

MINUTES
PARKS TRAILS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2
May 23, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chair: Councillor Taylor

Members: Ted Austin Pamela Carroll; Elise Cote; Daryl Dagneault; Lyndsay Edgar; Peter Haddon; Wyatt Matthews; Dex Owen; and Stefanie Yao

Staff: Suzanne Samborski, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation); Eva Riccius, Senior Manager, Parks; Nathalie Dechaine, Manager Community Development/Business Systems; and, Jeff Keays, Committee Clerk.

Guests: Michelle Peterson, President, Hampton Little League.

MINUTES

MOVED by W. Matthews and Seconded by D. Dagneault: “That the minutes of the Parks Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting held May 2, 2019 be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

FIELD RENAMING – HAMPTON PARK

The Manager of Community Development/Business Systems provided the committee with an overview of the proposed field dedication request at Hampton Park. The following was highlighted:

- The Hampton Little League (HPLL) Board of Directors are proposing that Little League Field No. 1 be rededicated as Curt Waldner Field.
- Significant features of a park can be named separately based on a recommendation from a community organization, reviewed by Parks Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee and
- Mr. Waldner has been a volunteer with HPLL for over 13 years.
- During that time he has dedicated hundreds of hours of volunteer time maintaining the fields turf, infields and park infrastructure. In addition to the preceding he has also been responsible for:
 - Maintenance of the clubhouse exterior, and batting cage roof;
 - Construction of new dugouts;
 - Coordination and installation of new electric scoreboards;
 - Revitalized park branding infrastructure through installation of new flags, logos and signage.
 - In addition to his role as Head Grounds Keeper, Mr. Waldner has also served as a coach, the Vice President of HPLL, an official and supported of the Challenger Baseball Program.

- Challenger Program athletes are encouraged and supported by Curt in the upkeep and cleanliness of the park.
- There is no record of this field ever being renamed or dedicated in the past.

Committee discussion ensued, the following was highlighted.

- The dedication would take place at the clubs closing ceremonies at the end of June.
- The renaming would for field No. 1 only.
- Per the policy, parks are typically named after the street on which they are situated or abutting.
- Mr. Waldner is well known in the baseball community. This is an appropriate, and well deserved, dedication.

MOTION

MOVED by T. Austin and Seconded by D. Dagneault: “That the Parks Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee support the request from the Hampton Park Little League Board of Directors, to rename the Little League Field No. 1 in Hampton Park to Honour Curt Waldner by calling the main field Curt Waldner Field.”

CARRIED

2019 COMMITTEE PRIORITIES

The Senior Manager, Recreation provided an overview of the Memo, Summary of Ideas and dated May 15, 2019. The following was noted:

- The items noted in the memo will be considered as the monthly agendas are developed.

In response to questions from committee members, the Senior Manager, Recreation stated:

- Sub-committees are approved by Council and are meant to support the development of specific policy recommendations. Informal workgroups may be established for items within the committees mandate, secretarial and administrative support is not provided to informal workgroups
- The Advisory Committee Terms of Reference are developed and approved by Council.

MOTION

MOVED by W. Matthews and Seconded by P. Carroll: “That the Parks Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee receive the Senior Manager, Recreations May 15, 2019 Memo for information.”

DIVISION UPDATE RECREATION

The Senior Manager – Recreation provided and overview of the May Parks Division Update report dated, May 15, 2019.

DIVISION UPDATE PARKS

The Senior Manager – Parks provided and overview of the May Parks Division Update report dated, May 23, 2019.

DIVISION UPDATE COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Senior Manager – Recreation provided and overview of the May Community Services Division Update report dated, May 23, 2019.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Chair advised that members could submit their requests directly to him, or through the clerk. The following comments were highlighted:

- There should be consideration of reinstating the annual volunteer appreciation awards.
- Inviting Community Associations, and “Friends of” or similar types of organisations to present on their parks/recreation related activities could be considered.
- Regular updates by school trustees would be welcomed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2019 and will include a walking tour of the Colquitz/Cuthbert Holmes Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Councillor Taylor, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary