

MINUTES
PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held in Council Chambers, Saanich Municipal Hall
February 23, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Chair: Dean Murdock

Members: Ted Austin; Pamela Carroll; Daryl Dagneault; Stefanie Yao, Tom Hatcher, Graham Hill, Chris Spicer

Staff: Suzanne Samborski, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Eva Riccius, Senior Manager Parks; Shari Holmes-Saltzman, Senior Planner; Gary Durrah, Manager Park Planning and Development and Acting Manager of Community Development and Business Systems; Carole Ireland, Cedar Hill Campus Recreation Manager; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk

Regrets: Pamela Carroll, Dave Marecek, Dex Owen (Student Liaison), Anne Whiteaker, SD 61 Trustee

MINUTES

MOVED by D. Dagneault and Seconded by S. Yao “That the minutes of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting January 26, 2017 be adopted.”

CARRIED

UPTOWN DOUGLAS CORRIDOR UPDATE

The Senior Planner updated the Committee on the Uptown Douglas Corridor project. The highlights are noted:

- The Plan has completed Phase 3. From the information collected a 3 concept layer plan is developing.
- The 3 layers being explored are:
 - Green layer
 - Transportation and mobility layer
 - Land-use
- Green layer considers:
 - Parks
 - Natural environment
 - Green building
 - Culture/recreation connections
 - Sustainability
- Transportation/mobility layer considers:
 - Active transportation modalities
 - Movement of goods through this corridor
 - Vehicles
- Land-use layer considers:

- Downgrading the highway into arterial streets
- Exploration of increased density for Oak Street.
- The data collected from stakeholder and community engagement require further review and refinement.
- Planning will present overall vision for the Douglas Uptown Corridor to Council for approval in spring 2017.

CEDAR HILL ARTS CENTRE

The Cedar Hill Campus Recreation Manager presented the Committee with an overview of the Arts Centre at Cedar Hill, the following was noted:

- Goal for 2017 is to create connections between gallery spaces and the art that is currently being created at the Arts Centre.
- The Community Arts Centre of Greater Victoria has moved to a space that is more suitable for their needs.
- Family Day Family Arts Festival 2017 was a success attracting over 2400 people.
- The demand for the ceramics studio continues to be very high.

McMINN PARK CONCEPT PLAN

The Manager Park Planning and Development presented the Committee with a concept plan for McMinn Park. The following comments were noted:

- McMinn Park is a P4 park.
- The park is scheduled for a complete upgrade.
- Community consultations are ongoing.
- McMinn Park is an interesting combination of natural and developed park.
- Proposed park upgrades include:
 - Adding a small washroom facility
 - 2 dedicated Pickleball courts.
 - Adding Basketball hoop at both ends of the sports court
 - Redoing the pathways
 - Bike park
 - Adult exercise equipment
- Washroom could be a one stall universal facility
- If the washroom and the bike park are approved these would be in the 2018 work plan.

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE MASTER PLAN REVIEW

The Director of Parks and Recreation updated the Committee on the status of the initiatives in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Master Plan.

PARKS NAMING REPORT

The Senior Manager, Parks gave the Committee an overview of the Parks Naming Policy. The following was noted:

- The Mayor requested the Parks Naming Policy be reviewed to ensure it is current.
- The Policy is still effective with a few minor housekeeping amendments.

MOTION: Moved by G. Hill and Seconded by T. Austin “That the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends that Parks Naming Policy be updated to reflect the track changes submitted in the Park Naming Policy Review and Proposed Revisions Report, February 23, 2017 from the Senior Manager, Parks.”

CARRIED

CAPITAL PROJECTS REVIEW

The Director of Parks and Recreation together with the Senior Managers of Parks and Recreation updated the Committee with the 2017 Parks and Recreation Departments 2017 capital projects and associated budgets. It was noted that 94% of the budget is for maintaining/renewing existing facilities and the remaining 6% is allocated for creating new facilities.

DIVISION UPDATE, PARKS

The Senior Manager of Parks, provided a Division update to the Committee.

DIVISION UPDATE, RECREATION

The Senior Manager, Recreation Services, provided the Committee with the Recreation update.

McKENZIE ROAD INTERCHANGE PROPOSED BERM

The Chair updated the Committee with a berm and walkways proposal that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is exploring as a way to help redistribute some of the excavated material from the interchange project. The MoTI has held information sessions with the Community Association and other stakeholders to review the berm and walkways proposal. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING**ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2017.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary