

AGENDA
Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee
Saanich Municipal Hall, Council Chambers
Thursday February 23, 2017, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

- 1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** (attachment)
 - January 25, 2017
- 2. UPTOWN DOUGLAS CORRIDOR PLAN UPDATE**
 - Update from Planning
- 3. CEDAR HILL ARTS CENTRE**
 - Presentation from Cedar Hill Arts Centre Staff
- 4. McMINN PARK CONCEPT PLAN**
 - Presentation from Park Planner/Designer
- 5. PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE MASTER PLAN REVIEW**
 - Update from Senior Management Team
- 6. PARKS NAMING REPORT** (attachment)
 - Presentation from Senior Manager, Parks
- 7. CAPITAL PROJECTS REVIEW**
 - Presentation from Senior Manager, Parks
- 8. DIVISION UPDATE, PARKS** (attachment)
 - Update from the Senior Manager, Parks
- 9. DIVISION UPDATE, RECREATION** (attachment)
 - Update from the Senior Manager, Recreation

* Adjournment *

****Next Meeting: March 23, 2017****

Please advise Elizabeth at Elizabeth.vandenhengel@saanich.ca or
475-5494 local 3430 if you are unable to attend.

Go Green!
Members are encouraged to bring their own mug to the meeting

MINUTES
PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held in Committee Room #2, Saanich Municipal Hall
January 26, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Chair: Dean Murdock

Members: Ted Austin; Pamela Carroll; Daryl Dagneault; Dave Marecek; Stefanie Yao, Tom Hatcher, Dex Owen (Student Liaison), Anne Whiteaker, SD 61 Trustee

Staff: Suzanne Samborski, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Eva Riccius, Senior Manager Parks; Sandra Pearson, Community Services Manager; Julie Wallace, Programmer Community Services; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk

Regrets: Chris Spicer

Guests: Martin Winstanley, Chair, Greater Victoria Baseball Association Victoria Eagles; Stephen Gaskin, President, Gordon Head Lambrick Park Baseball Association

MINUTES

MOVED by P. Carroll and Seconded by S. Yao "That the minutes of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting November 24, 2016 be adopted."

CARRIED

COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS AND MEETING SCHEDULE

The Chair, welcomed staff and the PTR Committee members to the 2017 term of the PTR Advisory Committee. The meetings will be held the fourth Thursday of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 pm with no regular meetings scheduled for July, August or December.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Chair and committee reviewed the ToR for PTR.

REQUEST TO NAME LAMBRICK PARK BASEBALL DIAMOND

The Chair of the Greater Victoria Baseball Association Victoria Eagles and the Senior Manager Parks presented the Committee with the request to name the full sized baseball diamond at Lambrick Park. The highlights are noted:

- The main diamond at Lambrick Park is one of the premier baseball diamonds in the province.
- Many young baseball players aspire to play on this highly regarded diamond.

- One individual has been instrumental in developing the main diamond into the fantastic facility that it is today. Mr. Joe Stephenson has volunteered tirelessly for 18 years in multiple roles within the baseball community.
- The Victoria Eagles and the Gordon Head at Lambrick Park Baseball Association strongly believe that Mr. Stephenson deserves recognition for his immense contributions to Lambrick Park and the Municipality of Saanich.
- Saanich has a number of sports fields that are named after individuals that have had a significant impact on a particular sport.
- There are no anticipated financial implications to Saanich for the naming of the main baseball diamond at Lambrick Park.
- Saanich Park naming guidelines have been met.
- Saanich should consider female athletes for recognition in future park/venue naming.

MOTION: Moved by T. Hatcher and Seconded by T. Austin "That the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends that Council support the naming of the full-sized baseball diamond at Lambrick Park as Joe Stephenson Field."

CARRIED

OLDER ADULT STRATEGY

The Older Adult Strategy (OAS) Team provided an update on the development of the Older Adult Strategy. From the public engagement events an overarching theme of social connection has emerged. The next phase of the development of the OAS will be to analyze all of the data from the public engagements and develop a draft OAS which will be reviewed at a future PTR meeting.

The following comments were noted:

- A budget will accompany the report when it is forwarded to Council.
- Yearly goal/targets will be included in the final report.
- Minor sports associations are always in need of volunteers. There may be good opportunities for older adults volunteering with sports associations.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Director of Parks and Recreation along with the Senior Managers of Parks and Recreation gave the Committee an overview on the Parks and Recreation Department. The following comments were noted:

- The Parks Bylaw #7753 needs to be updated.
- Pulling Together volunteer organization and the Union carefully developed their working relationship.
- Many student/school and Saanich Parks and Recreation partnership opportunities exist.
- Saanich is working with surrounding First Nations to develop aboriginal signage for Saanich.

UPCOMING TOPICS

The Director of Parks and Recreation gave the Committee an overview on the timeline for items to be presented at the Committee. The Committee requested the following items be considered for upcoming PTR meetings:

- Haro Woods general update tentatively planned for June 2017.
- Gyro Park update could be considered.
- McKenzie Interchange update.

DIVISION UPDATE, PARKS

The Senior Manager of Parks, provided a Division update to the Committee. Committee discussion occurred and the following was noted:

- The Lindsay Trail stream corridor well protected but the greenway trail looks very aggressive.
- The contractor has to finish the hardscape and then Parks Department will "soften" the trail with plantings.
- Public engagement event at Haro Woods will be held Saturday January 28, 2017 from 10:30-12:30 pm at Goward House.

DIVISION UPDATE, RECREATION

The Senior Manager, Recreation Services, provided the Committee with the Recreation update and the following was noted:

- The former Chair of PTR and the Senior Manager Recreation Services presented past Committee Member Terrance Berscheid with the framed photograph for his long service to the Municipality of Saanich.
- Family Arts Festival will be held at Cedar Hill Recreation Centre on Family Day February 13, 2017 from 11:00 am-4:00 pm.
- An All Body Swim will be held at Gordon Head Recreation Centre on Family Day February 13, 2017 from 11:00 am- 4:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2017.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary



The Corporation of the District of Saanich

Report

To: Parks Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee
From: Eva Riccius, Senior Manager, Parks
Date: 2/23/2017
Subject: Park Naming Policy Review and Proposed Revisions

RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks, Trails and Recreation (PTR) Advisory Committee recommends that Council approve proposed revisions to Council's Parks Naming policy.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide recommended changes to Council's Parks Naming policy.

DISCUSSION

Background

Saanich Council approved a Parks Naming Policy on March 15, 1993. No revisions have been needed throughout that time.

Council requested that staff review and update the policy at the December 14, 2015 Council meeting.

Based on the usability of the policy over the past 24 years, staff have reviewed and suggest minor editorial changes at this time (see attached).

ALTERNATIVE

1. That PTR does not recommend the outlined changes to the Council policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no expected financial implications with the proposed revisions to the policy.

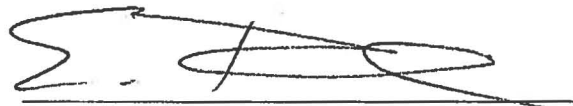
STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This Council policy aligns with the goals and objectives related to community engagement in the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan and Council Strategic Plan.

CONCLUSIONS

While Council's Parks Naming policy is 24 years old, it has served the community well. Staff recommend housekeeping changes at this time.

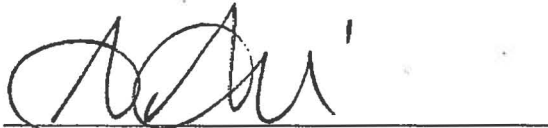
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Eva Riccius

Senior Manager, Parks

Approved by



Suzanne Samborski

Director of Parks and Recreation

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Attachment 1: Proposed revisions to the Parks Naming policy with track changes

Attachment 2: Proposed revisions to the Parks Naming policy with changes accepted

Attachment 2

COUNCIL POLICY

SUBJECT: PARKS NAMING	DATE: March 15, 1993 Revised: February 23, 2017
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1. In general:
 - s Neighbourhood parks shall be named after an adjacent street.
 - s Community parks shall be named after an adjacent street or geographic feature.
 - s Municipal parks shall be named after a geographic feature, a historically significant individual, or a commemorative event.
2. Significant features within a park may be named separately based on a recommendation from a community organization, reviewed by the Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee, and approved by Council.
3. Input will be sought from related community organizations for naming new Community and Municipal parks.
4. Procedurally, all names for new parks or requests to change names of existing parks are to be considered by the Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee with a subsequent recommendation to Council which has the final authority to name or rename parks.

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REPORT TO: Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee

DATE: February 23, 2017

FROM: Eva Riccius, Senior Manager, Parks

SUBJECT: Parks Division Update – February, 2017

The following update is provided for the Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee:

Maintenance – EI-2 – Winter season maintenance is underway, including repairs to fencing, bleachers, and other structures before the parks season starts. We are starting to plan for the baseball season start up and meetings with the various ball clubs. We are working with the ball clubs, CRD, and Saanich plumbing inspectors to ensure concession upgrades are compliant with regulations. Homeless camp clean up and illegal dumping are requiring more time as usual this time of year. The snow event this month took over and all staff were involved to clear facilities, parking lots and sidewalks to the best of our abilities. Good job all!

Construction – EI-3-3 – Annual trail improvements are occurring throughout the District. Work is being completed in Quadrant 1 (South) and Quadrant 4 (South/East). Resurfacing of trails has been completed in Braefoot Park and Montague Park. Montague Park work included construction of a new trail connection between Park entrances off Foxington Place and Hessington Place. The wooden staircase has been replaced with a completely new structure built on Boulderwood Raise Trail in Boulderwood Hill Park. A new railing to aid pedestrians on the steep section of the trail access off Livingstone Ave North to Feltham/Bow Park has been installed.

Horticulture – EI-2 – Renovations of a number of streetscape and neighbourhood traffic circles have occurred. Pruning and mulching of shrub beds is also in progress.

Urban Forestry – EI-1-3 – Staff continue to work on pruning and removals based on Requests for Service from the public. Heavy snow followed by rains in late January/early February caused some significant tree failures for crews to deal with. Crews had numerous emergency call outs to respond to through all ours of the night to clear roads and prevent further damage. Natural Areas staff worked closely with arborist crews to assist with follow up debris removal.

Natural Areas – EI-1-5 – Natural Areas staff are partnering with the Habitat Acquisition Trust to coordinate the installation of wildlife structures in Pulling Together Volunteer restoration sites. This will help augment critical nesting habitat for birds and bats in parks and provide opportunities for volunteers to engage in wildlife enhancement. Volunteers and staff are also hosting the Garry Oak Ecosystem Recovery Team (GOERT) at one of the restoration sites on Mount Tolmie to discuss successes, challenges, and new techniques for Garry Oak restoration.

Staff will complete the 2016/2017 tree planting season by the end of February and have started to organize the fertilizing and small tree maintenance program for the spring.

Informative tree maintenance tags have been provided to home owners with new boulevard trees to help foster tree stewardship throughout the municipality.

Projects, Planning and Design

Wilkinson Lindsay Bridge/Pathway Project – Trail construction is continuing with the installation of rock walls and some landscaping in areas of restoration. Parks Natural Areas staff will be finishing the project with landscaping enhancements and planting trees and shrubs in the spring once the contractor has completed their work. A planting plan is available to view at:

http://www.saanich.ca/assets/Local~Government/Images/Engineering/ColquitzRiverTrail_LandscapeRestorationPlan_V3%20_1.pdf

McKenzie Interchange – Staff are continuing to communicate with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) staff. The parking lot and driveway off of Admirals Road are permanently closed since it is within the construction zone of the new cloverleaf ramp. The western end of the main public pathway where it joins the parking lot is also permanently closed. Detailed site planning is occurring with MoTI to replace these and other facilities over the next few months. MoTI is responsible for the costs of replacement.

Mount Douglas Access Study – The final summary report is available on the Saanich Parks website along with all the supporting appendices. Council endorsed all recommendations except for the one at Glendenning. Council requested Staff look at providing parking spaces for persons with disabilities and a new report has been submitted for the February 27th Council meeting. The report is available at:

<http://www.saanich.ca/assets/Parks~Recreation~and~Culture/Documents/Mount-Douglas-Disability-Parking-Stalls.pdf>

Haro Woods Management Plan – The second public event was held on January 28. A facilitated discussion resulted in progress on the draft vision and goals. A related online public survey will remain open till the end of February. The Haro Woods Advisory Group will meet in March to review results, and finalize the draft vision and goals for the draft Management Plan. Find out more at: <http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-culture/parks/projects-in-saanich-parks/active-projects/haro-woods.html>

Park Capital Improvements in 2017 – McMin Park – A draft concept plan representing earlier public consultation, will be presented at an open house on February 21. A related online public survey will run until March 7. Feedback will determine the final concept plan which will be presented for final comments online prior to construction start-up. More information at: <http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-culture/parks/projects-in-saanich-parks/active-projects/mcminn-park-improvements.html>

574 Walter Avenue – Work on this small natural park is essentially complete. Site furnishings will be installed once the grass has taken in late spring. You can see the plan at: <http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-culture/parks/projects-in-saanich-parks/active-projects/574-walter-avenue.html>

Sierra Playground – Parks received 98 responses from the online public survey that concluded on December 31, 2016. The feedback influenced the playground equipment selection and overall design. Staff have essentially completed the playground concept plan which is currently posted on the Saanich website for comments. Information at: <http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-culture/parks/projects-in-saanich-parks/active-projects/sierra-park-playground-replacement.html>

Cedar Hill Park Visioning and Planning Project – Parks received 97 responses from an online public survey that was open from May 14, 2016 to January 16, 2017. The first meeting of the Cedar Hill Park Stakeholder Working Group took place on Thursday, January 26/17. Evan Peterson of Barefoot Planning led a facilitated discussion that gave attendees an opportunity to explore key values, issues and opportunities. Some values that emerged included;

- Ecology / biodiversity / natural environment
- Community / community building / inclusivity
- Physical and social health and well-being
- Management Potential / future enhancement and potential.

Further information at: <http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-culture/parks/projects-in-saanich-parks/active-projects/cedar-hill-park.html>



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Report

To: Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee
Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee

From: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager - Recreation

Date: 2/15/2017

Subject: February 2017 Monthly Report

RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee receive this report as information.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an overview of the previous months Parks/Recreation Divisions activities.

DISCUSSION

Cedar Hill Recreation Centre

The 48th Pacific Northwest Junior Championships will be hosted at the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre on February 16-19. The event will attract 240 of Canada's top junior players and is a qualifying tournament for selection to Canada's National Junior Men's and Women's teams. This year marks the 25th anniversary of this event being hosted by Cedar Hill and it promises to be a spectacular weekend of Squash.

Did you know.... Cedar Hill uses over 5000 balls annually for tennis programs and tournaments. The used balls are donated to the Compassionate Resource Warehouse, which uses them as packing material for provisions. These provisions are sent to Third World countries and when they arrive, the kids have balls to play with. The balls are stamped with little Canadian flags.

Gordon Head Recreation Centre

Swing Dance Club will be moving to the Bert Richman Building starting in February. This all ages event will happen monthly.

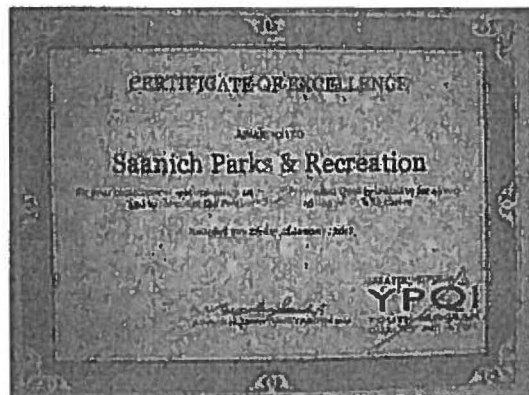
Gordon Head hosted Saanich's first All Bodies Swim on Family Day, February 13th. In partnership with members from the community, and financial support from the UVIC Gay-Straight Alliance approximately 50 people attended.

The steam room renovations will be moving to the early capital approval process to keep this project on track for completion in early March.

Community Services

Upside Teen Centre (at Saanich Commonwealth Place) programs are seeing large numbers of youth in the after school arts, film-making and 2-Spirit, Queer and Trans drop-ins. We also launched our new Toastmasters for Youth program on Saturday mornings at 10:15am – this is the first Toastmasters for Youth program in Saanich.

The Flipside Youth Activity Centre (at Pearkes Recreation Centre) has seen an increase in youth birthday party rentals, providing an affordable and interactive space for tweens and teens celebrating their special day. We are also seeing an increase in school groups requesting daytime space for their Enrichment and Social Skill-building programs and other agencies working with youth and adults with cognitive and physical disabilities.



Saanich Parks and Recreation was recently recognized for our 4 year commitment to the Youth Program Quality Initiative (YPQI) with a special shout-out to The Flipside. The YPQI represents the work of organizations to enhance the quality of their youth programming so that they can enhance the lives of young people and, ultimately, jumpstart their future success in life. This initiative is based on the Youth Program Quality Assessment tool - a validated tool that evaluates program quality and identifies staff training needs. Through the YPQI, youth workers and

programmers engage in professional development workshops to learn about best practices in supporting young people

On Jan. 10th, members of the Youth Services team attended the mock interviews for Mount Doug Secondary students. As usual we were very impressed with the composure and commitment these young super stars showed us. It is clear these students have a vision for what they want, and they are role models for their peers in their community.

L.I.F.E. – Leisure Involvement for Everyone

We have recently been working closely with school support staff to assist youth to receive the LIFE pass directly through their school counsellors. These would be for situations where the support system at home to attain the pass may not be available for the youth. Presently we have 40 students on the LIFE Program through this opportunity. LIFE applications for all eligible Saanich residents are now being accepted for 2017.

