

MINUTES
PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Saanich Municipal Hall, Council Chambers

Via Microsoft Teams

February 23, 2022 at 4:01 p.m.

Present: Councillor Judy Brownoff (Chair), Leigh Campbell, Pam Carroll, Rachel Corder, David Little, Dex Owen.

Staff: Eva Riccius, Senior Manager Parks; Tiana Solares, Senior Manager Recreation; Silvia Exposito, Planner; and Nancy Chaggar, Senior Committee Clerk.

Regrets: Ted Austin; Annie Djiotsa; Amy-Jade Louie; Darrell Wick.

Guest(s): Alex Izett, Anita Kess, Coleen Rogers.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by D. Little and Seconded by L. Campbell: “That the minutes of the January 26, 2022 Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as amended.”

CARRIED

- “November 2021 report to Council” was changed to “September 23, 2021 report to Council” on page 2, item 5.

2. CHAIR’S REMARKS

- Council supported the Committee’s Motion regarding Saanich being a Bird Friendly City.
- Saanich will host an Earth Day celebration on April 23rd at the Municipal Hall.
- Council approved the Uptown-Douglas plan at its February 15, 2022 Public Hearing. The plan includes added park space, open space, and trail connections.
- Budget discussions will begin on March 1st at 6 p.m.

3. DORIS PAGE PARK RENEWAL CONCEPT

Anita Kess and Coleen Rogers presented to the Committee (PowerPoint on file). In response to the presentation, the following comments were made:

- Parks staff will meet to discuss a number of community projects for new Pulling Together programs including the Doris Page project.
- The first step will be to do a hazard tree assessment.
- Signage may take a little longer to implement.
- As a result of a recent Memorandum of Understanding between Saanich and the WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council, discussions are unfolding for project ideas in Cordova Bay.
- The Doris Page project contributes to Saanich’s First Nations programming and has great potential.
- The Park Stewardship Coordinator will be invited to present to the Committee on the Pulling Together program.

MOVED by P. Carroll and Seconded by D. Little: “That the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Advisory Committee supports the concept of moving the Doris Page Park *Pulling Together* program forward as soon as is practicable.”

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

4. DRAFT CADBORO BAY LOCAL AREA PLAN

The Planner presented the draft Cadboro Bay Local Area Plan to the Committee (PowerPoint on file). The following comments were noted:

- The purpose of this presentation is to receive input from the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee on the draft plan.
- Work on the plan began in 2018.
- An advisory committee composed of various stakeholders was created in order to provide maximum inclusion.
- Parks in the Ten Mile Point area are not easily accessible by vehicle; however, planned trail connectivity should improve walking and accessibility in the area.
- One of the goals for this project is to add more pedestrian and cycling infrastructure. The plan also identifies the need to take a closer look at parking.
- Sinclair and Cadboro Bay Roads have large hills and may not be accessible to everyone despite new sidewalks and bike lanes.
- The plan looks at improving access to Haro Woods and formalizing public access to the Queen Alexandra property.
- Various methods and tools were used to provide an opportunity for feedback and public engagement on the plan.

MOVED by D. Owen and Seconded by L. Campbell: “That the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Advisory Committee support the Cadboro Bay Local Area Plan and work especially around accessibility for all ages and abilities, connectivity of trails and parks, and wayfinding signs will be key.”

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

5. NAMING OF LAYRITZ FIELD – UPDATE

The Senior Manager of Parks provided an update and the following was noted:

- This was an initiative to rename a baseball diamond at Layritz Field after Zack Downey.
- The Home User Club is not supportive of this initiative because there have been many volunteers who have spent a lot of time helping to maintain the field in the past.
- Staff will not take this forward to Council without the support of the Home User Club.
- It may be possible to rename something else at the field (other than the baseball diamond). This matter will be left with the initiator and the Home User Club.

6. DIVISION REPORTS

The Senior Manager of Parks provided an update and the following was noted:

- Staff from the Recreation division will provide an update to the Committee on the Leisure Involvement for Everyone (LIFE) program.
- It was suggested that staff reconsider providing shared water bowls for dogs in the Pop-Up Dog Park Program due to health and hygiene concerns.
- There are various initiatives happening in different areas of Cuthbert-Holmes park aimed to restore, maintain, and educate. The berm is under warranty with the Ministry

of Transportation for three years, and is currently under their care.

- Reports from Parks, Recreation and Community Services divisions are shared with the Committee every two months for information and reference about program updates and divisional initiatives.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by D. Owen and Seconded by R. Corder: “That the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m. The next meeting is March 23, 2022 at 4 pm.

Councillor Brownoff, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary