

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2  
**JANUARY 27, 2015**

Present: Chair: Councillor Brice

Members: Jim Anderson, Daryl Dagneault, Terrance Berscheid, Tom Hatcher, Martin Roberts, Stefanie Yao, Pamela Carroll

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

Absent: Stefanie Barber

Guests: Colleen Hobson, Executive Director, Saanich Neighbourhood Place; Natalie Ross, Saanich Youth Council

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**MINUTES**

**MOVED by M. Roberts and seconded by T. Berscheid, "That the minutes of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting held September 18, 2014 be adopted as circulated."**

**CARRIED**

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Councillor Brice welcomed the new and returning committee members. The Parks, Trails and Recreation (PTR) Advisory Committee will continue to meet on the fourth Thursday of every month (no meetings in July, August and December) at 7:00 pm in Committee Room #2. Off-site meetings may be scheduled at recreation centres.

**SAANICH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE CHILD CARE CONCEPT**

The Senior Manager of Recreation Services introduced Colleen Hobson, Executive Director of Saanich Neighbourhood Place. Ms. Hobson introduced the a concept plan being developed for the goal of building a child care centre in the northwest corner of the Pearkes Recreation Facility grounds and the following was noted:

- Saanich Neighbourhood Place are committed to addressing the shortage of regulated, quality child care spaces in the region by the creation of child care hub in the Tillicum neighbourhood.
- The Saanich Neighbourhood Place Concept plan would result in a 6600 square foot child care facility constructed on the northwest corner of the Pearkes Recreation property. Which would include 24 infant/toddler care and 25 spaces for 3-5 year olds.

- The proposed child care facility will be grounded in the natural surroundings and environment, supporting the belief that children and nature belong together.
- Space within the child care centre would be flexible and available to other service providers to offer additional services.
- A commercial kitchen is incorporated into the space and provides space for community use.
- The cost to build the proposed child care centre is estimated to be \$1.2 million. This capital will be raised through a combination of provincial grant money, a request to the Municipality of Saanich for a no-interest loan and Saanich Neighbourhood Place fund raising efforts.

Committee discussion occurred and the following was noted:

- Operation of the child care centre is independent of Saanich. Saanich would simply consider allowing the building to be constructed upon Saanich property.
- Financial viability is a concern and further development of the financial plan should be pursued.
- Concern that this is a large capital project being undertaken by Saanich Neighbourhood Place which traditionally has been a service provider.
- Is Saanich subsidizing a business through involvement with this project?
- The budget seems large for the creation of 40 daycare spaces.
- Public participation will be required.

The Chair thanked the speaker and extended an invitation for Saanich Neighbourhood Place to present to the committee at a future date.

## **PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MANDATE**

The Chair reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Committee. A discussion occurred and the following was noted:

- Numerous items are forwarded to Council that are not brought before advisory committees.
- A balance between proactivity and reactivity results from staff, committee members, and the Chair raising issues of importance and relevance for the committee.
- Holding committee meetings at different venues within Saanich could be arranged.

**MOTION: Moved by D. Dagneault and Seconded by T. Hatcher, "That the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee receive the Terms of Reference for the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee."**

**CARRIED**

## **2015-2016 FEES AND CHARGES**

The Director of Parks and Recreation provided details of the proposed updates to the Fees and Charges Schedule for Saanich Parks and Recreation and the following was noted:

- A 2% rounded to the nearest quarter increase has been proposed.

- A yearly review comparing Saanich's fees and charges with other local municipalities is conducted to assist with the determination of the fees and charges schedule.

**MOTION: Moved by T. Berscheid and Seconded by T. Hatcher: "That the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends to Council a 2% increase effective April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016 to drop-in admissions and passes (excluding child and child-minding admissions), ice rentals, park facilities and events."**

**CARRIED**

**\*\*\* T. Berscheid left the meeting at 8:25 pm \*\*\***

## **TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATES**

The Director of Parks and Recreation circulated a tentative meeting schedule for committee consideration. Committee discussion occurred and the following was noted:

- Agendas could be focussed on issues and topics to support Council.
- Cadboro-Gyro Park is an on-going project.
- Panama Flats park plan is in the works, but will likely not be ready in 2015.

## **PARKS UPDATE**

The Director of Parks, Trails and Recreation provided an update from the Parks Division.

## **RECREATION SERVICES UPDATE**

The Senior Manager of Recreation Services provided an update from the Recreation Division. The following was noted:

- Saanich Recreation invited regional health professionals to visit all 4 recreation centres with the purpose of learning more about what programs, service and facilities each centre has to offer and to continue the dialogue of partnership development with Island Health.
- The Saanich Youth Council recruited 8 new members and designed a "Go Vote Saanich" campaign to encourage and engage young voters in the November municipal elections.
- The contract for the Youth Development Strategy and Five Year Implementation Plan was awarded. A Project Team is being recruited to have the first meeting in January. The project is scheduled to be completed in December 2015.
- Fitness and Arts Sampler Week is off to a fantastic start. Notable new programs with good responses are "Dance for Brain Health" and "Tension Release". Both of these classes are designed for people with aging related issues.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2015.

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Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary