

AGENDA
Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee
Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2
Thursday January 26, 2017, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** (attachment)
 - November 24, 2016
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT AND COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS**
3. **REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**
 - Discussion as per Section 79(a) of Council Procedure Bylaw 2007, No. 8840
Schedule of Regular Committee Meetings/Advance Public Notice of Meetings 79.
(a) At the first meeting after the appointment annually by the Mayor or Council, as the case may be, each committee shall establish a regular schedule of meetings including the date, time and place of the committee meetings.
4. **PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**
(attachment)
 - Review of the mandate <http://saanich.ca/living/mayor/boards/ptrc.html>
5. **REQUEST TO RENAME LAMBRICK PARK BASEBALL DIAMOND** (attachment)
 - Presentation from the Victoria Eagles Baseball Club and the Gordon Head at Lambrick Park Baseball Association
 - Report from the Senior Manager, Parks (attachment)
6. **OLDER ADULT STRATEGY**
 - Update from OAS Management Team
7. **DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW**
 - Presentation from the Parks and Recreation Department
8. **PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE AND DRAFT REPORT SCHEDULE** (attachment)
 - Presentation from the Director, Parks and Recreation
9. **DIVISION UPDATE, PARKS** (attachment to be circulated)
 - Update from the Senior Manager, Parks
10. **DIVISION UPDATE, RECREATION** (attachment)
 - Update from the Senior Manager, Recreation

* Adjournment *

****Next Meeting: February TBD, 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 Council Chambers, Saanich Municipal Hall
November 24, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Chair: Susan Brice

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

Staff: Suzanne Samborski, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Eva Riccius, Senior Manager Parks; Troy McKay, Senior Transportation Technologist; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk

Regrets: Terrance Berscheid, Rick Paynter (SD 61 representative)

Guests: Ted Xueng, UVIC visiting scholar

MINUTES

MOVED by P. Carroll and Seconded by D. Marecek "That the minutes of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting October 27, 2016 be adopted."
CARRIED

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF LONG SERVICE

The Chair, staff and the PTR Committee members thanked Terrence Berscheid for his 19 years of service to Saanich as a member of the PTR Advisory Committee. The Committee presented Terrance with a framed photograph of a Saanich landscape on behalf of the PTR Advisory Committee and the citizens of Saanich.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

The Senior Transportation Technologist, was in attendance to present an update on the Active Transportation Plan status which has been renamed "#movingsaanichfwd".

- The previously completed Pedestrian Priorities Implementation (PPIP) plan only looks at major and collector roads, it does not look at local roads. The Active Transportation Plan will consider all types of roadways and integrate the results of the PPIP.
- In response to the question whether the Shelbourne Valley Action Plan would be a priority versus this plan, it was noted that this plan looks at the next five years and considers ongoing work in Saanich. Final adoption of the Active Transportation Plan will be in 2018. Work will potentially be underway on the Shelbourne Valley Action Plan by that time.
- This is a policy-based document; it won't be specific to each roadway but it will set priorities for implementation.
- A survey will be made available where the public can place pins on certain areas of the map to identify problem areas.

Committee Discussion occurred and the following was noted:

- Educating the public to understand what is encompassed by “active” transportation should be a component of the information gathering phase of the Plan.
- The four way stop with the bike path at the Monkey Tree Pub may not be the most efficient traffic control measure. Thought could be given to improving the efficiency of managing traffic at this intersection.

The Committee thanked the speaker for the update.

PARKS AND RECREATION FEES AND CHARGES REPORT

The Senior Manager Parks presented the Committee with the 2017-2018 Fees and Charges Report and the highlights are noted:

- Improving the appeal of Saanich recreation centres to youth by incentives such as free weight room orientations and reducing admission fees could be explored.
- YCAT is an advisory committee that reaches out to Saanich youth.
- Slowly adjusting admission rates to have one “youth” rate covering the ages of 5-18 years.

MOTION: **Moved by T. Hatcher and Seconded by D. Dagneault “That the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee supports a 0% increase for Parks fees and Option #2 for Recreation fees, and recommends that Council approve the following changes to the Parks and Recreation fees and charges policy:**

- 1. The newly created youth and student categories,**
- 2. The proposed youth and child rate strategy and corresponding fees.”**

CARRIED

DIVISION UPDATE, PARKS

The Senior Manager of Parks, provided a Division update the following was noted:

- There were reports late last week about possible blue-green algae in Elk/Beaver Lake. Saanich working with the CRD to test the water. Caution signs have been posted.
- The hawthorn thicket close to Silver City in Cuthbert-Holmes Park, must be removed by March 1st, 2017 as part of the Cuthbert-Holmes Park Management Plan.
- Strong response to the National Fund Raising opportunity for a forest park at Commonwealth Place. Saanich did not win the funding, but will seek other similar opportunities.

DIVISION UPDATE, RECREATION

The Senior Manager, Recreation Services, presented the Committee with the Recreation Report and the following was noted:

- The Older Adults Strategy has hosted over 50 public engagement sessions.

- Two themes are appearing:
 - Transportation to and from recreation centres
 - Communicating to older adults about programs that are available for them.
- Looking at data to determine why the older adult demographic are not accessing recreation programs more frequently.
- New families from Syria have been able to participate in recreation due to both the LIFE program and a specific grant of \$3700 to support newly arrived Syrian families.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2017.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary

DRAFT

Terms of Reference Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee

The purpose of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee is to advise Council and recommend policies on parks*, trails and recreation matters, including services, facilities and specific community interests.

Mandate

The Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee will, consistent with the purpose described above, undertake the following:

- Develop and recommend policies to Council and respond to Council requests for advice and information.
- Review and provide feedback on the Strategic Plan.
- Provide a community perspective on parks*, trails, facilities, services, and community programs.
- Foster public awareness, recognition and support for parks, trails, and facilities.
**Natural parks (P-4N zone) fall within the mandate of the Environment and Natural Areas Advisory Committee.*

Meetings

Agendas and Minutes

The Committee will meet a minimum of four times per year in accordance with its regular schedule of meetings established annually at the first meeting of the year. No meetings are held during the summer and winter breaks (July, August and December). Special meetings may be held at the call of the Chair. The meeting rules and procedures will be in accordance with the Council Procedure Bylaw.

Membership

The Committee will consist of nine (9) members including:

- One member of Council to serve as Chair, appointed by the Mayor; and,
- Eight community representatives appointed by the Council.

School District Nos. 61 and 63 may each assign a trustee to the Committee as a non-voting liaison.

The Saanich Youth Council may assign a member to the Committee as a non-voting liaison.

Staff Support

The Parks and Recreation Department is the primary contact and will provide the required professional support. The Legislative Division will provide secretarial and administrative support.



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Report

To: Parks Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee
From: Eva Riccius, Senior Manager, Parks
Date: 1/26/2017
Subject: Lambrick Park Baseball Diamond Naming

RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks, Trails and Recreation (PTR) Advisory Committee support the naming of the full-sized baseball diamond at Lambrick Park as "Joe Stephenson Field."

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to recommend to PTR that the full-sized baseball diamond at Lambrick Park be named as "Joe Stephenson Field" following the direction outlined in the council policy on Park Naming.

DISCUSSION

Background

The Victoria Eagles Baseball Club (Eagles) and the Gordon Head at Lambrick Park Baseball Association (GHLPBA) have made a joint request to the Director of Parks and Recreation to name the full-sized baseball diamond in Lambrick Park after a long time volunteer, Joe Stephenson (see Appendix 1).

According to the council policy on Park Naming,

Significant features within a park may be named separately based on a recommendation from a community organization, review by the Parks and Recreation Committee [PTR], and approval by Council.

Both the Eagles and GHLPBA have been long standing sports user groups in Saanich, specifically in Lambrick Park, offering a variety of baseball programs for Saanich residents. Joe Stephenson volunteered to ensure the success of these programs for 18 years.

The clubs would ideally like to announce the naming of the field at the 2017 Opening Ceremonies on April 2, 2017.

Saanich has a number of sports fields, soccer and baseball, that are named after individuals. Examples include: Doug Day, Wilf Sadler and Frank Leversedge fields.

ALTERNATIVES


1. That PTR supports the recommendation as outlined in the staff report.
2. That PTR does not support the recommendation as outlined in the staff report.


FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is anticipated that the Clubs would like to place a sign at the diamond with the name. Costs associated with this will be the responsibility of the clubs, with some input from Saanich Parks staff related to optimal sign placement and standards. There is no anticipated financial implications to Saanich of naming this baseball diamond.

CONCLUSIONS

The Eagles and GHLPBA baseball clubs have requested that the full-size baseball diamond in Lambrick Park be named after long-time volunteer Joe Stephenson. Staff recommends that PTR support the naming following the direction outlined in council's policy on Park Naming.

Prepared by 
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Senior Manager, Parks

Approved by 
Suzanne Samborski
Director of Parks and Recreation

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Attachment 1: Letter from clubs



Victoria Eagles Baseball

GVBA High Performance Division

BC Premier League & BC Minor Baseball



GORDON HEAD

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LAMBRICK PARK BASEBALL ASSOCIATION



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January 3, 2017

Dear Ms. Samborski,

Request to Name Lambrick Park Baseball Diamond

The Victoria Eagles Baseball Club ("Eagles") and the Gordon Head at Lambrick Park Baseball Association ("GHLPGA") jointly request that the full-size diamond at Lambrick Park be named "Joe Stephenson Field". GHLPGA holds the permit for the field and their community-based teams share the field with the Eagles high performance baseball program.

The Lambrick Park diamond is the most highly used baseball facility in the Greater Victoria area. The reason for this is simple – it is not only the best diamond in Victoria, it is one of the best places to watch a baseball game in B.C. Its lights, scoreboard, dugouts, batting cage, concession, and the fantastic setting foster the ambience of a minor-league ballpark to the delight of the thousands of players and fans who frequent the field every year beginning in March and ending in October.

The credit for this belongs to one person above all others – Joe Stephenson. It would not have happened without the vision, tenacity and leadership he displayed during the eighteen years he volunteered for baseball programs based at Lambrick Park. Joe first served on the Gordon Head Little League for four years before joining the Lambrick Park Babe Ruth Baseball Association ("LPBA") in 1997. In the Fall of 1998, he accepted the nomination to serve as President of LPBA and he immediately set to work on improving the diamond.

In 1999, LPBA applied and received a grant from the Saanich Kinsmen to complete the clubhouse flooring and Joe solicited another donation to finish its interior window coverings. That same year, Joe led the initiative to install a new scoreboard outside the fence in right field. He secured sponsors to cover \$24,000 of the \$32,000 purchase price and got free installation from Don Mann Excavating. To install the new scoreboard, Joe spearheaded the campaign to obtain approval from the Saanich Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, conduct a survey of local neighbours, and get approval from Saanich Council. His efforts paid off when Saanich Council voted unanimously in favour of the new scoreboard which was installed in time for the BC Summer Games in July, 2000. The scoreboard was not the only improvement Joe implemented in 2000. That year the LPBA funded a new batting cage with a rubber floor, lights, and a storage facility. He persuaded a local commercial lighting company to donate the batting cage lights and the cost of installation.

Joe was just as busy in 2001 when he approached Saanich Kinsmen to fund \$10,000 cost of a new permanent fence extending from dugout to dugout around the outfield, replacing a temporary fence that was old, rusty and dangerous. A new backstop was also erected. 2001 was the year that Joe began to articulate his vision of establishing the Lambrick Park field as the first dedicated full time youth baseball field in Greater Victoria to have field lights. The cost of this project was estimated at \$150,000 which was significant for a youth baseball program. Joe made presentations to Saanich Parks, the Gordon Head Residents Association, the Saanich Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, attended two separate public meetings, and dealt with opposition from many nearby residents. The public consultation culminated in a Saanich Council meeting where, after several presentations, Council voted unanimously to support the Lambrick Park lights. Funding for the project came from provincial grants, corporate donations, cash and in-kind donations from Saanich Parks, and from LPBA fundraising efforts and in 2003, the outdoor lights were installed. The field could now be used during the early evening darkness and 2003 saw the advent of Fall Ball in Victoria with Lambrick Park as the feature diamond for evening games.

Joe's drive to improve the Lambrick Park diamond continued. In 2005, the worn-out wooden bleachers on the 3rd base side were scheduled for demolition by Saanich Parks. Rather than lose the home side spectator seats, Joe and Saanich Parks agreed to replace them with new concrete bleachers. The LPBA shouldered the cost of about \$45,000. The bleachers not only gave baseball fans new permanent seats, but also much needed storage space for field equipment and supplies.

Joe's tenure as Lambrick Park President saw many additional smaller improvements but he saw one further major project as necessary and important. In 2008, under Joe's leadership, the LPBA began fund raising and applying for grants to replace the field's existing dugouts. These dugouts were very old, flooded in the winter and were frequently vandalized. Moreover, they were too small to hold the larger rosters of the higher calibre teams using the diamond. Joe wanted the dugouts to be of matching quality to the other assets of the field. At personal expense, he visited spring training and major league parks, taking many pictures of Major League Baseball dugout features such as bat racks, washrooms, change rooms which he incorporated into the design of the new Lambrick Park dugouts. Joe was also instrumental in having New Era Caps, a sponsor of many MLB dugouts, design the dugouts (and donate hats for the kids in succeeding years!). After months of designing, corporate fundraising, applying for provincial grants, meeting with Saanich Parks and civil engineers and more visits to the Parks

and Recreation Advisory Committee, Saanich Council gave its unanimous approval for the construction of new dugouts and they were built at a cost of about \$150,000.

2009 also saw Joe play a central role in the securing of a new BCPBL franchise based at Lambrick Park. The excellent home park facilities were an important factor in the BCPBL's decision to award the franchise and in 2010 the Victoria Eagles played their first home game on the Lambrick diamond. Today, all three midget age Eagles teams call Lambrick Park home.

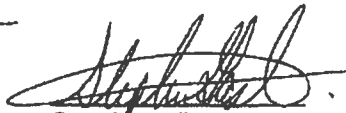
After 18 years of volunteering in youth baseball, Joe stepped down from the LPBA in 2012 when it merged with the Gordon Head Baseball Association to form the GHLPBA. During Joe's tenure, the LPBA received municipal, provincial, corporate and private donations totaling more than \$500,000, all of which was spent making Lambrick Park a better place for our kids to play baseball. The field is the crown jewel of Saanich baseball parks and it is one of the premier baseball venues in this province. None of this would have happened without Joe Stephenson's leadership and commitment. The Victoria Eagles and the GHLPBA strongly believe that Joe deserves recognition for his immense contributions to Lambrick Park and the Saanich community. We believe that naming the diamond "Joe Stephenson Field" is a fitting tribute and we urge Saanich Parks and Recreation to recommend a motion by Saanich Council to this effect. We are hoping that Mayor Atwell can announce the naming of the field at our 2017 Opening Ceremonies at Lambrick Park on April 2, 2017.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Martin Winstanley
Chair
GVBA Victoria Eagles



Stephen Gaskin
President
GHLPBA

Memo

To: Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee
From: Suzanne Samborski, Director, Parks and Recreation
Date: January 26, 2017
Subject: Proposed 2017 Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

While the Department will be undertaking numerous projects and initiatives over the coming year; the Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee can expect to see the following high-level agenda items. These items flow from Council's Strategic Plan, Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan, the Departmental work plan, and other strategy documents.

These items are in addition to the regular Parks and Recreation reports; the timing is approximate and the items may change or be added to. The dates listed are based on previous history with meetings taking place on the fourth Thursday of the month, excluding July, August and December.

January 26:

Older Adult Strategy update; Department overview

February 23:

Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan review; Parks Naming Report; Capital Projects review; Cedar Hill Arts Centre

March 23:

Advertising Health Services / Partnerships Policy; Business Systems Enterprise Replacement Project

April 27:

Saanich Commonwealth Place High Performance Clubs; Victoria Waterways Loop report;

May 26:

LIFE update; Older Adult Strategy; Parks Systems Overview

June 23:

Park Management Plan update; Lindsay Trail (tour)

September 28:

Summer Program Overview; YDS Update; Cedar Hill Park Plan

October 28:

Urban Forest Initiatives Update;

November 24:

2018-2020 Fees & Charges; Christmas Thank you



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Report

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

From: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager - Recreation

Date: 1/18/2017

Subject: January 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.

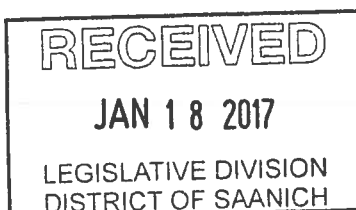
DISCUSSION

Gordon Head Recreation Centre

Gordon Head received a \$4,500 grant from the Federal Accessibility Grant Program. This funding will allow staff to add one more stretcher bed and extend the on deck lift track to include the hot tub area. Installation of this equipment will occur in the annual June shutdown.

Gordon Head will be partnering with IHA to deliver a new program designed for individuals with mobility challenges, from conditions such as stroke, acquired brain injury or multiple sclerosis. This specialized circuit style fitness class is offered in partnership with Island Health and will be offered at both Juan de Fuca and Gordon Head. Free training was held to prepare instructors for this class. The program was originally developed by the University of Toronto and the local health authority. They have now partnered with health authorities across Canada to offer the program.

The exterior cladding remediation project is reaching its conclusion and should be fully completed by the end of January. The remaining work on the boilers and heat pump installation is now under way with a hopeful completion also at end of January. The steam room remediation is targeted to be completed in March.



Community Services

Youth Services:



The Back Door Teen Centre, Gordon Head Recreation Centre and Saanich Parks, were happy to reveal the new Outdoor Table Tennis Table in November located outside the teen centre and beside the Lambrick Skate park. Already there have been many positive responses and excitement from a variety of groups and a range of ages of patrons. It is designed for all weather conditions, and is a model that can be found in many Parks and Recreation facilities around the globe. At this time, people are invited to bring their own paddles and balls to play at their convenience. However, if it is during a time of day that the Backdoor Teen Centre is open, they are welcome to come in to borrow our

equipment as well. Special thanks to the supporters of this table, including the Gordon Head Lions Club, the Parks Department (who helped design special leveling shoes and put it together for us) and many staff who helped make this dream a reality.

Older Adults Strategy: Phase 2 wrapped up in December. Phase 3 runs January – June and involves more summary analysis, finalizing themes, and writing of the strategy and implementation plan. Draft 1 will be sent out to the public in March/April.

Funding programs for 2016: In 2016, Canadian Tire funded approximately \$54,000 and helped 204 kids – this includes separate additional funding for Syrian refugee families. January is a very busy time for Leisure Involvement For Everyone (L.I.F.E.) clients in Saanich, as they renew their applications. Community Services staff initiated a new promotion partnership through the high schools in order for school counsellors to facilitate L.I.F.E. applications for youth they work with. So far, 17 youth have been signed up for L.I.F.E. through school counsellors.

Volunteer Services: Our long term Coordinator of Volunteers, Laesha Berry, resigned after the holidays, and thus we have temporarily suspended the applications for new volunteers. We are taking this opportunity for a thorough analysis and will reset the program as soon as possible. We appreciate Laesha's commitment and appreciation of Saanich volunteers and their contributions to building our community.

Cedar Hill Recreation Centre

Ove the holidays the Weight Room received a new coat of paint on the walls and exposed beams. New arborite will be coming later this year. Be sure to pop in and see our new look!

Cedar Hill will once again host the Family Arts Festival on Family Day – Monday, February 13. Explore the world of visual arts, dance, music and theatre through hands-on stations and performances sure to entertain everyone in your family.

G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre

Pearkes hosted a free family skate event on New Year's Day. The event was themed to begin the celebrations of Canada's 150th Birthday through activities, decorations and prizes reflecting Canada's milestone. Approximately 175 people attended the event, held in both rinks with some casual skating and some pick up hockey (very Canadian!) being enjoyed by all.

Over the Christmas holidays, Pearkes held skating focused day camps for children and youth, providing fun activities along with focused skate instruction. These new day camps for Pearkes were well attended and the plan is to further expand the "camp" type options for skate lessons into Spring Break and summer.

Pearkes is one of many rinks in the region hosting the annual Pacific Cup Hockey Tournament on the weekend of January 20-22nd. This tournament features teams from all over the Pacific Northwest including Alaska, B.C. Alberta, Washington and Oregon. Teams compete in age categories from adult open categories, to 50+ age categories for both men and women.

In January, Pearkes will host a Bridal Fair on January 15th and the Greater Victoria Health Show on January 20-22nd. Other upcoming events in February include the following:

- February 4: Kid's Mega Garage Sale
- February 17-19: Victoria Boat Show
- February 24-26: Victoria Home Show

Saanich Commonwealth Place

SCP has secured a First Open Heart Society \$5,000 grant to be used regionally to subsidize recovering heart patients with their rehabilitation and exercise.

The Kiddie Capers annual Christmas concert was a well-attended and of course included a visit from Santa.

"Civil Engineering" courses for school age children, including a class specifically for Homeschoolers is a new program being offered this season. The course examines the concepts of building and construction through hands on exploration and design, and the engineering behind skyscrapers, bridges and more.

The "Xmas Cracker" is Pacific Coast Swimming's premiere invitational swim meet, and often attracts swimmers from various Provinces and the United States. Swimmers from all ages compete at the "Cracker", from 10 and under athletes to University and post-University swimmers. Over 800 swimmers participated in this year's event held December 3-5 at SCP. The size of this meet makes it consistently one of the biggest invitationals in Canada.

It was a very busy holiday season with high attendance for all public swims. SCP also hosted a free swim on New Year's Day with approximately 70 people in attendance.

The accessibility change rooms on the pool deck have been given a facelift with the continuation of the existing wall mural on the pool deck.



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