

AGENDA
PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Saanich Commonwealth Place – Arbutus Room, 4636 Elk Lake Drive.
Thursday, April 26, 2018, from 7:00PM

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** (attachment)
 - March 22, 2018
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT**
3. **HARO WOODS PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN**
 - Presentation from Senior Manager Parks
4. **COMMUNITY SERVICES OVERVIEW**
 - Presentation from Community Services Manager
5. **DIVISION UPDATE, RECREATION** (attachment)
 - Presentation from Senior Manager of Recreation
6. **DIVISION UPDATE, PARKS** (attachment)
 - Presentation from Senior Manager of Parks

**** Adjournment ****

Next Meeting: May 24, 2018
In order to ensure a quorum, please call Jeff Keays at 250-475-5494 ext. 3430 or
jeff.keays@saanich.ca if you are unable to attend.

Go Green!
Members are encouraged to bring their own mug to the meeting.

MINUTES
PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2
February 22, 2018

Present: Chair: Councillor Dean Murdock

Members: Pamela Carroll, Elise Cote, Daryl Dagneault, Connie Larochelle, Dex Owen, Chris Spicer and Stefanie Yao

Staff: Suzanne Samborski, Director Parks and Recreation; Eva Riccius Senior Manager Parks; Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager Recreation; Parks Operations; Gary Darrah, Manager Park Planning & Development; Pam Hartling, Community Planner and Jeff Keays, Committee Clerk.

Absent: Ted Austin, Dave Marecek, Ann Whiteaker (SD61 Representative)

Guests: Murray Clarke, President - Greater Victoria Minor Football Association; Tracy McCallister, Vice-President – Greater Victoria Minor Football Association, Dorothy Chambers.

MINUTES

MOVED by C. Dagneault and seconded by E. Cote, “That the minutes of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting held February 22, 2018 be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

CHAIR’S REPORT

The Chair thanked the Silver Threads staff for hosting the meeting, and providing the committee with both a tour and presentation of the agencies many programs and services.

The Chair noted that the previously circulated correspondence regarding Cuthbert Holmes Park would be presented for discussion as part of Item 9 – Updates.

VICTORIA MINOR FOOTBALL CLUB

The Chair welcomed both Murray Clarke, President, Greater Victoria Minor Football Association (GVMFA) and Tracy McCallister, Vice-President, GVMFA to the meeting.

M. Clarke provided the committee members with an overview of the Club’s history and program. The following highlights are noted:

- The association has sought to maintain low registration fees and has partnered with KidSport to provide funding for those with demonstrated financial need.
- Copley Park is the only dedicated football field in Saanich.

- There are a significant number of Saanich youth enrolled in their minor football program.
- The association has a good working relationship with District staff and the surrounding neighbourhoods.
- The lights were deemed unsafe and removed in March of 2017.
- Practices are typically held from 6-8 p.m. in the Spring and Fall; accordingly, lights are imperative to the field's continued use as a football facility.
- Copley Park Field is currently being renovated by Parks and Recreation and the GVMFA feels it would be an appropriate time to install new lighting.

M. Clarke turned the presentation over to T. McCallister, who provided an overview of the association's forthcoming application to the District for an interest fee loan totalling \$150,000. The following highlights are noted:

- Musco Lighting Systems provided a quote for the proposed lighting system (equipment only) totalling between \$172,000-\$182,000 (plus taxes).
- Musco was provider for the current lighting system for the West Hills Stadium.
- The proposed energy efficient LED system will provide a consistent light level of 300 lux, resulting in a reduction of both light spill and glare by 50% coupled with a potential savings of up to 75% over a standard lighting system.
- The proposed system comes with a 25 year warranty (parts and labour).
- The association is still waiting on quotes from both geotechnical engineering firms (footings) and hardware installers (poles and lights).
- The GeoTech Report is estimated at approximately \$10,000
- The installation of the system is estimated at approximately \$10,000-\$15,000.
- District of Saanich will provide the conduits for electrical service.
- GVMFA is in good financial standing.
- GVMFA will contribute \$50,000 in 2018 and proposes to pay back the loan at \$6000 per year over 25 years.

Committee discussion followed the presentation, the following highlights are noted:

- GVMFA is the only user of the facility 8 out of 12 months per year.
- Lights are not in Parks and Recreation's capital work plan.
- Saanich'Capital Grant program does not cover big ticket items like this.
- The District approving interest free loans for large capital projects like this is a standard model.

**** C. Larochelle arrived at the meeting, 7:30 p.m. ****

- Parks and Recreation now bringing these items to committee for information and support.
- Lights enhance and improve the facility, but will not necessarily result in growth.
- GVMFA is open to additional non-football use. A rugby group has expressed interest in using the facility.
- Parks and Recreation will continue to manage the bookings/rentals of field.

MOTION

MOVED by P. Carroll and Seconded by E. Cote “That the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee support the Greater Victoria Minor Football Association’s lighting project proposal as presented.”

CARRIED

CORDOVA BAY AND CADBORO BAY LOCAL AREA PLANS UPDATE

The Community Planner provided the committee with an overview of the status of the Local Area Plan (LAP) process for both Cadboro Bay and Cordova Bay. The following highlights are noted:

- Terms of Reference adopted by Council in November, 2017.
- Planners are meeting with Advisory Committees and preparing for public engagement.
- Planning Village Design workshops.
- The LAPs will provide detailed guidance to Council, staff, property owners, developers, and the public to address growth and change within a neighbourhood.
- LAPs aid in decision making, provide a reasonable level of certainty about future uses, development and quality of life and set the context for considering development proposals.
- New areas of focus for the LAPs include:
 - Climate change
 - Range of mobility options
 - Housing affordability and choice
 - Centres and Villages
- Numerous opportunities for public engagement before targeted adoption in Spring of 2019, including (but not limited to):
 - Open houses and workshops
 - Pop-up events
 - Walking tours
 - Surveys
 - Focus groups
- Saanich has developed a speaker series; the first event, Building Neighbourhoods for the Future, featuring Gordon Price was held on March 21, 2018.
 - Second event, Our Community in a Changing Climate, to be held on Monday, May 7th.
- Initial comments staff have received include:
 - Trail connection enhancements
 - Safe access to beach
 - Lochside Trail conflicts (pedestrians, motor vehicles and bicycles)

Committee discussion followed the presentation, the following highlights are noted:

- Successful outreach efforts have included email lists and social media.
- Pop-Up events have proven successful in engaging people where they are not necessarily engaged (i.e. Recreation Centres)
- Task is to filter Official Community Plan direction down to the neighbourhood level.
- LAPs will test these policy directions.
- Planning staff working with CRD Parks Planner to look at reducing vehicular traffic on the Lochside Trail between McMinn and Maddox.

- Staff have reviewed relevant census data for the Saanich, key indicators show a need for increased affordable housing options, aging in place programs, and more services within walking distance.

DIVISION UPDATE – RECREATION

The Director of Parks and Recreation provided an overview of the February Recreation Report Memo, dated March 15, 2018.

Committee discussion followed the presentation, the following highlights were noted:

- New Managers in Recreation Department, staff will introduce them at a future meeting.
- A significant proportion of the committee's visioning exercise has been realized in over the past four years. Is it time for visioning exercise 2.0?
- Staff are to be commended for the large body of successful programs and initiatives completed to date.

DIVISION UPDATE – PARKS

The Senior Manager – Parks provided an overview of the Parks Division Update – February 2018, Memo, dated March 22, 2018.

Committee discussion followed the presentation, the following highlight are noted:

- Staff are working with an engineering firm to develop a universal design.
- New design will be modular and accessible.
- New gate design at Mt. Doug is a component of existing park work plan, including enhancements to parking and way-finding signage.
- They were designed and manufactured locally, with the funding coming from antennae lease revenues, not tax revenues.
- Staff have retained a contractor to organize the recently approved Mt. Doug Park Ambassador pilot project.
- Interpretive signs for the Shelbourne St. Memorial Trees are being developed.

OTHER BUSINESS

CUTHBERT HOLMES PARK

The Chair introduced the item and provided a brief overview of issues pertaining to camping in the Cuthbert Holmes Park area. The Chair noted the previously circulated correspondence of March 18 (E-mail, D. Chambers) and March 22 (E-mail, D. Chambers, and the Saanich Police Department Information Note) before welcoming Dorothy Chambers to the meeting. The committee members were advised that D. Chambers would be afforded an opportunity to address the committee after the staff presentation.

Following his comments the Chair turned the floor over to the Director of Parks and Recreation who provided an update on the matter from a staff perspective. The Director of Parks circulated, on table, a document titled, Homelessness in Parks and District Owned Land, which provided an overview of the issue throughout the District and highlighted the CRD's Regional Housing First Strategy. The following highlights are noted:

- Individuals cannot be evicted from area parks as there are currently not enough shelter beds to accommodate the regional demand.
- Noting that the process to house an individual can take upwards of 18 months, both the District (By-law and Park's staff) and Saanich Police Department (SPD) employ a compassionate approach with regard to enforcement and continue to operate within the parameters of existing policy framework.
- Council deliberated a proposed amendment to the Chattels Bylaw that will provide enforcement agencies with a new tool remove and store items not considered to meet basic needs.
- The intent of the amendment is to provide staff with a tool to address the proliferation of large permanent encampments that present risks to both public health and safety, as well as ongoing environmental degradation.
- The proposed amendment to the bylaw will support staff in addressing broader encroachment issues in parks throughout the district.

Committee discussion followed the presentation, the following highlights are noted:

- Numerous communities have endorsed higher density targets.
- Intent of Bylaw is to address large permanent camps.
- Council is examining other best practices, including Victoria's model.
- Proposed amendment would be in interim step and address issues in the short-term.
- Supplies (i.e. tent and sleeping bags) considered to be providing basic needs will not be removed.
- Helping campers to relocate to less environmentally sensitive areas is important.

The Chair recognized the continued stewardship efforts of D. Chambers and provided her with an opportunity to comment on her experiences, and to the correspondence she provided the committee. The following highlights are noted:

- Trying to illicit meaningful change.
- Camping in the park is a longstanding issue
- Concerned that important matters, like the ongoing issues in Cuthbert Holmes, are not being brought to the attention of the Advisory Committees.
- Feels that the role of the Advisory Committees is to advise council on matters that are important to the residents.
- Main concerns are health and safety, as well as the potential negative impacts on the environment, including the Colquitz Estuary.
- Concerned that the Salmon in the City program is at risk.

Committee discussion followed D. Chambers presentation, the following highlights are noted:

- Members feel that they are adequately apprised of issues.
- Staff provide the committee with numerous updates and seek the formal opinion of the committee where and when necessary.
- The advisory committee does not have the authority to direct council, but rather provide them with recommendations; however, Council has the final authority to act upon the recommendations
- PTR members spent a great deal of time working on the Cuthbert Holmes management plan

- Parks staff can't speak to Police matters, will invite SPD to a future meeting.
- Will the District take a broader look at issues associated to camping in Parks?
- Committee can support efforts to make it safer for all users.

MOTION

MOVED by E. Cote and Seconded by C. Larochelle "That the Park, Trails and Recreation Committee recommend that Council revisit BYLAW NO. 7753, being the PARKS MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL BYLAW, 1997"

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2018

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary

DRAFT



The Corporation of the District of Saanich

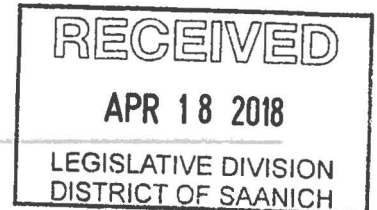
Report

To: Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee
Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee

From: Graham Thomson, Acting Senior Manager - Recreation

Date: 4/17/2018

Subject: April 2018 Monthly Report



RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks, Trails and Recreation and Healthy Saanich Advisory Committees receive this report as information.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committees with an overview of the previous month's Recreation Divisions activities.

DISCUSSION

Cedar Hill Recreation Centre Arts Centre at Cedar Hill

The Arts Centre has initiated a part-time internship for a youth aged 16-18 years to gain work experience at the arts centre with visual arts programs, events and displays. Vancouver Island Woodworkers Exhibition runs until April 23. Saanich Artists May Studio Tours preview their work in a Cafe Exhibition until April 23.

Greater Victoria will host the Western Senior Tennis Nationals! This annual Tennis Canada event is being held April 25-29 and will be co-hosted by Cedar Hill, Oak Bay and Panorama Recreation. The tournament will feature some of Western Canada's top players in the 35-45, 50-60 & 65-85 age divisions. There will be Social Night held at Government House on Friday April 27. Spectators are encouraged and welcome at all venues.

Community Services

The Recreation Volunteer Program is excited to report that over the past 6 years, four of our Take Heart Cardio Rehab Program volunteers have gone on to medical school and two are physiotherapists! Five of our current Take Heart staff started with us as volunteers. The Ceramics Studio at Cedar Hill Arts Centre has 8 dedicated Studio Assistants, 4 of whom began volunteering over 3 years ago. Their motivation goes beyond free studio time as they feel a sense of place and belonging, appreciate creating art in a clean and organized space and receive positive regard from studio participants and supervisors.

April 15-21 is National Volunteer Week and these volunteers and others who have put in significant commitment, such as Derek Swallow of SpeakWell with just under 600 hours and Mary Fletcher with over 400 hours, will receive recognition awards such as gift cards, journals, thermoses, and a letter from Councilor Dean Murdoch. Additionally, four drop-in activities at three of our recreation centres are welcoming our recreation volunteers and their support people with free access to fun! Signage will be posted in each recreation centre and the municipal hall to acknowledge our vital volunteers.

We just wrapped up our first Birding for Beginners program. We partnered with Rocky Point Bird Observatory to offer a six week introduction. The program was full with 11 ladies signed up. His program offering was part of our Older Age Strategy to offer more social outdoor programs for older adults.

Gordon Head Recreation Centre

We hosted our second Trans (for transgender patrons) Swim on Friday, March 30 in the pool. 30 people attended, with many being young families and youth.

Spring Break Camps offered through Gordon Head were once again a huge success. Over the 2 week period we offered 15 different camps with a 100% success rate. In total we hosted 287 participants with a 89% average fill rate. Highlights included our general Spring Break Camp, Eli Pasquale Basketball and Cooking Camps.

Exploring our World Preschool – We recently filled our licensed preschool lead position. Dianne comes to us after running her own private preschool for over 20 years. She brings years and years of experience and some more traditional ways to teaching. Her switch-over has so far been a smooth transition for the kids in the program.

GHRC Sauna – One of the sauna benches collapsed on March 19. For safety reasons, the sauna was closed. An engineer and architect were brought in to assess and design a repair plan. A carpenter on staff replaced and re-supported the benches with the sauna re-opening to the public on April 13. Well done to our Facilities team for dealing with this as well as the daily challenges of keeping our building open and safe for the community.

Weight Room: Our weight room and fitness patrons are vocal and like to be heard and voice their experience and interests. Our fitness patrons represent every profession and have ownership and most of them pride of our fitness facility. Patrons requested an assisted chin up and dip machine, and when this was installed two months ago, patrons were very pleased. However, we have had challenges with this piece, and it needed to be replaced. The replacement also was faulty. After much effort on our end, we were able to supply the company with enough information they are upgrading us to a new model and upgrade at no extra cost to us. We strive to ensure our patrons are heard and that Saanich money is spent responsibly.

Testimonial: “Without a shadow of a doubt, facilities such as we are blessed with in Saanich are an extension of the HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. They enhance the physical, emotional, intellectual, spiritual (in the widest sense) well-being of participants and thus the community. Should there be a strike, it should be settled as if it were medical caretakers.” (Submitted GHRC patron comment card, March 18, 2018)

G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre

April has continued to be a busy time for Pearkes Recreation Centre. The Playmakers Tournament (Old timer Hockey) Tournament returned. We hosted teams from as far as Manitoba. Our local Saanich Braves Hockey Jr B team, were unfortunately eliminated from the playoffs, though finished their season at Pearkes in front of a "at capacity" crowd of 500 fans. Other events of note, Saanich Minor Hockey year end Banquet, Pet Show, Good Friday Service (a full house of 3000pl).

Similar to other centers, our Spring Break camps ran very smooth and at near capacity. As Spring break did not align with University Spring break, we struggled to find the qualified leaders.

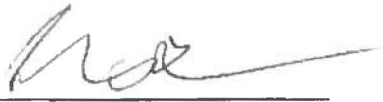
Saanich Commonwealth Place

Spring break camps were filled to capacity with many residents left on the wait list due to staffing shortages. The timing of spring break programs with university classes leads to a ongoing shortage of qualified candidates. Plans for mentoring of more high school students is one strategy staff will explore this year to help resolve this issue.

The pool saw over 1000 drop in to afternoon swims during the spring break. In April we will host the Speedo Western Championships as well as a Provincial dive meet and the Wavemaker's Invitational Meet. The combined meets will play host to over 800 athletes.

Work continues to move forward on resolving the end of the Operating Agreement with High Performance Sport. Conversations with both Provincial Ministry Staff and Federal – Own the Podium are scheduled throughout April.

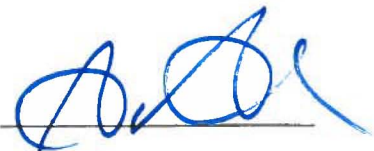
Prepared by: _____



Graham Thomson

Acting Senior Manager, Recreation

Approved by: _____



Suzanne Samborski

Director, Parks & Recreation

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

REPORT TO: Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee

DATE: April 26, 2018

FROM: Eva Riccius, Senior Manager, Parks

SUBJECT: Parks Division Update – April, 2018

The following update is provided for the Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee:

Maintenance – EI-2 Spring is upon us and maintenance crews are ramping up and getting ready for the very busy growing season. Park is continuing to maintain and support the last remaining soccer permits. We are beginning our schedule soccer field rehabilitation and are working on the fields now that soccer has completed their season. Baseball season has officialy started! Maintenance is working the second round of field and running track maintenance on all fields to ensure safe play. Weather, staffing and the number of fields to maintain (35) is challenging and we are doing our best. The irrigation section is very busy doing system upgrades. Buildings that were winterized are back on line as well as marking of fields for maintenance practices and general start up and charging of all systems. Seasonal washrooms are now open and porta-pottis have been put in place in select locations

Staffing placement and interviews are at the fore front at this time.

The Parks mechanic shop is very busy with all turf trim crews out cutting and all equipment for turf and sports field maintenance being used.

We are continuing to deal with campers in Cuthbert Holmes Park as well as doing regular refuse pick up throughout the park, working closely with the police. Gorge Park is also receiving visits to minimize homeless camping and debris.

Construction – EI-3-3 – The Construction Section has been working on the following major projects:

- 1 Football field renovation in Copley Park West** – the stripping of existing turf and installation of new drainage have been completed. Installation of conduit for future lights and grading are well on their way. Completion of or internal construction activities is expected in May with irrigation installation following. Field opening after establishment of new turf in July and August is expected in September.
- 2 Rainbow Park Project** has just started. Our crew has mobilized on site, construction fence delinating the site has been established and demolition of existing playground and sports court will take place. The project is scheduled to continue for the next 8 -10 weeks.
- 3 Trail construction in Ambassador Park-** Construction of a new pathway linking the Borden Street parking lot with Morris Drive parking has just been completed.

- 4 **Installation of New Roof on Gyro Park washroom building** – The final inspection of a new metal roof took place in March. Work has been approved and the project is now completed.
- 5 **Other projects** – numerous smaller projects including signage, benches and others were also completed in March and at the beginning of April.

Horticulture – EI-2 – Horticulture crews are now mowing turf in parks and streetscapes and will be hoping for some dry weather to help them get through the first cut of all sites in a timely fashion after a long winter. Spring bulbs are up in numerous locations throughout the municipality. Daffodils are almost finished and now tulips and hyacinths are showing that spring has arrived. Some staff recently attended a Pollinator Planting seminar and one of their projects to complete this training is do a pollinator planting. One of these will be done in Outerbridge Park in cooperation with the dedicated group of volunteers who help us maintain this park.

Urban Forestry – EI-1-3 – The UF supervisory staff continue to work with Engineering on plan designs, as they relate to trees for streetscape improvement projects, and have initiated park inspections to prioritize the pending seasonal proactive park tree pruning and/or mitigation work. The arborists continue to work on proactive boulevard tree pruning, as well as regular Requests For Service. The arboriculture workers are intermittently working to complete this winter's tree planting projects, but are for the most part being utilized for stump grinding requests.

Natural Areas – EI-1-5 –

The Pulling Together Volunteers continue to be very active in many of our parks and we continue to support them with pile pick-ups, mulching and invasive removal. Many youth & school groups have been active in our parks removing invasives and working hard with the Pulling Together Lead Stewards. In conjunction with the Recreation Division, the first School – Park Stewardship sign was installed at Hollydene Park. The goal of the Saanich School-Park Stewardship initiative is to provide the students at every school in Saanich the chance to feel connected to their local park. Arbutus Middle School have been part of the restoration work at Hollydene for several years and have helped with removing invasive plants, mulching exposed soils, and planting native plants.



material.

The parking lot blackberry patch at McMinn Park has been removed and planted with Nootka rose, Salmonberry, Flowering currant, Sword fern, & Dull Oregon grape. The site was mulched and a

The Playfair Park Garry Oak Meadow trail project is all wrapped up just in time for the Lead Steward to host a 'show & tell' of the great work that she has done. The grassy path through the restoration area has been upgraded into a formal trail. It was a delicate operation as to not disturb the meadow of sprouting Camas, *Viola praemorsa* and other native flowers. The trail edge was lined with bricks to help define and contain the pathway



Cedar split-rail fence was installed.

100 Camas bulbs have been planted at the Garry Oak meadow at Bruce Hutchinson Park along with Snowberry, Salmonberry, Oregon grape, Nootka rose, & Ocean spray. Our Natural Areas Practitioner completed her pollinator's project by planting a mix of bee & butterfly friendly (and deer unfriendly) shrubs and flowers at the Leynes entrance into Vantreight Park while retaining a healthy patch of stinging nettle and Thimbleberry.

Crews continue to treat invasive plant species such as Lesser celandine, Poison hemlock, English Holly, Gorse, and Garlic mustard. The Small Tree Maintenance program is just wrapping up the fertilizing of boulevard and parks trees. We are gearing up for another dry spring and summer; irrigation, watering trucks and watering bags will once again be a major component of keeping our young boulevard and park tree and shrub assets alive and healthy.

Projects, Planning and Design

McMinn Park – We hope to construct Phase 2 later this year which consists of a small washroom building and bike skills area. Staff are working with an Engineering firm on the design of the future washroom building and have issued a request for proposal (design and construction) for the small beginners' bike skills area.

Haro Woods Management Plan – The final public event was held on April 17, with 84 people attending. The key goal was to get the information needed to finalize a trails plan, and the management strategy that will be used to manage the on-going biking issue. Staff will be presenting to ENA, PTR and CBRA prior to going to Council on May 28. Find out more at: <http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-culture/parks/projects-in-saanich-parks/active-projects/haro-woods.html>

Cedar Hill Park Visioning and Planning Project – Council approved the motion to accept the Vision Statement for the park and to proceed with Phase 2 of the project at the April 9 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Staff will begin work on Phase 2 which will entail gathering essential technical background information and writing a DRAFT Management Plan. The plan will be centred on the information discussed with the Stakeholder Working Group over the past 14 months, as well as comments collected from over 800 members of the public via a variety of public engagement activities. It is expected that a DRAFT Plan will be ready for review by Stakeholders and the broader community in the late fall of 2018.

Layritz Park Parking Lot Upgrade – Parks staff are continuing to work with a consultant and our Purchasing Department to tender this project for construction this summer.

Mount Douglas Park Summit Parking Lot Improvements – Parks staff are working with the Friends of Mount Douglas Park Society to modestly improve the parking lot at the summit with a focus on pedestrian improvements. We are planning to install an interpretive sign kiosk similar (but smaller) to the Welcome Kiosk at the foot of Churchill Drive. This will also include a bike rack and the consolidation of information/regulatory signs.

Shelbourne “Street of Unfinished Dreams” – Council received and endorsed the project at the March 19/18 council meeting. The proposal, which was originally put forward by a community organized Memorial Committee, proposes a number of measures that will ensure the longevity of the London Plane trees planted as a memorial in 1921 along Shelbourne Street. Work has already begun on two initiatives that are to be undertaken in 2018 which includes a) the installation of 4 interpretive signs in various locations along Shelbourne Street and b) the addition of a symbol to be added to the street signs along Shelbourne Street indicating that this road was planted with London Planetrees as a memorial to soldiers lost in World War 1. The plan is to have all these signs installed by Remembrance Day Nov 11, 1918 which is the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1.

Rosedale Park Playground Replacement – The old playground at Rosedale park was originally installed in 1994 and has been identified as a priority upgrade based on the playground replacement criteria. The old wooden equipment no longer conforms to CSA requirements and is flooded in the wintertime. Public participation is underway with an online survey that’s open from April 1st to May 1st. The feedback collected will help inform the type of playground equipment wanted at Rosedale Park. The project is scheduled for construction early fall.

Community Development:

Various Park Partners have begun using the new process to submit requests to conduct works in parks. Here is a summary of projects that have already occurred or are currently in process (approved):

- Hampton Park by Hampton Little League
 - scoreboard electrification project
- Layritz Park by Layritz Intermediate Baseball
 - Scoreboard replacement project
 - Bleachers replacement (to increase seating capacity)

Saanich Parks (Operations, Permit Administration and Community Development) is in the process of meeting with each sports club for annual reviews. We are currently focused on softball, baseball and lacrosse to catch each group before their season starts. We have discussed the new process and each president is given a copy of the new application form and guidelines so they are personally aware this process is available to them. Most clubs have thanked us for clarifying the process to get projects approved in parks.