

MINUTES
PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Goward House, Arbutus Road
May 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Chair: Dean Murdock

Members: Pamela Carroll; Stefanie Yao, Tom Hatcher, Graham Hill, Chris Spicer, Dex Owen (Student Liaison), Ted Austin, Dave Marecek, Tom Hatcher, Daryl Dagneault, Anne Whiteaker, SD 61 Trustee

Staff: Suzanne Samborski, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Eva Riccius, Senior Manager Parks; Gary Darrah, Manager of Park Planning and Design; Sandra Pearson, Manager of Community Services; Stacy McGhee, Program Manager, Strategic Facilities Planning; Natalie Dechaine, Manager of Community Development and Business Systems; Julie Wallace, Programmer II Recreation; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk

MINUTES

MOVED by S. Yao and Seconded by P. Carroll “That the minutes of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting February 23, 2017 be adopted.”

CARRIED

HARO WOODS PLANNING PROCESS

The Manager of Parks Planning and Design lead a walk though Haro Woods. Staff plan to present the draft management Plan to the Haro Woods Advisory Group in July 2017. Highlights of the discussion are noted:

- Council requested a strategic view of the vision and requests the community had for Haro Woods.
- A mix of responses for ideas was recorded.
- A management plan will help with expense allocation.

STRATEGIC FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

The Strategic Facilities Program Manager presented the Committee with the developing Facilities Master Plan and the highlights are noted below:

- The District of Saanich is developing a 20 year Facilities Master Plan to ensure that our municipal buildings will continue to meet the changing needs of the community for years to come.
- An on-line survey is available on the Saanich website and numerous pop-up public engagement opportunities will be available.

- The municipality needs to maintain their properties to protect their investment.
- The Facilities Master Plan will be a strategy that will help ensure that municipal buildings will continue to meet the evolving community's needs.
- The Facilities Master Plan will provide a comprehensive view of municipal facilities to help make prudent decisions about where and when to invest.
- The following three objectives are being developed:
 - Ensuring delivery of services
 - Undertaking facility work for maintenance, renovations and new construction affordability and sustainability.
 - Quantify and rank priorities with a view to reducing risk and maximizing benefits.
- Significant facilities have been analysed through the following lenses:
 - Facility capacity: Do the building have an adequate amount of space to operate out for the next twenty years?
 - Building condition: How much maintenance will Saanich buildings require over the next twenty years?
 - Risk to services: Will our front-line, emergency service delivering facilities adequately perform under stress?
- Two rounds of public engagements will be held prior to the development of the final draft document.

Committee discussion occurred and the highlights are noted:

- Exploring public-private partnerships to offset some of the expenses should be considered.
- The Facilities Master Plan document will not address the associated costs.
- The public engagements are being held to help the public understand the processes and challenges facing the maintenance of the municipal buildings.

OLDER ADULT STRATEGY

The Manager of Community Planning and the Programmer II Recreation presented the Committee with an update on the Older Adult Strategy. The following comments were noted:

- Public participation took place over 10 months, with 2,284 persons participating.
- The Older Adult Strategy website (www.olderadultstrategy.weebly.com) hosted an online summary of each public engagement.
- The Community Forum held in November 2016 had community members, community agencies and staff to review and contribute to emerging themes.
- Thorough the public engagement process it became clear that older adults wish to be treated with respect, valued for their past, present and future contributions and maintain their health and well-being for as long as possible.
- The majority of OAS participants did not wish to be identified as "senior".
- The vision and guiding principles to guide Saanich interactions with older adults has been created, "Saanich: Where all older adults thrive on social connections, healthy lifestyles and continuous learning."
- Strategic priorities that have been identified are:
 - Programming continuum
 - Age friendly spaces
 - Collaboration
 - Enhanced Communication

L.I.F.E.UPDATE REPORT

The Senior Manager of Recreation, provided an update to the Committee on this successful Saanich Recreation program. A suggestion was made to have point of sale donation boxes at Saanich facilities to further collect funds for this much needed program.

VICTORIA WATERWAYS LOOP

The Senior Manager of Community Development and Business Systems, provided an update to the Committee on the Victoria Waterways Loop. The “Loop” is a multijurisdictional amenity for paddlers. Saanich is currently working with stakeholders to draft a management plan for the estuary.

DIVISION UPDATE, PARKS

The Senior Manager of Parks, provided a Division update to the Committee. A Committee member requested that Parks consider installation of toddler sized picnic tables at appropriate sites.

DIVISION UPDATE, RECREATION

The Senior Manager, Recreation Services, provided the Committee with the Recreation update. It was noted that the marketing Specialist has secured \$238,000 in media sponsorship from Bell Media. \$195,000 of these funds will be allocated to promoting festivals and youth programs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2017.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary