

MINUTES
PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #1
Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chair: Councillor Wade

Members: Jim Anderson, Stefanie Barber, Terrance Berscheid, Daryl Dagneault, Tom Hatcher, Martin Roberts

Staff: Doug Henderson, Director of Parks and Recreation; Rae Roer, Senior Manager, Parks; Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk

Regrets: Harry Lewis, Jesse McClinton

MINUTES

MOVED by D. Dagneault and seconded by T. Berscheid, "That the minutes of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting held February 27, 2014 be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

CADBORO GYRO PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The Senior Manager, Parks presented and the following was noted:

- Cadboro Gyro Park is classed as a Community Park
- Four plus years of planning has gone into the improvements that are scheduled to take place in the Park.
- The key elements that the various stakeholder groups could agree on are:
 - Access
 - Drainage improvements
 - Enhancement of the playground
 - Retention of the tennis courts
- The budget for the current improvements is \$675,000. This budget will support:
 - Development of an asphalt trail system
 - Access to the group picnic area
 - Access improvements to the ship
 - New accessible playground
- A second set of sea-mats will be installed near the boat launch. Improved signage will also be installed to better guide the public on the uses of the sea-mats.
- Backfilling toward the promenade will help with the standing water issues.
- The timeline for the improvements is mid-April through summer 2014. The improvements will be done in phases to minimize park disruption.

Committee discussion occurred and the following was noted:

- The Zipline will be permanent.
- Engineered wood chips, Fibar, will be used in the playground areas for improved accessibility.

- Additional picnic tables should be considered for the site.
- Additional picnic tables could be spread out around the site, giving more options for the public.

PARKS UPDATE

The Senior Manager of Parks provided a verbal update. The following was noted:

- The letter and number notations next to the items in the Manager's Reports are references to the Master Plan.
- An application to the Agricultural Land Commission to include relevant Panama Flats lands in the ALR is being completed.
- A plan to incorporate the excess midden material from the Craigflower Bridge construction site has been finalized. The plan involves utilizing the material into the surrounding parkland in a way that is respectful of First Nations wishes.

RECREATION SERVICES UPDATE

The Senior Manager of Recreation Services provided a verbal update and the following was noted:

- Cycling Festival has been cancelled this year due to the inability to secure enough volunteers with the overlap of the Times Colonist 10K race.
- Drop in fitness classes such as Athletic Drill and Spin Bike Class have remained very popular at G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre.
- Spring Break Camps at Gordon Head Recreation Centre (GH), continue to show strong support in the community with a 94% fill rate for both weeks of programmed camps.
- In partnership with Island Health Authority, GH is offering a "Better Balance" program that is running at full capacity.
- Staff assisted with the CRFAIR's "Farmer2Farmer Conference" on March 6, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 24, 2014 in Art Room #1 at the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre.

Councillor Wade, Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary