

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO  
MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT 69 RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**Thursday, May 17, 2018  
2:00 P.M.  
Oceanside Place**

In Attendance:	Commissioner J. Fell	Chair
	Commissioner L. Krofta	Electoral Area E
	Commissioner R. Nosworthy	Electoral Area F
	Commissioner B. Veenhof	Electoral Area H
	Commissioner N. Horner	Town of Qualicum Beach
	Commissioner K. Burden	City of Parksville
	Commissioner E. Young	School District 69 Trustee
Regrets:	Commissioner T. Malyk	Electoral Area G
Also in Attendance:	T. Osborne	Gen. Mgr. Recreation and Park Services
	D. Banman	Mgr. Recreation Services
	H. King	Superintendent, Recreation Program Services
	M. Chestnut	Superintendent, Aquatic Services
	A. Harvey	Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order and respectfully acknowledged the Coast Salish Nations on whose traditional territory the meeting took place.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended to add 'Recreation Report Update' to Reports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**District 69 Recreation Commission Meeting - April 19, 2018**

That the minutes of the District 69 Recreation Commission meeting held April 19, 2018, be adopted with the addition of the following motion to New Business:

It was moved and seconded that the pool options and concerns about centralized facilities be on the agenda for the next Commission meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS**

**A. mcVey, M. Albert & S. Lawrence - Ravensong Action Group, re: Ravensong Aquatic Centre**

A. mcVey presented the views of the Ravensong Aquatic Group about the expansion of Ravensong and recommended an additional tank adjacent to the existing tank. They feel this would help meet the needs of the pool users.

**H. Mahony & J. Nemlander - Ravensong Water Dancers Synchro, re: Proposed Facility Changes – Ravensong Aquatic Centre**

H. Mahony & J. Nemlander told the Commission about the Ravensong Water Dancers Synchro club and their current hurdles with the existing facility. They would like another tank added to the existing Ravensong pool to meet the needs of the community members, user groups and tourists who utilize the current facility.

**B. Trajan, S. Bennett & T. Young - Ravensong Aquatic Club, re: Ravensong Aquatic Club – Current and Future**

B. Trajan, S. Bennett & T. Young from the Ravensong Aquatic Club gave an introduction about the club. They described their challenges with lane space and fees. They would like the Commission to consider adding another pool tank or creating a new facility.

**T. Manson , Ravensong Masters Swim Club, re: Ravensong Pool Facilities Expansion**

T. Manson from the Ravensong Masters Swim Club told the Commission the history and obstacles the club faces with the current facility. They requested an additional pool and change room expansion and that increasing the size of the current tank not be acted on.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

M. Chestnut addressed the letters regarding the aquafit cancellations, noting that much effort has been made to attain staff that can teach aquafit but due to staff schedules and availability the cancellations were the only option. The option of video instruction was suggested and is being looked into.

That the following correspondence be received for information:

J. Unsworth, Pool User to B. Veenhof, RDN Chair, re: Qualicum Pool

A. Jessey, Pool User, re: Aquafit Cancellations

S. Dye, Pool User, re: Ravensong Aquatic Centre Critical Staffing Shortage

D. Clift, Pool User, re: District 69 Recreation Commission

M. Fowles, Pool User, re: Ravensong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**D69 Recreation Commission Grant Sub-Committee Minutes**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the D69 Recreation Commission Grant Sub-Committee meeting held May 8, 2018 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved and seconded that the following District 69 Youth Recreation Grant applications be approved:

Bard to Broadway - youth theatre workshop facility rental - \$410  
Bard to Broadway - performing arts education series facility rental - \$1,180  
Kwalikum Secondary School - Dry Grad - \$1,000  
Oceanside Community Arts Council - summer camp supplies - \$1,000  
District 69 (Oceanside) Minor Softball Association - equipment - \$2,000  
Oceanside Track and Field Club - high jump mat - \$2,500  
Parksville Volleyball Club - Community play days, equipment, facility rental - \$2,500  
YoungLife Canada (Qualicum Beach) - food and supplies - \$750

Total - \$11,340

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved and seconded that the following District 69 Community Recreation Grant applications be approved:

Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association - Food Skills for Families – \$1,000  
Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association - Coombs Candy Walk - \$2,243  
Errington Cooperative Preschool - art supplies and games - \$1,300  
Eswyn's Alpine and Rock Garden - signage - \$650  
Parksville Curling Club - Worksafe compliance/ammonia safety equipment - \$2,500  
Parksville Lions Club - Lions Club Free Skates at Oceanside Place - \$750  
Parksville Golden Oldies Sports Association (PGOSA) - 25th Anniversary active living video - \$1,000  
Parksville Senior Athletic Group (Slo-Pitch) - AED at Parksville Community Park - \$1,350  
Qualicum Beach Community Garden Society - materials for garden beds - \$2,126  
Qualicum Community Education and Wellness - family soccer program – \$1,500  
Town of Qualicum Beach- Select Committee on Family Day Celebration - pool rental - \$500

Total - \$14,919

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **REPORTS**

### **Parks Update Report – Winter 2018**

It was moved and seconded that the Parks Update Report - Winter 2018 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recreation Reports Update**

Commissioner Nosworthy requested an update of the Recreation Reports that are regularly on the agenda. D. Banman advised the Commission that staff had been asked to revise the template and statistical information of the reports. It has taken longer than anticipated but he expects it to be ready for the next meeting.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS**

The concerns of the delegations were discussed under New Business - District 69 Recreation Services Master Plan Report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**District 69 Recreation Services Master Plan Report (For Information, previously received)**

It was moved and seconded that the D69 Recreation Services Master Plan Steering Committee work together with Regional District of Nanaimo staff and consultants to formulate a revised recreation facility development strategy for three top priority items as follows:

1. Minimum Ravensong Pool upgrade proposal to address critical current user concerns and define a low cost upgrade recommendation to move forward quickly with a referendum to proceed.
2. Minimum cost replacement of the old track at Ballenas Secondary School and a proposal for an 8 lane rubberized track and field facility at a future location.
3. Continuation and finalization of the centralized land purchase strategy as defined in the July 2006 Recreation Services Master Plan for Oceanside section 7.2.

**Amendment:**

It was moved and seconded that the main motion be amended to add “with an additional single 8 lane tank in Qualicum Beach” to item #1 after user concerns.

Opposed (6): Commissioner Fell, Commissioner Veenhof, Commissioner Nosworthy, Commissioner Krofta, Commissioner Burden, and Commissioner Young

DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY

The vote was taken on the main motion as presented:

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved and seconded that when the District 69 Recreation Commission and Regional District of Nanaimo Board are considering recreation infrastructure projects in the District 69 (Oceanside) area that they be informed by a financial analysis review process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Pool Options**

This item was discussed in conjunction with the District 69 Recreation Services Master Plan Report.

**Centralized Facilities**

This item was discussed in conjunction with the District 69 Recreation Services Master Plan Report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 4:17 PM

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CHAIR