

Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt



**ESQUIMALT
PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

December 15, 2016 at 7:00pm
Archie Browning Sports Centre – Boardroom
1151 ESQUIMALT ROAD

MINUTES

Present: Chair RJ Senko, Councillor Olga Liberchuk, Councillor Tim Morrison, Gillian Larson, John Noyes, Morlene Tomlinson, Bill Percival (phone in), Celia Owen S.Hartman, Director of Parks & Recreation Services
Rick Daykin, Manager of Parks & Facilities

Regrets: Matteo Ferri, Christian Barnard

Guests: Aragon Representatives: Lenny Moy, Adrian Small & Carol Rossell

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Acceptance moved by Morlene Tomlinson seconded by Celia Owen
The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes of June 8, 2016 to be adopted at next meeting.

3. CURRENT BUSINESS

a) Hither Green Park Design Discussion

Lenny provided an overview of the rationale for the re-design of Hither Green Park. Aragon purchased the English Inn property and requires secondary emergency access for the residential development.

- Protected trees limit the creation of a secondary access road from Lampson
- The Planning Department suggested that Hither Green Park be utilized for secondary emergency access
- Many meetings were held often with competing perspectives
- The Fire Department requires unimpeded access to the English Inn . In other words no bollards or barriers.
- The Parks Department requires open green space that benefits the community
- The Engineering Department requires certain engineered specifications for the utilities and road through the park
- We can improve the design but there will be some give and take

Scott - Currently the park is utilized for play space and utilities to service the English Inn
Carol and Adrian- Reviewed the park concepts that have been presented and discussed over the past few months.

Three concepts were presented:

Concept 1

- Showed play space with natural play elements
- Surface on reinforced grass

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Feedback from the Township

- The wheels will cause a lot of force on plastic.
- Need to keep clear of snow and plowing may damage the surface
- Plowing will damage the surface
- CSA requires non encroachment zones for elevated play equipment and other spinner toys.

Concept 2

- 6' wide hard surface
- Re-design of underground utilities

Park Space divided into 2 outdoor spaces

- Mediterranean theme and Coastal theme
- Pergolas, arbors and seating
- Naturalistic look

Concept 3-Public Open House on Nov 17

- Introduced electrical outlets, lighting, more planting
- Reintroduce plastic grass grids with hard surface for accessibility
- Sprinkler systems
- 307 parking stalls in parkade at English Inn for residents and guests
- Drainage design by civil engineer
- Fencing on both sides
- Controlling access through the park
- Security camera facing the park from English Inn side
- Lights to warn pedestrians
- Park identifier signage that also states no unauthorized vehicles to pass through park
- Received some complaints: too much lighting, noise and security, reduction in on street parking, too little lighting, loss of play and cost of maintenance
- Received some positive comments: looks good, nothing like this in town, good use of space

Additional Suggestions from Aragon

- Sandpit
- Activity deck – sides to stop kids from slipping through
- Hop scotch
- Wooden mushrooms
- Spinner

Suggestions from Committee

- Morlene Tomlinson– sculptures, water features, chess, art walk
- Rick Daykin – fitness equipment, concrete table tennis, bocce storage for paddles etc.
- John Noyes – Is the park used? Limit activity due to proximity to neighbours
- RJ -Flashing lights – disturb neighbours? Space on the property for play space?
- Aragon – No space because of protected oak trees. Plastic grid can withstand weight of fire trucks
- John Noyes – more grassy areas.
- Rollover curb with red marking for no parking.
- Play equipment not important to the Advisory Committee.

Moved by Rj Senko seconded by John Noyes that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, at its December 15, 2016 meeting, reviewed the proposed design and endorsed the concept plan pending some changes, as follows: provision for public art; installation of a community message board; integration of

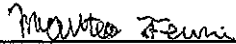
features for passive games (i.e. large-scale chess board, bocce, etc.); and a rollover curb and gutter versus a curb letdown.
The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

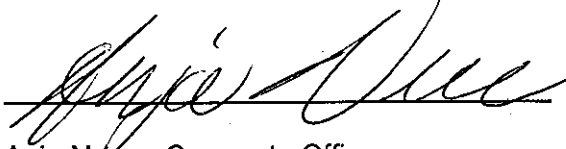
- a) Esquimalt Adventure Park opening in May 2017, 1.8 million budget
- b) Perfect mind being rolled out for programs and registrations went live Dec1, 2016
- c) Memorial Park- power required in the park for electric charging station, generator, transformer, washroom
- d) RJ- Presentation stage? Looking to place in 2018 capital as either a fixed or portable stage
- e) Gorge Park lighting upgrade in 2017 from sustainability fund.
- f) Bar coolers (2) were installed in Sports Centre

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Celia Owen and seconded by Gillian Larson that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.
The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**



RJ Senko, Chair
This 26 day of April 26, 2017

Certified Correct:


Anja Nurvo, Corporate Officer