



Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt

**ESQUIMALT PARKS AND
RECREATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MAY 13, 2010

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

Esquimalt Municipal Hall, 1229 Esquimalt Road

MINUTES

Present: Mayor B. Desjardins
Councillor A. Gaul
Richard Fyfe, Chair
Willie MacGillivray
Bob McKie
Nick Brame
Tim Morrison

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: Councillor B. McIlldoon
Natasha MacKinnon

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(1) Additional item. Mayor Desjardins will address the Committee.

Mayor Desjardins stated that she wanted to attend a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting to touch base with the Committee and report that Council is extremely excited about the number of items that are going on in the Parks and Recreation Department and that Council applauds the Committee for moving the items forward.

2. MINUTES

Moved by Bob McKie, seconded by Tim Morrison that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2010 be approved.
The motion **CARRIED**.

3. **POLICY DISCUSSION**

(1) **Video Surveillance of Municipal Property – Draft Council Policy.**

The Director reported that Esquimalt is one of the few municipalities that do not have video surveillance. The Director has drafted a Council Policy which the Committee members reviewed and some of the comments from the Committee were:

- would like to see rough numbers on loss prevention
- what result we might expect
- how much staff time will be dedicated to this initiative

Moved by Bob McKie, seconded by Tim Morrison to endorse the Draft Council Policy on Video Surveillance of Municipal Property, and request that staff forward the Draft Policy to Council requesting their approval.

The motion **CARRIED**.

(2) **Bottled Water – Discussion Report from staff on alternatives to bottled water.**

The Director reported that the only department in the municipality that uses bottled water is the Parks and Recreation Department. The Discussion Report provides three options as follows:

Option 1: Complete Ban of bottled water in all municipal facilities and parks;

- complete ban on bottled water would be a huge step to take as it would mean “policing” user groups and community events to ensure bottled water was not being used
- this option would allow Esquimalt to make a huge impact on it’s environmental footprint while still providing our patrons with clean, drinkable water

Option 2: Ban on the sale of bottled water in all municipal facilities and parks;

- a ban on the sale of bottled water would allow the municipality to decrease its environmental footprint while still allowing patrons to make their own decision to bring in bottled water or use the fountains provided
- this would allow Community Events to provide bottled water to participants should they choose to get that water from an outside source

Option 3: Remain status quo, while upgrading water fountain/bottle filling stations, and let the community members/patrons decide if they wish to use a water fountain or purchase bottled water.

- remaining status quo would allow our patrons to make their own informed decision on the subject
- this option would not allow the municipality to control the impact on its environmental footprint

Moved by Bob McKie, seconded by Tim Morrison that staff work on a strategy to

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gradually phase out the sale of bottled water, including education materials, and the upgrade of existing water fountains.

The motion **CARRIED**.

(3) Community Gardens

A report from the Community Gardens Task Force with results from their public survey.

Moved by Tim Morrison, seconded by Bruce McIlldoon that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee support the work that the Community Gardens Task Force have done to date, and further, the Committee thanked Willie MacGillivray and Natasha MacKinnon for their work with the Community Gardens Task Force.

The motion **CARRIED**.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director reported the following:

- Team China practiced at Esquimalt's Archie Browning Sports Centre for two weeks in February
- The Township hosted the Paralympic Torch Relay
- Victoria Curling Classic rental at Esquimalt's Archie Browning Sports Centre was very successful and will be returning in 2011
- Victoria has been awarded the 2011 BMO Skate Canada Championship and the 2011 BMO Skate Canada Junior National Championship events. The Archie Browning Sports Centre will be the exclusive pre-event warm-up and training venue for this championship in January 2011.
- Council awarded the Request for Proposal to Kinetic Construction for the Archie Browning Sports Centre upgrades and the work will be done by late Fall
- An RFP will be released shortly for tender for the Esquimalt Recreation Centre Aquatic Energy Retrofit Project
- The Mayor's Golf Tournament will be held on June 28th
- A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on May 21st for the grand opening of the Admirals/Colville intersection
- Phase 2 of Freeman Ken Hill Park is underway
- The batting cage and cinder block building on the north side of Bullen Park will be dismantled in the near future.

Moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Willie MacGillivray that the Director's Report be received.

The motion **CARRIED**.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

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6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bob McKie, seconded by Willie MacGillivray that the meeting be adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The motion **CARRIED**.

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Scott Hartman
Director of Parks and Recreation Services

Chairperson, Esquimalt Parks and
and Recreation Advisory Committee