



Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt

**ESQUIMALT PARKS AND
RECREATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

OCTOBER 1, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

Esquimalt Municipal Hall, 1229 Esquimalt Road

MINUTES

Present: Councillor B. McIldoon
Richard Fyfe, Chair
Geoff Murray, Vice Chair
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

Regrets: Councillor A. Gaul
Willie MacGillivray

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Maureen Mitchell-Starkey, seconded by Geoff Murray that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee of October 1, 2009 be approved with the following two additional agenda items:

- (1) 2010 Fees and Charges – Additional Information.
- (2) Victoria Police Department – Request to waive fees for ice rental.

The motion **CARRIED**.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Maureen Mitchell-Starkey, seconded by Geoff Murray that the regular minutes from the meeting of September 10, 2009 be approved.

The motion **CARRIED**.

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3. DELEGATION

Brian Grover, Treasurer and Ted Eisner, President of the Bridge Group – Unit 431, ACBL regarding 2010 room rental increases for their group. Bryan Grover provided the following information regarding the Club:

- a *not for profit* organization that promotes bridge in the Greater Victoria area;
- has three tournaments a year which are attended from players from Vancouver Island, the lower mainland, Alberta, B.C. and Washington.
 - Ace of Hearts tournament in February – 1 day event
 - Spring Sectional – 3 day event
 - Fall Sectional – 3 day event
- the average age of members is 65, many of the members are retired and on a fixed income;
- the group charges by the table at events;
- they have a \$200 coffee fund which they buy supplies from and sometimes lose money.

Mr. Grover stated that their room rental rates will be going up in 2010 to almost double of what they are paying now, and they are looking for some kind of relief. The Director reported that the group had previously been paying the *Child's Rate* and in actuality should be paying the *Senior's Rate*.

Moved by Geoff Murray, seconded by Maureen Mitchell-Starkey that staff develop an increase plan to be implemented over the next couple of years as follows: 65% cost recovery of seniors rate in 2010, 80% cost recovery of seniors rate in 2011 and 100% cost recovery of the seniors rate by 2012.

The motion **CARRIED**.

4. REPORTS

(1) A report from the Director of Parks and Recreation Services regarding the Food Services Review Committee final report which will be going to Committee of the Whole on October 13, 2009. The Director informed the Committee that he is soliciting their input and feedback which will be included in the Director's cover report.

Key points of the discussion included:

- there should not be any subsidy for Food Services, and it is not feasible to leave at the status quo;
- would like to explore the possibility of a commercial supplier, through market testing or *request for proposal* processes;
- have some food service options at both the Archie Browning Sports Centre and the Recreation Centre;
- some vending machines should be located in both facilities;
- in favour of the user groups running the concession at the Archie Browning Sports Centre during tournaments and special events;
- a social area at the Recreation Centre is a very important amenity;
- some concern was raised about the sole reliance of vending machines and the need for strong monitoring and maintenance of a vending contract.

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The Chair polled the Committee on the following:

- [1] Should there be any subsidy for Food Services.
5-no, 1 yes
- [2] Leave at status quo
5-no, 1yes
- [3] Explore the possibility of a commercial supplier, either through market testing or a *request for proposal* process
6-yes
- [4] Some food service options at Esquimalt's Archie Browning Sports Centre
6-yes
- [5] Some food service options at Esquimalt Recreation Centre
1-no, 5-yes
- [6] Some vending machines
1-no, 5 yes

Moved by Councillor McIldoon, seconded by Geoff Murray that the report be received and filed.

The motion **CARRIED**.

- (2) A report from the Manager of Parks Services regarding naming of the Nature House at Esquimalt Gorge Park.
The Manager reported that SeaChange Society was unofficially using the name "Gorge WaterWay Discovery Centre" and required Council to make a motion to approve its use. Council requested that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee be given the opportunity to review the selection of names (see attached name suggestions). An additional option was raised and discussed by the Committee which included Esquimalt Discovery Centre.

Moved by Councillor McIldoon, seconded by Geoff Murray that the Committee preferred Sample #2: *Gorge Waterway Education Centre in the Township of Esquimalt*.

The motion **CARRIED** with Committee Member Maureen Mitchell-Starkey opposed.

- (3) 2010 Fees and Charges – Additional Information.
The Manager of Recreation Services reported that the following housekeeping items were discovered:
 - 1) Section 4.15 states that Youth Only Friday Nights ... *will be provided at the Youth Admission rate*. Practice is that a special admission rate of \$2 is being charged for Y.O.F. Staff recommend that this rate not be increased, and that the statement be taken out of the section.
 - 2) The Esquimalt Teen Centre was not listed in the fee schedule. The following has been added under section *Recreation Centre Room Rental Rates*:

<i>Base Rate</i>	-	<i>\$14.00/hr.</i>
<i>Child/Youth Rate</i>	-	<i>\$9.00/hr.</i>
<i>Adult</i>	-	<i>\$17.75/hr.</i>
<i>Commercial</i>	-	<i>\$24.75/hr.</i>

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Moved by Geoff Murray, seconded by Maureen Mitchell-Starkey that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee support the two changes in the Manager of Recreation Services report.

The motion **CARRIED**.

- (4) Verbal report from the Manager of Recreation Services regarding waiving fee for rental of ice for the Victoria Police Department for the Esquimalt High hockey program. Moved by Geoff Murray, seconded by Councillor McIldoon that the Committee support the fee waiver and also support forgiveness of the outstanding amount owed for 2009.

The motion **CARRIED**.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director reported:

- that the municipality secured 1.3 million dollar Infrastructure Grant – Building Canada Fund for the Archie Browning Sports Centre;
- that the municipality secured the Victoria Curling Classic for a two year period;
- that due to the fact that four Committee spots could potentially change at the end of the current year, the facility tour and planning session will be scheduled for 2010.

The Manager of Parks Services reported:

- a kiosk will be placed at the corner of Colville and Admirals with a *train station fee*;
- that a CRD funded sign project along the Gorge Waterway is being spearheaded by the Gorge Water Initiative group;
- The *Trees for Tomorrow* planting project is scheduled for October 17th;
- Official re-opening of the Japanese Gardens at Esquimalt Gorge Park is scheduled for October 25th
- The Macaulay Point Open House will be held on October 24th

The Manager of Recreation Services reported:

- The riders from the Tour de Rock will be in the Esquimalt Plaza on Friday, October 2nd. Staff organized a spin-a-thon and a motorcycle rally which were held a couple of weeks ago.

Moved by Maureen Mitchell-Starkey, seconded by Councillor McIldoon that the Director's Report be received.

The motion **CARRIED**.

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6. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Geoff Murray reported that attendance at the Lantern Festival was approximately 700 people and it was very successful.
- Richard Fyfe suggested that staff review park use permits and assess whether outside amplified noise should be included in the terms of reference for park use permits.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Geoff Murray that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Scott Hartman
Director of Parks and Recreation Services

Chairperson, Esquimalt Parks and
and Recreation Advisory Committee