

MINUTES
PARKS, RECREATION AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
WEDNESDAY, 2018-SEP-26, AT 5:30 P.M.

Members: Councillor I. Thorpe, Chair
Trevor Heshka
Howard Houle
Gabby Lent
Alec McPherson (vacated 5:54 p.m.)
Daniel McVicar
Ken Milne
Calvin Tant
Tracy Vandermolten
Maureen Young

Absent: Councillor Bestwick
Julie Buisman
Marsha Down
Tyler Fraser
Mark Swain

Staff: Darcie Osborne, Manager, Arenas
K. MacDonald, Parks and Open Space Planner
J. Vanderhoef, Recording Secretary

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

The Parks, Recreation and Wellness Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

3. 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, Wednesday, 2018-JUN-27 at 5:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) Arenas Section Update

Darcie Osborne, Manager, Arenas, provided the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee with a presentation regarding the Arenas. She spoke regarding the following:

- people tend to return to the rinks and facilities during September;
- listed some of the facilities: Beban Arenas, Nanaimo Ice Centre and Harewood Sports Court;
- provided quick facts about the facilities: Arena Programs, Public Sessions and Events, Arena Program Staff Training, Ice User Groups, Ice Tournaments and Events, Dry Floor User Groups, Dry Floor Tournaments and Events; and,
- challenges the arenas are facing such as dealing with ammonia and staying in compliance with safety regulations.

Alec McPherson vacated the Boardroom at 5:54 p.m.

5. REPORTS:

(a) Update on the East Wellington Park Planning Process

Kirsty MacDonald, Parks and Open Space Planner, provided an update regarding the public consultation process that has been done regarding East Wellington Park Planning Process and highlighted some of the feedback received. She spoke regarding the following:

- this issue originally came forward due to a request from the model airplanes club for a safe site to fly;
- an open house was held June 20th, 2018, which provided new insight from the community;
- feedback has suggested this may not be an ideal site for the model airplanes and Staff are reviewing other options;
- many suggestions have been received on alternative usage for this space such as farming, a playground, off-leash dog park, and a bird sanctuary area; and,
- Staff are anticipating that they will be returning to the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee with reports regarding model airs and a long term land use plan for East Wellington Park.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee receive, the report titled "Update on the East Wellington Park Planning Process, dated 2018-SEP-26, for information. The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Thorpe spoke thanking the committee members for their participation and commented on how much he has enjoyed working with this committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:12 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER