

MINUTES
PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at the Saanich Annex, Learning Centre
May 26, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Chair: Susan Brice

Members: Ted Austin; Terrance Berscheid, Pamela Carroll; Daryl Dagneault; Warren Ellam; Tom Hatcher; Dave Marecek; Stefanie Yao

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 II, Recreation Community Services; Julie Lommerse, Parks Planner; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk

Regrets: Rick Paynter (SD 61 representative), Dex Owen (Student Liaison)

Guests: Lynn Husted, Dorothy Chambers

MINUTES

MOVED by D. Dagneault and Seconded by T. Berscheid “That the minutes of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting April 28, 2016 be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

PROPOSED GORGE MARINE TRAIL

Item tabled

OLDER ADULT PARKS AND RECREATION STRATEGY

The Senior Manager, Recreation, introduced the Community Services Manager, Parks Planner and the Programmer II Recreation, Community Services. The Community Services Manager together with the Parks Planner and Programmer II gave an overview of the Older Adult Parks and Recreation Strategy and the following was noted:

- The Older Adult Strategy is being developed by the same method that was used to create the Youth Development Strategy 2016. The consulting firm of Pacific Leadership Design has been selected to assist on the Older Adult Strategy.
- Information from Saanich residents and key stakeholders will be compiled using the appreciative inquiry format.
- A link to a website for submitting comments and feedback was provided: olderadultstrategy.weebly.com.

The Committee participated in a world café exercise and the highlights are noted:

- Many older adults enjoy utilizing the trails in Saanich not all activity should be targeted within a Saanich Recreation Centre/facility, outdoor experiences are valued opportunity for older adults in Saanich.

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- Important to identify the “hook” that encourages the older adult to “get out of the house” and engage with peers and community.
 - Suggestion to offer programming at senior’s facilities was made.
 - Opportunities for youth and seniors to participate in activities would be beneficial.
 - Reducing costs for older adults to access programs and facilities could encourage increased participation.
 - Efforts to reach non-computer users to make sure their voices are heard should be considered during the information collection phase of the strategy development.
 - Email and phone options for follow-up.
 - Saanich will make a point to go to isolated populations so these voices can be heard.

****W. Ellam left the meeting at 7:35 pm****

UPDATE ON THE MCKENZIE INTERCHANGE

The Chair provided the Committee with an update on the McKenzie Interchange project and the following was noted

- The motion from PTR was well received by Council.
- The aim of the PTR Committee is to advocate for Cuthbert Holmes Park to be enhanced by the completion of the Mckenzie Interchange Project.
- The Senior Manager of Parks and Engineering staff will be having meeting with the MoTI to discuss the enhancements to Cuthbert Holmes Park.
- The MoTI website has the boards from the open-houses posted for public viewing.

****T. Berscheid left the meeting at 8:40 pm****

DIVISION UPDATE, PARKS

The Senior Manager of Parks, provided a Division update. Committee member D. Marechek attended the Haro Woods meeting to participate in the discussions of community expectations for Haro Woods.

DIVISION UPDATE, RECREATION

The Senior Manager, Recreation Services, provided an update.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for September 2016.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary