

MINUTES
PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held in Committee Room #2, Saanich Municipal Hall
January 26, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Chair: Dean Murdock

Members: Ted Austin; Pamela Carroll; Daryl Dagneault; Dave Marecek; Stefanie Yao, Tom Hatcher, Graham Hill, Dex Owen (Student Liaison), 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; Sandra Pearson, Community Services Manager; Julie Wallace, Programmer Community Services; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk

Regrets: Chris Spicer

Guests: Martin Winstanley, Chair, Greater Victoria Baseball Association Victoria Eagles; Stephen Gaskin, President, Gordon Head Lambrick Park Baseball Association

MINUTES

MOVED by P. Carroll and Seconded by S. Yao “That the minutes of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting November 24, 2016 be adopted.”

CARRIED

COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS AND MEETING SCHEDULE

The Chair, welcomed staff and the PTR Committee members to the 2017 term of the PTR Advisory Committee. The meetings will be held the fourth Thursday of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 pm with no regular meetings scheduled for July, August or December.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Chair and committee reviewed the ToR for PTR.

REQUEST TO NAME LAMBRICK PARK BASEBALL DIAMOND

The Chair of the Greater Victoria Baseball Association Victoria Eagles and the Senior Manager Parks presented the Committee with the request to name the full sized baseball diamond at Lambrick Park. The highlights are noted:

- The main diamond at Lambrick Park is one of the premier baseball diamonds in the province.
- Many young baseball players aspire to play on this highly regarded diamond.

- One individual has been instrumental in developing the main diamond into the fantastic facility that it is today. Mr. Joe Stephenson has volunteered tirelessly for 18 years in multiple roles within the baseball community.
- The Victoria Eagles and the Gordon Head at Lambrick Park Baseball Association strongly believe that Mr. Stephenson deserves recognition for his immense contributions to Lambrick Park and the Municipality of Saanich.
- Saanich has a number of sports fields that are named after individuals that have had a significant impact on a particular sport.
- There are no anticipated financial implications to Saanich for the naming of the main baseball diamond at Lambrick Park.
- Saanich Park naming guidelines have been met.
- Saanich should consider female athletes for recognition in future park/venue naming.

MOTION: Moved by T. Hatcher and Seconded by T. Austin “That the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends that Council support the naming of the full-sized baseball diamond at Lambrick Park as Joe Stephenson Field.”

CARRIED

OLDER ADULT STRATEGY

The Older Adult Strategy (OAS) Team provided an update on the development of the Older Adult Strategy. From the public engagement events an overarching theme of social connection has emerged. The next phase of the development of the OAS will be to analyze all of the data from the public engagements and develop a draft OAS which will be reviewed at a future PTR meeting.

The following comments were noted:

- A budget will accompany the report when it is forwarded to Council.
- Yearly goal/targets will be included in the final report.
- Minor sports associations are always in need of volunteers. There may be good opportunities for older adults volunteering with sports associations.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Director of Parks and Recreation along with the Senior Managers of Parks and Recreation gave the Committee an overview on the Parks and Recreation Department. The following comments were noted:

- The Parks Bylaw #7753 needs to be updated.
- Pulling Together volunteer organization and the Union carefully developed their working relationship.
- Many student/school and Saanich Parks and Recreation partnership opportunities exist.
- Saanich is working with surrounding First Nations to develop aboriginal signage for Saanich.

UPCOMING TOPICS

The Director of Parks and Recreation gave the Committee an overview on the timeline for items to be presented at the Committee. The Committee requested the following items be considered for upcoming PTR meetings:

- Haro Woods general update tentatively planned for June 2017.
- Gyro Park update could be considered.
- McKenzie Interchange update.

DIVISION UPDATE, PARKS

The Senior Manager of Parks, provided a Division update to the Committee. Committee discussion occurred and the following was noted:

- The Lindsay Trail stream corridor well protected but the greenway trail looks very aggressive.
- The contractor has to finish the hardscape and then Parks Department will “soften” the trail with plantings.
- Public engagement event at Haro Woods will be held Saturday January 28, 2017 from 10:30-12:30 pm at Goward House.

DIVISION UPDATE, RECREATION

The Senior Manager, Recreation Services, provided the Committee with the Recreation update and the following was noted:

- The former Chair of PTR and the Senior Manager Recreation Services presented past Committee Member Terrance Berscheid with the framed photograph for his long service to the Municipality of Saanich.
- Family Arts Festival will be held at Cedar Hill Recreation Centre on Family Day February 13, 2017 from 11:00 am-4:00 pm.
- An All Body Swim will be held at Gordon Head Recreation Centre on Family Day February 13, 2017 from 11:00 am- 4:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2017.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary