

MINUTES
PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
November 30, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Chair: Dean Murdock

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

Staff: Suzanne Samborski, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Eva Riccius, Manager Parks; Julie Lommerse, Park Planner Designer; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk

Regrets: Anne Whiteaker, SD 61 Trustee

MINUTES

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

CARRIED

FEES AND CHARGES

The Senior Manager Recreation updated the Committee on Fees and Charges, and the following comments were noted:

- Maintaining affordable fees is a continuing challenge.
- L.I.F.E. Program continues to be very popular.
- Past sales and drop-in revenue relatively static which supports the notion that the pricing is acceptable to the public.
- Cost recovery should be included in future Fees and Charges Reports.
- Saanich is very competitively priced with respect to surrounding municipalities.
- Cedar Hill Golf Course pricing is very reasonable.

MOTION: Moved by T. Hatcher and Seconded by P. Carrol: “That the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee recommend that the proposed 2018-2019 Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges be forwarded to Council for approval as part of the 2018 budget process.”

CARRIED

CEDAR HILL PARK PLAN SCOPING

The Park Planner Designer updated the Committee with the scoping work done for Cedar Hill Park Plan. Highlights of the discussion are noted:

- Public participation in the engagement sessions saw over 850 individuals participating to date.
- The stakeholder working group has had four meetings.
- A virtual open house and online survey are available for further public input.
- Several emerging themes:
 - Preserve and restore natural ecosystems/environment and riparian areas.
 - Connectivity and mobility within the park.
 - More amenities for all ages.
 - Park Management-interdepartmental communication and defined roles.
- Golf course operations and the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre are out of the scope of the Park Plan.

RECREATIONAL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

The Senior Manager Recreation Services updated the Committee on the Recreational System Replacement Project, and the following comments were noted:

- The current recreational system software will no longer be supported.
- New system is ActiveNet.
- ActiveNet features:
 - Improved communication tools and real time updates.
 - Improved privacy and security features
 - Improved customer interface
- ActiveNet will go live in February 2018.

GREATER VICTORIA ACTIVE COMMUNITIES UPDATE

The Senior Manager of Recreation updated the Committee on the Greater Victoria Active Communities Group, and the following comments were noted:

- The Greater Victoria Active Communities Group was originally formed in early 2000 and was tied to the upcoming Olympic Games.
- Primary members are Esquimalt, Oak Bay, Panorama, Saanich, SeaParc, Westshore and Victoria.
- Associate partners are The Y and P.I.S.E.
- The Greater Victoria Active Communities Group works together to provide or enhance regional initiatives.
- Current items being considered include:
 - A Pickle Ball Strategy
 - Finding new partner/sponsor for regional L.I.F.E. free skate and swims
 - Risk management training for facility and programming staff
 - Regional professional development day
- Work Plans and budgets for the Greater Victoria Active Communities Group are approved by the regional directors

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.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for January, 2018.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary