



Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt

**ESQUIMALT PARKS AND
RECREATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

NOVEMBER 5, 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
Maureen Mitchell-Starkey
Bob McKie

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

Regrets: Willie MacGillivray
Nick Brame, Youth Liaison

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Bob McKie, seconded by Maureen Mitchell-Starkey that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee of November 5, 2009 be approved.

The motion **CARRIED**.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bob McKie moved, seconded by Maureen Mitchell-Starkey that the regular minutes from the meeting of October 1, 2009 be approved.

The motion **CARRIED**.

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3. DELEGATION

(1) Constance O'Leary regarding historical signage at Macaulay Point Park. Constance O'Leary addressed the Committee and gave them some historical background on her Great, Great Grandfather, Donald Macaulay. Constance O'Leary proposed that a sign be placed at Macaulay Point in commemoration of Donald Macaulay, and she would also like to offer her ideas for a Heritage Day event during Esquimalt's centennial celebrations. Staff will follow-up and report back to the Committee in 2010.

(2) Jeremy Tate and Josh Kellar, Members from Global Rhythm Society regarding a proposed 2010 International Music Festival in Esquimalt. The Director reported that staff have had a couple of initial meetings with Jeremy Tate and Josh Kellar and that their proposal is in the preliminary stage and are now seeking approval and input from the Committee to continue their planning process for the event. Jeremy Tate informed the Committee that the Global Rhythm Society is a not for profit organization with a membership of approximately 30 people and that the sole purpose of the organization is to produce a summer music festival. Jeremy Tate reported that preliminary preparations are underway to host a major outdoor summer music festival at Esquimalt Gorge Park and that the three primary goals of their Society are:

- To protect the park and leave it as they found it;
- To create the lightest possible footprint; and,
- To minimize any inconvenience for the surrounding neighbourhood.

Josh Kellar went over the draft site plan informing the Committee of the proposed layout for the festival. Both Jeremy Tate and Josh Kellar reassured Committee Members that the planning stages are very preliminary and that they are very open to input from the Committee. Committee members expressed concern about the placement of the beer gardens and the fact that the children's play area was fenced off from the event. Jeremy Tate and Josh Kellar informed the Committee that the site plan is in the early stages and could be re-vamped as they proceed.

Moved by Geoff Murray, seconded by Councillor McIldoon that municipal staff continue to discuss this event with the Global Rhythm Music Society.

The motion **CARRIED**.

4. REPORTS

(1) A report from the Community Recreation Coordinator regarding a Community Events Funding application.

Moved by Maureen Mitchell-Starkey, seconded by Geoff Murray that the application from the Esquimalt Arts, Culture and Special Events Committee be approved for \$750 of funding from the 2009 Community Events Fund.

The motion **CARRIED**.

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- (2) A report from the Manager of Recreation Services regarding the Regional Pass.

Moved by Geoff Murray, seconded by Maureen Mitchell-Starkey that the Committee continue to support the Annual Regional Pass and:

1. To establish the Adult Annual Regional Pass as a product under the same guidelines that it was piloted (premium cost of \$420.10, fee to rise in 2011).
2. To introduce a monthly installment payment system (and implement a \$25 non-refundable convenience fee for choosing the monthly payment plan option).

The motion **CARRIED**.

The Director reported that once it has been approved by all of the participating municipalities, an amendment to the Fees and Charges Bylaw will need to go back to Council for approval.

- (3) A report from the Manager of Recreation Services regarding a Panago Pizza family pass.

Moved by Bob McKie, seconded by Councillor McIlldoon that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee support issuing one annual Family Pass to Sybille and Marlin Wilson, owners of Panago Pizza Esquimalt.

The motion **CARRIED**.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Manager of Recreation Services reported:

- The hot tub has been repaired;
- The Olympic Torch Relay passed through Esquimalt on October 30th and was a successful, high attended event.

Maureen Mitchell-Starkey inquired as to how the transition from Esquimalt Silver Threads to Seniors went. The Director reported that the client feedback is positive and that the Adult Programmer is refining programs and that staff will report back to the Committee with more data in 2010.

The Manager of Parks Services reported:

- Staff prepared a letter of support for the Gorge Waterway Education Centre for a \$50,000 grant they were applying for "green" building upgrades.
- Disabled resident had requested exemption to run his dog off leash at Victor Brodeur School and staff are considering the request.

Councillor McIlldoon inquired as to what the next steps would be as a result of the Open House at Macaulay Point Park. The Director reported that although this is in the preliminary stages, fencing and stairs will be placed in the capital budget and that staff will continue dialogue with DND.

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

The motion **CARRIED**.

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6. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Geoff Murray reported that he attended a Gorge Waterway Initiative meeting and the topic of live-a-board boats and the ecological damage they cause on the waterway was discussed.

Councillor Gaul stated that it would be nice if music could be played during public skating sessions.

Councillor McIlldoon asked how the police presence was at Youth Only Friday Nights. The Manager of Recreation Services stated that police presence has been at approximately 50% for the last five events and that he would be attending another meeting in the near future. Councillor McIlldoon asked that the Committee be kept up to date on this issue.

Bob McKie reported that he attended his first Access Awareness Committee meeting and that a representative from BC Transit came to the meeting and reported on upgrading bus services. Bob McKie also reported that the Halloween bonfire was well attended.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Nina Hucal, Esquimalt resident, stated the following concerns she had regarding the proposed 2010 International Music Festival:

- need for more policing;
- wants to know who will benefit from the revenue of the event;
- concerned about Japanese Garden area being trampled;
- would like to see a business plan for the event.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Maureen Mitchell-Starkey moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Scott Hartman
Director of Parks and Recreation Services

Chairperson, Esquimalt Parks and
and Recreation Advisory Committee