



Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt

**ESQUIMALT PARKS AND
RECREATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MAY 12, 2011

6:00 p.m.

Seniors Lounge

Esquimalt Recreation Centre, 527 Fraser Street

MINUTES

Present: Councillor D. Linge
Councillor A. Gaul
Richard Fyfe, Chair
Willie MacGillivray
Bob McKie, Vice Chair
Tim Morrison
Richard Jacques

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: Natasha MacKinnon
Nick Brame, Youth Liaison

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Linge that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for May 12, 2011 be approved.

The motion **CARRIED**.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee held on March 10, 2011 and Notes from the Workshop held on March 10, 2011.

Moved by Tim Morrison, seconded by Councillor Gaul that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 10, 2011 and Notes from the Workshop held on March 10, 2011 be approved.

The motion **CARRIED**.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) A letter from Paul Wickens, President, Esquimalt Garden Club regarding the Centennial Rose Project Proposal.

Moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Linge that a letter be sent to the Esquimalt Garden Club, with a copy to the Centennial Committee, approving their request to plant roses at Freeman Ken Hill Park and Memorial Park for the 2012 Centennial Celebrations.

The motion **CARRIED**.

4. REPORTS

- (1) Denniston Park

The Manager of Parks Services reported that the Council resolution made at the May 2, 2011 regular meeting of Council was that staff be directed to return the Park to its original condition and consult with residents on long term plans for the park.

The Director reported that the next step would be to hold an open house for public consultation in mid to late June.

- (2) Heritage Tree List Additions

The Manager of Parks Services reported that there were a number of significant trees that should be added to the Heritage Tree list (this original list was created in 1976 and has not since been updated).

Moved by Richard Jacques, seconded by Tim Morrison that the Committee recommend to Council, with a copy to the Heritage Committee, that the additional addresses presented in the report be added to Schedule 'A' Significant (Heritage) Tree List of Bylaw No. 2664 – A Bylaw to Provide for the Protection of Trees.

The motion **CARRIED**.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- (1) The Director reported that the request from Joe Buczkowski regarding a commemorative plaque for Memorial Park that was presented to Committee at the March meeting, has been withdrawn.

- (2) Appoint a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to the Access Awareness Committee.

Moved by Councillor Linge, seconded by Tim Morrison that Bob McKie be appointed to the Access Awareness Committee.

The motion **CARRIED**.

- (3) The Director reported that there has been no word on the grant application for the Recreation Centre. If the grant is approved, there will be a public process on the design and then approximately 24 months to complete the work.

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- (4) The Archie Browning Sports Centre upgrade is nearing completion. Items remaining include installation of the new compressor and the dehumidifier for the curling rink. Once complete, there should be a noticeable difference for energy efficiency.
- (5) Municipal property at 855 Lampson Street. Application will be made for building rezoning from RS1 to P2. The next steps would be to inform neighbours, Little League, hold an open house, and the design phase.
- (6) The Director reported that, due to weather, staff are approximately 3-4 weeks behind schedule for growing season, but will hopefully be caught up by the end of the month.

7. COMMITTEE ROUND TABLE

- (1) Tim Morrison inquired if there will be an increase in Fees and Charges this year. The Director informed him that there will not be an increase for Fees and Charges in 2011.
- (2) Councillor Linge inquired about public acceptance of the closing of Bullen Perk. The Director indicated that the vending company that was hired has been very successful in maintaining and clearing up any issues with vending services. Also, once the Department finds out if they have been awarded the grant for the Recreation Centre, then the process can begin to renovate the atrium area.
- (3) Councillor Linge inquired about Rockheights School. The Director reported that arrangements were made with the School for a hockey academy for students. This initiative is a three way partnership including the School District, Minor Hockey and the Department.
- (4) Councillor Gaul inquired if an announcement will be made for the 50th year celebration of the Archie Browning Sports Centre. The Director reported that a group of staff are currently working on that initiative and that an announcement for celebration activities should be made by the end of June.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Ani Black addressed the Committee requesting confirmation that public consultation for Denniston Park will occur mid to late June and that an advanced approximate notification will be given to residents when a date, time, and location have been decided.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bob McKie that the regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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CERTIFIED CORRECT

Scott Hartman
Director of Parks and Recreation Services

Chairperson, Esquimalt Parks and
and Recreation Advisory Committee