



Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt

ESQUIMALT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

JUNE 18, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Seniors Centre

Esquimalt Recreation Centre, 527 Fraser Street

MINUTES

Present: Councillor B. McIlldoon
Councillor A. Gaul
Richard Fyfe, Chair
Geoff Murray, Vice Chair
Willie MacGillivray, Community Representative
Nick Brame, Youth Liaison

Staff: S. Hartman, Director of Parks and Recreation Services
A. Katschor, Manager of Parks Services
J. Byron, Manager of Recreation Services
D. Henderson, Superintendent of Recreation.
C. Weber, Secretary to the Director of Parks and Recreation Services

Regrets: Maureen Mitchell-Starkey, Community Representative
Bob McKie, Community Representative

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Geoff Murray, seconded by Councillor Gaul that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee of June 18, 2009 be approved with the inclusion of the Additional Agenda Items as follows:

- Following item 2., the Committee Chair will introduce the Director, Scott Hartman;
 - After the introduction of the Director, there will be a Delegation – Tom Woods, regarding the July 1, 2009 Rugby Tournament.
 - 5.(1) A report from Councillor Gaul regarding True Sport
 - 5.(2) Plaque for Macaulay Point Park – Committee Chair, Richard Fyfe
- The motion **CARRIED**.

2. MINUTES

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Moved by Geoff Murray, seconded by Councillor Gaul that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee held on May 14, 2009 be approved.

The motion **CARRIED**.

The Committee Chair, Richard Fyfe, introduced and welcomed Scott Hartman, Director of Parks and Recreation Services.

DELEGATION

Tom Woods, member of the James Bay Athletic Association, addressed the Committee regarding the upcoming special rugby event – JBAA versus Ballymena RFC, which is being held in Bullen Park on July 1, 2009. Mr. Woods distributed a fact sheet on the event and also circulated an Economic Impact Assessment on the Rugby Canada Challenge that was held in Bullen Park on June 27 – 28, 2008. Mr. Woods also reported that 125 children signed up for the 1st Annual Esquimalt Parks and Recreation / JBAA Mini Rugby Blitz, and that this six week program was a huge success. Mr. Woods stated that the July 1st event will be heavily promoted and that a crowd of approximately 500 - 700 is expected.

3. REPORTS

(1) A report from the Manager of Recreation Services regarding Fees and Charges.

Dan Henderson, Superintendent of Recreation reviewed the report with the Committee Members.

- Councillor McIldoon requested that spare curling brooms be left for curlers to use in the event that the reception area is closed and broom rentals are not available.
- Councillor McIldoon suggested that the Fees and Charges Committee calculate rate increases after municipal tax increase have been determined.

Moved by Councillor McIldoon, seconded by Councillor Gaul to invite members of the public to ask questions regarding the 2009 Fees and Charges Report.

The motion **CARRIED**.

- **Margaret Varga, Victoria Figure Skating Club**

Ms. Varga reported that raising fees will be problematic for their group due to this time of recession, and that there is less ice time in Victoria as Raquet Club will be closing down.

- **Ed Gerhardt, Esquimalt Curling Club**

- expressed concern at the 5% increase for adult curling fees (#28)

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- questioned \$450 fee for adult bonspiels as bonspiels can be either 40 teams, 24 teams or 16 teams (#31)
 - were concerned at first about League Shorty Fees (#32), however the Club is now happy with the \$10 fee per person with a minimum of 24 people
 - concerned about the additional curling storage space fee (#34)
 - the Club is concerned about the \$500 flat rate for advertising which was implemented last year
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- **Dave Davies, Esquimalt Curling Club**
 - expressed concern about how Esquimalt Curling Club members were being treated at the Archie Browning Sports Centre
 - stated that a meeting was supposed to transpire at the end of the curling season with staff and that the Club was still waiting to hear about a meeting
 - reported that the rocks that were refurbished (which Esquimalt Curling Club paid half of) were returned for repair due to malfunction, and in the meantime Thompson Curling supplied replacement rocks which Curling Club members brought in and stored in Esquimalt with no assistance from the municipality
 - understood that funds from the 2009 Mayor's Golf Tournament would go towards new Curling Club score boards and asked if this had been done
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- **Lee Davies, Esquimalt Curling Club**

Ms. Davies questioned the wording (*max. 20 hrs.*) under \$450/adult bonspiel and wanted to know if there would be an additional charge if the bonspiel goes over 20 hrs. Councillor Gaul indicated that it was not the Committee's intent to charge an additional fee for over 20 hrs., but rather using the 20 hrs. as an average, not a maximum
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- **Marcel Fisher, Victoria Cougars Hockey Club**

Mr. Fisher indicated that the Club felt there are no major problems with the fees and charges increase, however did state that their Club would like to retain the locker rooms for the entire year. Mr. Fisher also stated that it would be beneficial to replace the sign at the north side of the building on Esquimalt Road.
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- **Terri Cotton, Women's Hockey**

Ms. Cotton stated that she does not have a problem with the Esquimalt Curling Club not paying for storage space. Ms. Cotton also stated that, as a taxpayer, she would like to see the facility full and in use all the time.

Moved by Geoff Murray, seconded by Councillor Gaul that the following items be referred back to the Fees and Charges Committee for review, and to build in time for the interested users groups to attend the Fees and Charges Committee meeting to discuss their concerns with the Committee, and further that the Fees

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and Charges Committee prepare a report for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee:

- Fees and Charges Report numbers 28, 31, 32, 34
- \$500 flat rate for advertising
- \$450 bonspiel fee
- Wording of *maximum 20 hrs.* for bonspiels
- Victoria Cougars Hockey Club's request for retention of locker rooms for an entire 12 month period.

The motion **CARRIED**.

(2) A report from the Superintendent of Recreation regarding Community Events Funding.

Moved by Councillor McIlldoon, seconded by Willie MacGillvray that the recommendations in the report dated June 5, 2009 be approved as follows:

1. *That the application from the Victoria Brain Injury Society is approved for \$750 of funding from the 2009 Community Events Fund.*
2. *That the application from the Esquimalt Lantern Festival, via The West Bay Residents Association be approved for \$400 of funding from the 2009 Community Events Fund.*
3. *That the application from the Esquimalt Lantern Festival Society, via the Esquimalt Residents Association, is denied funds from the 2009 Community Events Fund.*

The motion **CARRIED**.

Councillor Gaul and Geoff Murray were opposed to the motion.

Moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor McIlldoon that the criteria for the Community Events Funding be referred back to staff to reevaluate and prepare a report for the October Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting.

The motion CARRIED.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(1) At a Glance – May 2009 – Parks Services

(2) The Manager of Parks Services reported:

- staff have been working with the Director of Development and Engineering to design an entrance pathway into Freeman Ken Hill Park
- staff promote the fact that our turf is pesticide free at events, and have put up signs when they are spraying environmentally friendly pesticides, and further will put educational information on the municipal website, as well as in the Active Living Guide
- is working with the Greater Victoria Rock Climbing Association and the Municipal Insurance Association to resolve insurance issues

- over the summer Parks staff will be flail mowing the blackberries off the Clifton Terrace entrance to Macaulay Point to increase the off leash area
- Sioux Place repaving has started
- Gardener 2 interviews are in progress
- the washrooms at the Lacrosse Box on Lyall Street were vandalized, and a fire causing \$800 damage was started at the Saxe Point Park washrooms

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- a boulevard tree will be planted in the new sidewalk in front of Beans and Greens Restaurant on Admirals Road
- (3) At A Glance – May 2009 – Recreation Services
- (4) The Manager of Recreation Services reported:
- the Aquatic / Fitness Coordinator is working with the Lifesaving Society and VIHA to find options for a diving board as the existing diving board has been closed due to safety reasons
 - the Adult Programmer is assisting the Pickle Ball group in applying for a grant so that the group can access the outdoor lacrosse box for their sport
 - due to the problems and complaints at this time last year because of youth hanging around the teen centre on Youth Only Friday Nights, the Youth Liaison Officer from Victoria Police will assist staff assessing the outdoor areas
 - the Torch Committee has had their initial meeting and there is good community support
 - the Food Services Review Committee is scheduled to have their first meeting on June 22, 2009
 - should hear something on our application to the Building Canada Fund Application by the end of June
 - Cannon Design Feasibility Study has been completed, except for the seismic evaluation portion of the study
 - staff support the Victoria Cougars bid to secure the Keystone Cup in April 2010
- (5) Appoint one (1) Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Member to the Access Awareness Committee. This item has been tabled until the September meeting.
- (6) The Orientation Tour and Strategic Planning session have been scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2009. Agenda will be forwarded to the Committee Members prior to the event.

Moved by Geoff Murray, seconded by Councillor Gaul that the Director's Report be received and filed.

The motion **CARRIED**.

5. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (1) Councillor Gaul reported that she recently attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference at Whistler, B.C. and will make a presentation to the Committee at the meeting in September regarding True Sport, a program committed to community sport. Councillor Gaul invited Committee Members to check out the True Sport website at truesport.ca as she would like to receive feedback from the Committee

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Members. Councillor Gaul requested to be placed on the next Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Agenda to make a formal presentation.

- (2) Richard Fyfe stated that he will report back to the Committee on the request from Lorraine O'Leary (great, great, granddaughter of Donald Macaulay) regarding the placement of a historical plaque at Macaulay Point Park.
- (3) Geoff Murray reported that he attended his first Gorge Waterway meeting and some of the topics discussed were:
 - Parks and Recreation staff are in discussion with the Gorge Waterway Initiative on a regional information sign project for the Gorge.
 - Infrastructure grant that Parks and Recreation Services was awarded will be used to renovate the Discovery Centre at Esquimalt Gorge Park.
 - Swans are being killed by the overhead lines over the Tillicum Bridge even though preventative measures have been taken.

Geoff Murray also stated that he strongly supports the Lantern Festival and these types of community events.

Councillor Gaul reported that the Esquimalt Village Project will focus on site 1 which is the old municipal hall and old public works buildings which are adjacent to Town Square. Councillor Gaul also reported that she recently walked the Henderson chip trail and really liked the placement of work out equipment along the trail.

Councillor McIldoon stated that he would like to see Parks and Recreation Services place advertising in local groups brochures.

Willy MacGillivray reported that the cement bench on the west side of Saxe Point Park is overgrown with snowberries.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were not questions from the public.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Willie MacGillivray, seconded by Councillor McIldoon that the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

The motion **CARRIED**.

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Scott Hartman
Director of Parks and Recreation Services

Chairperson, Esquimalt Parks and
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