, Parks, Recreation and Wellness, stated that the City of Nanaimo would need to create a Bylaw or Policy regarding drones and/or any type of flying device being used within the City of Nanaimo limits.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:32 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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CORPORATE OFFICER