

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held at the Saanich Annex, Learning Centre  
**March 24, 2016 at 7:00 PM**

Present: Tom Hatcher (Acting Chair)

Members: Pamela Carroll; Warren Ellam; Dave Marecek; Stefanie Yao

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Eva Riccius, Senior Manager Parks; Ron Proskow, Marketing Specialist; Julie Lamarisse, Parks Planner; Laesha Berry, Co-Ordinator of Volunteers Services – Recreation; and Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk

Regrets: Councillor Susan Brice (Chair), Ted Austin; Terrance Berscheid, Daryl Dagneault, Rick Paynter (SD 63 representative) and Dex Owen (Student Liaison)

Guest: Peter Savage

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**Not adopted –Quorum not present**

**VOLUNTEER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

The Coordinator of Volunteer Services presented the Committee with an update of Saanich Volunteer Services, and the following was noted:

- Saanich has a long history of strong volunteerism. Over 150 volunteers contributed 5420 volunteer hours last year.
- Volunteers are often referred by word of mouth.
- Improvements to Saanich's Volunteer recognition could be considered.
- Complimentary recreation and ceramic studio time are given as recognition of volunteer efforts.
- A spotlight on volunteering could be placed on Saanich's Facebook page and perhaps an articles highlighting Saanich volunteers in the Saanich Newspaper.

**“I BELONG HERE” PROPOSED TAG LINE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION**

The Marketing Specialist provide the Committee with information on the Parks and Recreation department's proposed tag line “I Belong Here”, the following was noted:

- Saanich's recreation catchment extends beyond Saanich's geographical boundaries.
- The Tag line tested well with focus groups.
- The tag line supports the vision of the Parks and Recreation department.
- The tag line offers good flexibility for Saanich marketing needs.

**MOUNT DOUGLAS PARK ACCESS STUDY**

The Parks Planner discussed the Mount Douglas Park Access Study, the following was noted:

- A report will go to Council in November 2016, outing the results of the study.
- Areas of interest for the study include:

- Current access points
- Current parking to access the park
- Identification of the levels of trail difficulty
- Currently parking data is largely anecdotal, a proper parking study will be undertaken as part of the Mount Douglas Park Access Study.
- A consultant has been hired to assist with the Mount Douglas Park Access Study.
- Members of PTR and other key stakeholders will be approached to participate with the study.

**TOLMIE PARK IMPROVEMENTS:**

The Parks Planner updated the Committee on proposed improvements for Tolmie Park and the following was noted:

- The proposed plans are available on the Saanich website.
- Dog walking near the playground is a concern.
- Residents are concerned with possible parking and increased traffic if dedicated pickleball courts are put into the park.
- Lighting and water fountains are two issues that will be considered.
- There are some drainage issues within the park that will be addressed within the scope of the park improvements.

**CADBORO-GYRO INTERPRETIVE SIGNS**

The Senior Manager of Parks, provided the Committee with draft of the signage that will be placed within Cadboro-Gyro Park. The two signs consist of a First Nations sign and a Post Contact sign.

**DIVISION UPDATE, PARKS**

The Senior Manager of Parks, provided a Division update.

**DIVISION UPDATE, RECREATION**

The Senior Manager, Recreation Services, provided an update.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2016.

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Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary