

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'A' PARKS, RECREATION AND
CULTURE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017
7:00PM**

(Cedar Heritage Centre)

Attendance: Alec McPherson, RDN Director, Chair
Jim Fiddick
Bernie White
Angela Davies
Andrew Thornton
John O'Connor

Staff: Hannah King, Superintendent of Recreation Program Services
Elaine McCulloch, Parks Planner
Ann-Marie Harvey, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Kerri-Lynne Wilson
Graham Gidden

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McPherson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and respectfully acknowledged the Coast Salish Nations on whose traditional territory the meeting took place.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

MOVED Commissioner White, SECONDED Commissioner Fiddick that Commissioner O'Connor be appointed deputy chair.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS/GUESTS

SFN Sport Court Update and Discussion

D. White II, Snuneymuxw First Nations Council

M. Robinson, Manager, Snuneymuxw Recreation & Wellness Centre

Ms. Robinson spoke to the Commission about her role with Snuneymuxw and the sacred territory where the sport court is being constructed. She spoke of the Bighouse Facility and the traditional ceremonies held there. She noted that they look forward to working with the Regional District in making the sport court facility available to all the community for recreational use.

Councillor White spoke of his hopes to not duplicate services and facilities in the area, and have the coming health centre and sport court available to everybody. He would like the connections with the community and the RDN to carry on and looks forward to the future. He appreciated coming out tonight to speak.

MINUTES

MOVED Commissioner O'Connor, SECONDED Commissioner White that minutes of the Regular Electoral Area 'A' Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting held November 16st, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED Commissioner Davies, SECONDED Commissioner O'Connor that the following Communications/Correspondence be received:

K. St. Cyr –Cedar Community Secondary School to H. King, RDN **RE: RDN/VIHA Grant Collaboration**

H. Sarchuk, North Cedar Improvement District to W. Marshall, RDN **RE: Cedar Plaza Planting and Irrigation.**

CARRIED

REPORTS

Parks Update Report -fall 2016

Cedar Plaza Update

Ms. McCulloch updated that construction was delayed due to the winter weather. Paving and benches will go in soon and planting will be completed in the spring. She noted that Ms. Fesiak requested some feedback about what information the Commission would like to see on the kiosk board i.e. maps, notice board, history. Ms. McCulloch will share these ideas with Ms. Fesiak and will provide some examples to the Commission at an upcoming meeting.

Cedar Skate Park Update

Ms. McCulloch reported that a Risk Management Survey was recently completed by the Municipal Insurance Association of BC. Staff also noted the washrooms on the site may need to be moved due to water seepage.

Cedar Heritage Centre Update

Ms. King has not received any information yet regarding the centre room changes.

Recognition Information

Ms. King noted the examples provided of recognition programs in other areas of the Island. The Commissioners discussed some of the ideas and it was suggested they attend the next District 69 Recreation Commission's Performance Recognition Ceremony. Ms. King will provide the Commission members with the date of the next District 69 Recognition Ceremony.

MOVED Commissioner White, SECONDED Commissioner O'Connor that the reports be received.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

RDN/VIHA Grant

Commissioners discussed the ideas put forward by K. St. Cyr for the use of the Island Health grant funding for Electoral Area 'A'.

MOVED Commissioner White, SECONDED Commissioner O'Connor that the use of Island Health Community Wellness Grant Electoral Area 'A' funds to purchase items for the Farm to School Program, Weight Room and Smoking Cessation Program be supported as requested by the Cedar School Coordinator.

CARRIED

Cedar Plaza Planting and Irrigation

The Commission discussed the letter from North Cedar Improvement District. Trustee's Sharon Thomson and Steve Dives of the North Cedar Improvement District were in the gallery to answer any questions about the decision made to not provide water service at Cedar Plaza unless a washroom was installed. They reviewed their bylaw and talked about some possible alternatives that could be presented.

MOVED Commissioner Davies, SECONDED Commissioner Fiddick that staff review possible alternatives to potentially allow water service at Cedar Plaza from the North Cedar Improvement District and report back to the Electoral Area 'A' Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Island Heath Grant

This item was discussed under Business Arising from Delegations or Communications

Grants/Subcommittee

Ms. King reminded Commissioners of the next grant deadline of Feb 24th. Commissioners O'Connor, White and Gidden (via email) agreed to continue serving on the committee.

2017 Budget Update – EA 'A' Parks, Recreation & Culture

Ms. McCulloch and Ms. King answered a couple of questions from Commissioners regarding the budget information.

Recreation Facilities Association of BC – Parksville, BC May 8th-11th

Ms. Harvey will email out more information about this conference closer to the date.

BC Recreation and Parks Association Symposium – Kelowna, BC April 5th -7th

Commissioners White and Davies will check their schedules and confirm with Ms. Harvey that they can attend. Should they not be able to attend, Commissioners Thornton and O'Connor will be alternates to attend.

COMMISSIONER ROUND TABLE

Commissioners provided community updates to the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Commissioner O'Connor, SECONDED Commissioner White that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25pm.

CARRIED

Chair