



Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt

**ESQUIMALT PARKS AND
RECREATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

Esquimalt Municipal Hall, 1229 Esquimalt Road

MINUTES

Present: Councillor B. McIlldoon
Councillor A. Gaul
Richard Fyfe, Chair
Geoff Murray, Vice Chair
Willie MacGillivray, Community Representative
Maureen Mitchell-Starkey
Bob McKie
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
C. Weber, Secretary to the Director of Parks and Recreation Services

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Maureen Mitchell-Starkey, seconded by Bob McKie that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee of September 10, 2009 be approved.
The motion **CARRIED**.

2. MINUTES

Moved by Geoff Murray, seconded by Councillor Gaul that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee held on June 18, 2009 be approved.
The motion **CARRIED**.

3. PRESENTATION

(1) Vicki Klyne, Community Recreation Programmer and Mike Reed, Logistics Supervisor regarding the 2009 TAGS Conference which is being hosted

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by the Township of Esquimalt in conjunction with the Victoria Police Department.

Vicki Klyne circulated an update to the Committee which included some background on the formation of ETAG (Esquimalt Together Against Graffiti). The 2009 TAGS Conference is being held October 21-22 at the Delta Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort and is being sponsored by the ETAG Committee which is a partnership between the Township and Victoria Police Department. Further details regarding the Conference are available on the municipal website.

- (2) Councillor Gaul regarding True Sport.
Moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor McIlldoon that this item be tabled.
The motion **CARRIED**.

4. REPORTS

- (1) A report from the Manager of Recreation Services regarding 2009 Fees and Charges.
Moved by Maureen Mitchell-Starkey, seconded by Geoff Murray that the Advisory Committee recommend to Council to approve all proposed fee changes effective January 1, 2010, including the recommendations coming from the Fees and Charges Committee's second review, as follows:
- i) *Arena prime time ice and Cougar game rate stay at recommended increase of 3%.*
 - ii) *Adult Curling ice rate stay at recommended increase of 5%.*
 - iii) *Bonspiel rate revert back to 10% of entry fee. A minimum rate of \$10.50 per team, per hour, be added to establish a base for future increases.*
 - iv) *Recommended fee of \$240 for curling league shorties to be applied to food remain the same.*
 - v) *Curling storage space fee dropped from proposed \$25/month to \$5/month.*

The motion **CARRIED** with Committee Member Bob McKie opposed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) A letter from Carollyne Evans, Manager of Corporate Services regarding the appointment of Nick Brame to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee until December 31, 2009.
Moved by Maureen Mitchell-Starkey, seconded by Councillor McIlldoon that the correspondence be received and filed.
The motion **CARRIED**.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- (1) At A Glance – June, July, August – Parks
(2) At A Glance – June, July, August – Recreation
The Manager of Recreation Services reported:

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- The Intermunicipal Managers evaluated the regional pass and the program will run for another year.
 - 23 new people purchased a regional pass - \$9,600 revenue
 - 37 people upgraded to a regional pass - \$7,600 revenue
 - total of \$190,000 new revenue generated
 - awarded a Provincial grant of \$4,000 for marketing
- Tour de Rock spinathon is being held on Friday, September 11th, and a motorcycle poker run and rodeo will be held on September 12th and 13th

Moved by Maureen Mitchell-Starkey, seconded by Geoff Murray that the Director's Report be received and filed.

The motion **CARRIED**.

- (3) Appoint one (1) Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Member to the Access Awareness Committee. Bob McKie volunteered to sit on the Committee.

7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (1) Historical Plaque at Macaulay Point. This item was tabled.
- (2) Willie MacGillivray asked if staff are aware of the *spear grass problem* in the off leash parks. The Manager of Parks Services reported that the parks staff have changed their mowing practices to try to control it, however it is impossible to keep up with as dogs spread it.
- (3) Councillor McIldoon reported that he has had a couple of phone calls by *dog people* who were wondering what was happening at Macaulay Point. The Director reported that an *information and communication strategy* was being prepared by staff.
- (4) Geoff Murray reminded Committee Members that the Esquimalt Lantern Festival will be held on September 19, 2009.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Ed Gerhardt, President, Esquimalt Curling Club stated:

- 5% increase is too high
- opposed to a flat fee for bonspiels
- satisfied with the \$5 monthly storage fee for junior curlers
- opposed to advertising fee

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Willie MacGillivray that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Scott Hartman
Director of Parks and Recreation Services

Chairperson, Esquimalt Parks and
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