Funding for recreation opportunities for Saanich Recreation programs and for those programs within sport organizations through Greater Victoria reached a high in 2016 with the final year end totals showing \$57,818.69 allocated to support 492 children! This year The Canadian Jumpstart Charity program is operating differently allowing chapters of the program to continuously fund grant requests on a first come first serve basis. To date in 2017, we have received \$4,985 in support of 27 children.

Why is the Saanich LIFE program important? Recreation is not always on the top of the priority list when it comes to spending, especially when funds are limited. With permission, I am sharing a recent thank you message received from a very grateful LIFE member.

"I have used the life program off and on for the past three years. I recently got my new pass for this calendar year. I have committed to 100 days of fitness in an effort to get my midlife self-back to some better physical and mental health. I am loving being able to go to water fit classes at Gordon Head Rec again.

I am so grateful for this pass, and I wanted to say thank you to someone for the opportunity to get back into my fitness again. As a single Mum, I can find a dozen other things I need to spend money on before a gym membership, so thank you Saanich!

That's all. "

Why is funding so important? Children would not be able to be physically and socially engaged without this support. Many families cannot afford this extra expense. With permission, I am sharing a recent thank you message received to me from a very grateful family who recently received funding for their child.

"I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone at Jumpstart! My son loves cycling and loves his Tripleshot team and coaches. Thank you for making it possible for him to have some financial help to keep riding at this level!"

G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre

Skate lessons have been filled to capacity in this first session of the winter/spring season and there has been an increase in registration in private lessons for skating as well during this time.

The RBC Hockey Program finishes another successful season with their Jamboree in late February. This program is an introduction to hockey for those children and youth that might be challenged with the financial commitments of community or association minor hockey leagues. The program is geared towards those that have not participated in the sport and are perhaps not ready for the minor hockey league programs. The next spring session is full with over 70 participants waiting to try their hand at hockey, a great introduction to the sport.

Pickleball continues to be a growing sport in Greater Victoria and Pearkes continues to be one of the favorite locations for the sport. January and February are particularly busy indoors, as the outdoor courts are hampered by the weather. Most drop in sessions at Pearkes attract between 30-50 participants. Court rentals have started to pick up in popularity as players take more of an interest in playing with a social peer group and with a group at a similar competitive level.

In January, Pearkes hosted the Bridal Fair on the 15th and the Victoria Health Show on Jan 20-22nd. Both of these shows are regularly hosted by Pearkes and attract large numbers of participants from around the region. The Health Show in particular attracts nearly 10,000 visits in one weekend alone.

Upcoming Events at Pearkes

February 17-19: Victoria Boat Show
February 24-26: Victoria Home Show
March 10-12: Sewing Show

Saanich Commonwealth Place

SCP hosted and open house for parents interested in our 10 month early childhood program for 3-5 year olds, followed by registration day for September 2017. This program has been running since SCP opened in 1993, (24 years) and has evolved from 3 classes to 12 classes, which are usually full with a waitlist.

SCP hosted a free, and very well attended "Repair Café" in partnership with Repair Caf  . There were no shortage of repair persons and a good number of items fixed. This is such a wonderful way of extending life on many items and reducing waste in the process, and moving forward we hope to host a few of these each year.

On the Aquatic side, a number of meets were hosted in January, including underwater hockey, water-polo, synchronized swimming, elementary schools swim meet, and masters swim meet and the synchro provincial championships.

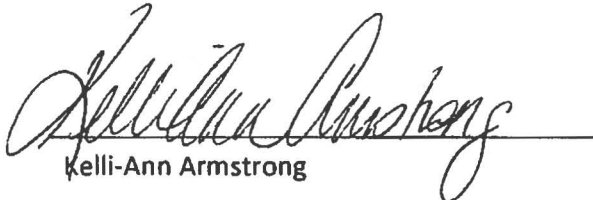
Upcoming events at SCP:

Feb 25, 26- Elementary School & Middle School Championships -350 participants

March 2, 3, 4, 5- Swim BC "AAA" Championships – 600 participants

March 9,10,11,12 - STING Dive Meet – 150 participants

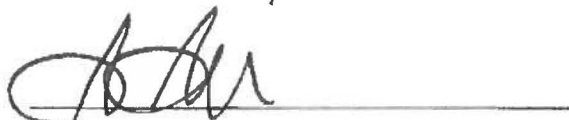
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