

MINUTES
PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at the Prospect Lake Field House, Layritz Park
June 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Chair: Dean Murdock

Members: Pamela Carroll; Stefanie Yao, Graham Hill, Chris Spicer, Dex Owen (Student Liaison), Daryl Dagneault,

Staff: Suzanne Samborski, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services;; Gary Darrah, Manager of Park Planning and Design; Jason Jones; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk

Regrets: Ted Austin, Dave Marecek, Tom Hatcher, Anne Whiteaker, SD 61 Trustee

MINUTES

MOVED by P. Carroll and Seconded by S. Yao “That the minutes of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting May 25, 2017 be adopted as amended.”

CARRIED

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

The Programmer gave the Committee an overview of Cultural Connections between the District of Saanich and residents. Highlights of the discussion are noted:

- Saanich hosts numerous programs to facilitate cultural connections such as SpeakWell Conversation Club, Chinese Community Drop in, Punjabi Women’s Drop in and ABC Family Camping.
- Swimming lesson translations are available in Chinese and Punjabi.
- LIFE application available in simple Chinese.
- Saanich partner’s with the Community Partner Network: Consists of 240 community organizations sharing ideas and information.
- Local Immigrant partnership which is a federal program for attracting and retaining refugees.
- The Vulnerable Immigrant Population Program with VIRCS- offering pottery and dance opportunities.
- Saanich hosts numerous cultural events: Moon Festival and Cultural Stage (Strawberry Festival and Family Day).
- Saanich supported events and programs include:
 - Komagata Maru Centennial Remembrance at SCP.
 - Vaisahi Celebration at Pearkes
 - Diwali Celebration at Pearkes and Cedar Hill
 - Syrian Refugee Welcome at Pearkes
 - Youth Enable Program at Pearkes
 - Community Kitchens at Saanich Middle Schools

- Staff training opportunities include:
 - Welcoming and Inclusive Workplace Training
 - Safe Harbour
 - We Speak Google Translate

DIVISION UPDATE, PARKS

The Senior Manager of Parks, provided a Division update to the Committee. Of note is the Vic Derman Park dedication on July 15th, 2017. No further announcements have been made with respect to the proposed berm at the McKenzie Interchange. The first draft of the Haro Woods Management Plan is being compiled.

DIVISION UPDATE, RECREATION

The Senior Manager, Recreation Services, provided the Committee with the Recreation update. It was noted that the Older Adult Strategy was adopted by Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2017.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary