



AGENDA

For the Council Meeting to be Held
At the Saanich Municipal Hall,
770 Vernon Avenue
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017

I 6:00 P.M., COMMITTEE ROOM NO. 2

Motion to close the meeting to the public in accordance with Section 90 (1) (a) of the *Community Charter*.

II 7:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Council meeting held February 20, 2017
2. Committee of the Whole meeting held February 20, 2017
3. Special Council meeting held February 22, 2017

B. BYLAWS FOR FINAL READING

1. **1550 ARROW ROAD – HOUSING AGREEMENT**

Final reading of "Housing Agreement Authorization Bylaw (1550 Arrow Road), 2017, No. 9417".
To restrict the development of the lands and rental of dwelling units to Affordable Seniors Independent Rental Housing.

C. PUBLIC INPUT (ON BUSINESS ITEMS D & E)

D. RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

- P. 3 1. **UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES 2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES**
Invoice from the Union of BC Municipalities requesting payment of annual membership dues in the amount of \$19,292.44 (including GST).

- P. 4 2. **FARM WORKER HOUSING**
Further to the Notice of Motion from the February 20, 2017 Council meeting, Councillor Brice recommends that Council reconfirm its support for the work of the Agriculture and Food Security Task Force currently underway, on a broad range of issues, and specifically ask the Task Force to put its attention to exploring the issue of Farm Worker Housing and providing Saanich solutions.

E. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

- P. 5 1. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
Recommendation from the January 25, 2017 Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meeting that Council consider at the next strategic planning session the development of an affordable housing strategy and inclusionary zoning as per Official Community Plan 5.1.2 Policy 14.

- P. 8 2. **REQUEST TO NAME LAMBRICK PARK BASEBALL DIAMOND**
Recommendation from the January 26, 2017 Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee that Council support the naming of the full-sized baseball diamond at Lambrick Park as Joe Stephenson Field.

*** Adjournment ***

AGENDA

For the Committee of the Whole Meeting
** IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING**
The Council Meeting in the Council Chambers

1. **MOUNT DOUGLAS PARK DISABILITY PARKING**
P. 15 Report of the Director of Parks and Recreation dated January 19, 2017 recommending that Council endorse staff's recommendation to utilize the existing Parking Permit Program administered by the Victoria Disability Resource Centre and to provide disability-parking stalls in Mount Douglas Park based on the formula outlined in the report.

* * * Adjournment * * *

"IN CAMERA" COUNCIL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS

1300-20UBCM



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Invoice Date: Jan 31, 2017
Invoice No: D-4482
Due: upon receipt
Reference: 2017 UBCM Annual Dues

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<p>Population: 110,889</p> <p><i>Your UBCM dues have been calculated using population estimates (Dec 2016 release) provided by BC STATS, the central statistical agency of the Province of British Columbia, and include a rate increase of 1.75% effective Jan 2017, approved by the UBCM Executive.</i></p>	
<p>Annual Dues:</p> <p>First 5,000 population at 0.6886 \$3,443.00</p> <p>Next 10,000 at 0.5001 \$5,001.00</p> <p>Next 15,000 at 0.3147 \$4,720.50</p> <p>Balance at 0.0644 \$5,209.25</p>	
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<p>5% GST: (10815 0541)</p> <p>\$918.69</p>	
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NOTICE OF MOTION: FARM WORKER HOUSING

Submitted by: Councillor Susan Brice

Introduced to Council: February 20, 2017

Motion for Consideration: February 27, 2017

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Saanich is currently developing an Agriculture and Food Security plan. A sustainable agricultural industry is predicated on profitability.

At a recent joint meeting of Saanich and Central Saanich Councils, the need for farm worker housing was raised. The Peninsula and Area Agricultural Commission (PAAC) is on record as supporting solutions to temporary farm worker accommodation.

A farmer and longtime leader in the agricultural community in Saanich raised the need for farm worker housing at the Open Forum session of the Saanich Council meeting of January 23, 2017.

British Columbia research exists in Temporary Farm Worker Housing in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) prepared by the Sustainable Agriculture Management Branch and Farm Worker Housing Policy Review published by Community Council, 2010.

Recommendation:

That Council reconfirm its support for the work of the Agriculture and Food Security Task Force currently underway, on a broad range of issues, and specifically ask the Task Force to put its attention to exploring the issue of Farm Worker Housing and providing Saanich solutions.

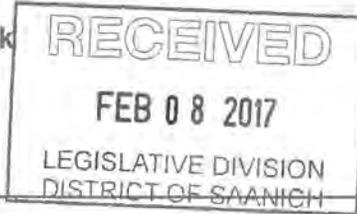


Memo

To: Donna Dupas, Legislative Manager **File:** 1420-30
From: Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk
Date: February 3, 2017
Subject: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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At the January 25, 2017 meeting of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee, the Committee heard a presentation on affordable housing in Saanich. Following discussion the Committee resolved as follows:

“That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee request Council to consider at the next strategic planning session, the development of an affordable housing strategy and inclusionary zoning as per OCP 5.1.2 Policy 14.”

An excerpt from the minutes is attached for information.

Elizabeth van den Hengel

Elizabeth van den Hengel
Committee Clerk

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Paul Thorkelsson, CAO
Director of Finance
Director of Planning
Councillor Plant, Chair

Attachments (1)

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Community Planner presented an overview of Saanich's work on the subject of affordable housing and highlighted:

- Affordable housing is defined by the CMHC as housing that costs less than 30% of gross household income.
- Gaps in the affordable housing supply for low to moderate income households.
- Housing affordability is impacted by numerous factors
 - Market forces
 - High land costs
 - Rising construction costs
 - Years of lack of federal and provincial investment in housing
 - Stagnant growth of incomes at lower levels.
 - Shift of housing support away from low income households to assisted living
- Victoria has become the least affordable smaller housing market in Canada
- Currently in Saanich the median house price is \$598,300, with the median Saanich income as \$66,200.
- Twenty-eight percent of households pay more than 30% of their household income on housing.
- Vacancy rate in Saanich is 0.4%.
- Saanich affordable housing initiatives include:
 - Policy
 - Housing fund
 - Infill regulations
 - Support for social housing and co-ops
 - Financial support for regional housing affordability
 - Strategic partnerships
- Saanich's affordable housing policy is contained in the OCP.
- Saanich policies and practices align with the regional Housing Affordability Strategy.
- Saanich is actively looking at practices to increase housing affordability including:
 - Detached secondary dwellings study TOR being developed
 - Continuing to encourage affordable units in market housing projects
 - Encouraging mixed-income housing projects and strategic partnerships
 - Exploring infill opportunities through policy initiatives and Local Area Plan updates
 - Broadening the range of housing opportunities
- Challenges to affordable housing in Saanich:
 - Retaining and improving propose build rentals.
 - Homelessness in Saanich
 - Balancing interests
 - Affordable entry level home ownership
 - Low income housing

Committee discussion occurred and the following was noted:

- The CRD is planning to protect and rejuvenate existing rental stock.
- Requiring developers to consider affordable units in market housing projects could be explored.

- Saanich should consider a mandatory percentage of affordable housing units in new multi-unit residential developments.
- Housing affordability needs to be within the overall land planning strategies not in isolation.
- Density bonusing is not a suitable solution as Saanich has not reached maximum densities.
- Saanich should consider developing an Affordable Housing Strategy.
- Cohesiveness between communities and developing Local Area Plans that support affordable housing should be fostered.
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MOTION: **Moved by M. Davie and Seconded by J. Hodgson: “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee request Council consider at the next strategic planning session, the development of an affordable housing strategy and inclusionary zoning as per OCP 5.1.2 Policy 14.”**

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Memo

To: Donna Dupas, Legislative Manager **File: 1420-30**

From: Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk

Date: January 27, 2017

Subject: REQUEST TO NAME LAMBRICK PARK BASEBALL DIAMOND

At the January 26, 2017 the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee heard presentations from The Chair of the Greater Victoria Baseball Association Victoria Eagles and the Senior Manager, Parks, on the request to name the Lambrick Park Baseball diamond. Accordingly the Committee resolved as follows:

“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.”

Background materials and an excerpt from the minutes is attached for your information.

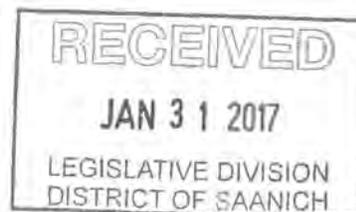
Elizabeth van den Hengel

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Committee Clerk

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ecopy: Mayor Atwell
Paul Thorkelsson, CAO
Councillor Murdock
Director of Parks and Recreation
Director of Finance

Attachments (3)



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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.”**

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The Corporation of the District of Saanich

Report

To: Council
From: Dean Murdock, Chair, Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee
Date: 1/26/2017
Subject: Lambrick Park Baseball Diamond Naming

RECOMMENDATION

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.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to recommend to Council that the full-sized baseball diamond at Lambrick Park be named as "Joe Stephenson Field" following the direction outlined in the council policy on Park Naming.

DISCUSSION

Background

The Victoria Eagles Baseball Club (Eagles) and the Gordon Head at Lambrick Park Baseball Association (GHLPBA) have made a joint request to the Director of Parks and Recreation to name the full-sized baseball diamond in Lambrick Park after a long time volunteer, Joe Stephenson (see Appendix 1).

According to the council policy on Park Naming,

Significant features within a park may be named separately based on a recommendation from a community organization, review by the Parks and Recreation Committee [PTR], and approval by Council.

Both the Eagles and GHLPBA have been long standing sports user groups in Saanich, specifically in Lambrick Park, offering a variety of baseball programs for Saanich residents. Joe Stephenson volunteered to ensure the success of these programs for 18 years.

The clubs would ideally like to announce the naming of the field at the 2017 Opening Ceremonies on April 2, 2017.

Saanich has a number of sports fields, soccer and baseball, that are named after individuals. Examples include: Doug Day, Wilf Sadler and Frank Leversedge fields.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That Council supports the recommendation from the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee.
2. That Council does not support the recommendation from the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is anticipated that the Clubs would like to place a sign at the diamond with the name. Costs associated with this will be the responsibility of the clubs, with some input from Saanich Parks staff related to optimal sign placement and standards. There is no anticipated financial implications to Saanich of naming this baseball diamond.

CONCLUSIONS

The Eagles and GHPBA baseball clubs have requested that the full-size baseball diamond in Lambrick Park be named after long-time volunteer Joe Stephenson. The Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends that Council support the naming following the direction outlined in Council's policy on Park Naming.

Approved by



Dean Murdock

Chair, Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee

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Attachment 1: Letter from clubs

for file



Victoria Eagles Baseball
GVBA High Performance Division

BC Premier League & BC Minor Baseball



GORDON HEAD
AT
LAMBRICK PARK BASEBALL ASSOCIATION



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January 3, 2017

Dear Ms. Samborski,

Request to Name Lambrick Park Baseball Diamond

The Victoria Eagles Baseball Club ("Eagles") and the Gordon Head at Lambrick Park Baseball Association ("GHLPBA") jointly request that the full-size diamond at Lambrick Park be named "Joe Stephenson Field". GHLPBA holds the permit for the field and their community-based teams share the field with the Eagles high performance baseball program.

The Lambrick Park diamond is the most highly used baseball facility in the Greater Victoria area. The reason for this is simple – it is not only the best diamond in Victoria, it is one of the best places to watch a baseball game in B.C. Its lights, scoreboard, dugouts, batting cage, concession, and the fantastic setting foster the ambience of a minor-league ballpark to the delight of the thousands of players and fans who frequent the field every year beginning in March and ending in October.

The credit for this belongs to one person above all others – Joe Stephenson. It would not have happened without the vision, tenacity and leadership he displayed during the eighteen years he volunteered for baseball programs based at Lambrick Park. Joe first served on the Gordon Head Little League for four years before joining the Lambrick Park Babe Ruth Baseball Association ("LPBA") in 1997. In the Fall of 1998, he accepted the nomination to serve as President of LPBA and he immediately set to work on improving the diamond.

In 1999, LPBA applied and received a grant from the Saanich Kinsmen to complete the clubhouse flooring and Joe solicited another donation to finish its interior window coverings. That same year, Joe led the initiative to install a new scoreboard outside the fence in right field. He secured sponsors to cover \$24,000 of the \$32,000 purchase price and got free installation from Don Mann Excavating. To install the new scoreboard, Joe spearheaded the campaign to obtain approval from the Saanich Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, conduct a survey of local neighbours, and get approval from Saanich Council. His efforts paid off when Saanich Council voted unanimously in favour of the new scoreboard which was installed in time for the BC Summer Games in July, 2000. The scoreboard was not the only improvement Joe implemented in 2000. That year the LPBA funded a new batting cage with a rubber floor, lights, and a storage facility. He persuaded a local commercial lighting company to donate the batting cage lights and the cost of installation.

Joe was just as busy in 2001 when he approached Saanich Kinsmen to fund \$10,000 cost of a new permanent fence extending from dugout to dugout around the outfield, replacing a temporary fence that was old, rusty and dangerous. A new backstop was also erected. 2001 was the year that Joe began to articulate his vision of establishing the Lambrick Park field as the first dedicated full time youth baseball field in Greater Victoria to have field lights. The cost of this project was estimated at \$150,000 which was significant for a youth baseball program. Joe made presentations to Saanich Parks, the Gordon Head Residents Association, the Saanich Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, attended two separate public meetings, and dealt with opposition from many nearby residents. The public consultation culminated in a Saanich Council meeting where, after several presentations, Council voted unanimously to support the Lambrick Park lights. Funding for the project came from provincial grants, corporate donations, cash and in-kind donations from Saanich Parks, and from LPBA fundraising efforts and in 2003, the outdoor lights were installed. The field could now be used during the early evening darkness and 2003 saw the advent of Fall Ball in Victoria with Lambrick Park as the feature diamond for evening games.

Joe's drive to improve the Lambrick Park diamond continued. In 2005, the worn-out wooden bleachers on the 3rd base side were scheduled for demolition by Saanich Parks. Rather than lose the home side spectator seats, Joe and Saanich Parks agreed to replace them with new concrete bleachers. The LPBA shouldered the cost of about \$45,000. The bleachers not only gave baseball fans new permanent seats, but also much needed storage space for field equipment and supplies.

Joe's tenure as Lambrick Park President saw many additional smaller improvements but he saw one further major project as necessary and important. In 2008, under Joe's leadership, the LPBA began fund raising and applying for grants to replace the field's existing dugouts. These dugouts were very old, flooded in the winter and were frequently vandalized. Moreover, they were too small to hold the larger rosters of the higher calibre teams using the diamond. Joe wanted the dugouts to be of matching quality to the other assets of the field. At personal expense, he visited spring training and major league parks, taking many pictures of Major League Baseball dugout features such as bat racks, washrooms, change rooms which he incorporated into the design of the new Lambrick Park dugouts. Joe was also instrumental in having New Era Caps, a sponsor of many MLB dugouts, design the dugouts (and donate hats for the kids in succeeding years!). After months of designing, corporate fundraising, applying for provincial grants, meeting with Saanich Parks and civil engineers and more visits to the Parks

and Recreation Advisory Committee, Saanich Council gave its unanimous approval for the construction of new dugouts and they were built at a cost of about \$150,000.

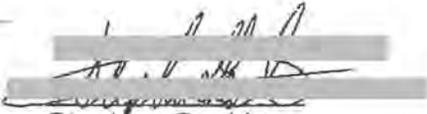
2009 also saw Joe play a central role in the securing of a new BCPBL franchise based at Lambrick Park. The excellent home park facilities were an important factor in the BCPBL's decision to award the franchise and in 2010 the Victoria Eagles played their first home game on the Lambrick diamond. Today, all three midget age Eagles teams call Lambrick Park home.

After 18 years of volunteering in youth baseball, Joe stepped down from the LPBA in 2012 when it merged with the Gordon Head Baseball Association to form the GHPBA. During Joe's tenure, the LPBA received municipal, provincial, corporate and private donations totaling more than \$500,000, all of which was spent making Lambrick Park a better place for our kids to play baseball. The field is the crown jewel of Saanich baseball parks and it is one of the premier baseball venues in this province. None of this would have happened without Joe Stephenson's leadership and commitment. The Victoria Eagles and the GHPBA strongly believe that Joe deserves recognition for his immense contributions to Lambrick Park and the Saanich community. We believe that naming the diamond "Joe Stephenson Field" is a fitting tribute and we urge Saanich Parks and Recreation to recommend a motion by Saanich Council to this effect. We are hoping that Mayor Atwell can announce the naming of the field at our 2017 Opening Ceremonies at Lambrick Park on April 2, 2017.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Martin Winstanley
Chair
GVBA Victoria Eagles


Stephen Gaskin
President
GHPBA



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Report

To: Mayor and Council
From: Suzanne Samborski, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: 1/19/2017
Subject: Mount Douglas Park Disability Parking

RECOMMENDATION

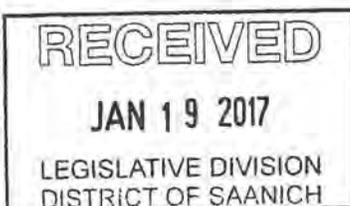
That Council endorse staff's recommendation to utilize the existing Parking Permit Program administered by the Victoria Disability Resource Centre and to provide disability-parking stalls in Mount Douglas Park based on the following formula:

- Summit Lot – retain the existing two (2) disabled persons parking spaces;
- Churchill Lot – allocate one (1) existing parking space to a single disabled persons parking space near the new portable toilet;
- Beach Lot – define two (2) disabled persons parking spaces, one (1) near the washroom building in an area currently unlined for parking spaces and one (1) near the trail to the beach;
- Glendenning Lot – add one (1) disabled persons parking space keeping the existing five (5) spaces intact;
- Blenkinsop Lot – retain parking as defined as this lot services the Blenkinsop Trail that has a difficult (black) rating and is generally undesirable for persons with mobility challenges.

The above formula would produce four (4) additional disabled persons parking spaces throughout the Park for a total of six (6) spaces marked for persons with a disability.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is twofold; one is to advise Council on the Disability Parking Permit Program already in place on Vancouver Island and to make a recommendation to Council for the provision of disability-parking stalls within Mount Douglas Park as per the November 28, 2016 motion from Council. The above recommendation is based on Saanich's Zoning Bylaw for off-street parking and the recently completed Mount Douglas Park Access Study.



DISCUSSION

Parking Permit Program

Vancouver Island has an established program in place to provide disability-parking permits to people who meet certain conditions. These conditions may be permanent or temporary and must be verified by a medical doctor. The Victoria Disability Resource Centre administers the program and has three local offices; Victoria, Sidney and Langford. Permits can also be obtained by mail. It is widely recognized that visitors using parking spaces designated with the blue and white sign with a wheelchair logo must display a valid disability-parking permit to use those spaces. Staff recommend using the existing, well-recognized provincial program for disability-parking permits.

Disability-Parking Spaces

The Saanich Zoning Bylaw does not specifically identify parks in Section 7 – Off Street Parking. However, the requirement for Disabled Persons Parking Spaces (7.4(b)) can still be applied to Mount Douglas Park. The inventory of available parking spaces conducted in the Mount Douglas Park Access Study indicates there are approximately 175 parking spaces within the Park, two of which (at the Summit) are marked for persons with disabilities. Although there is not a parks category in the Zoning Bylaw, the two disabled persons parking spaces in the Park would satisfy the Bylaw requirements. Because parking in Mount Douglas Park is spread over five lots and the two marked spaces are only at the Summit, this application of the Bylaw may not be sufficient to adequately meet community needs.

Timed Parking

The introduction of additional disability parking spots essentially eliminates the need for timed parking. Further, current District capacity makes timed parking nearly impossible to enforce. However, recognizing Council's desire to support more residents being able to access the park, staff are in the process of creating a respectful parking template that encourages residents to limit their parking to no more than two (2) hours at the popular Glendenning and Churchill lots.

Older Adult Strategy

The Department of Parks and Recreation is currently in the midst of developing an Older Adult Strategy for the District. One of the emerging themes of the study is to ensure the provision of outdoor recreational opportunities for those residents who have mobility and vision issues. This could involve an audit of Saanich Parks and Trails and subsequent mapping for a brochure similar to the one Westshore Parks and Recreation and CRD Parks produced a few years ago. The resulting *Guide to User-Friendly Trails* brochure is a huge success even garnering awards for its insightful and complete information.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That Council endorse the recommendation as outlined in the staff report.
2. That Council receive this report for information; in essence supporting that the current provision for disabled persons parking spaces in the Park meets the Saanich Zoning Bylaw requirements and no additional spaces are needed.
3. That Council refer the provision of disabled parking spaces to the Older Adult Strategy currently underway in the District.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The staff recommendation to provide four (4) additional (6 total) disabled persons parking spaces in Mount Douglas Park is proposed to be funded from established budgets in the 2017 financial plan. Keeping the status quo would have no significant financial implications. Cost to create the space in Glendenning would be less than \$2,000 and would be funded from the Parks Operations budget. Referring the provision of disabled person's parking spaces to the Older Adult Strategy may require additional resources and/or funding from an existing program or may be a new item depending on the recommendations.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Providing additional disabled persons parking spaces aligns with C1 of the current Strategic Plan by supporting active living opportunities for all ages and abilities. This also fits within the Parks Division existing workplan as directed by the Mount Douglas Park Access Study Council approved recommendations (November 2016). Leaving some of the Park's popular parking areas unmarked for disabled parking spaces does a disservice to members of our community that rely on these spaces for their health and well-being.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Note that allocating a disabled persons parking space in the Churchill parking lot will effectively reduce the number of spaces from 28 spaces to 26 spaces plus one (1) disabled space. At the Glendenning parking lot, staff believe the disabled person's parking space can be added to the existing five spaces without any disruption to the current configuration of the parking area (Appendix 1). This new space is created where vehicles are currently parking illegally. A large stump would need to be removed and some additional gravel placed. If the designation of one of the existing five spaces were to be allocated to a disabled person's parking space, the lot would effectively be reduced to three (3) spaces plus one (1) disabled space.

CONCLUSIONS

Results of the Mount Douglas Park Access Study and through conversations with the community including previous Council discussions have led to the recommendation in this report. Providing additional disabled persons parking spaces aligns with the current Strategic Plan and can be achieved through existing budgets.

Prepared by 
Mike Goldsworthy
Park Planner/Designer

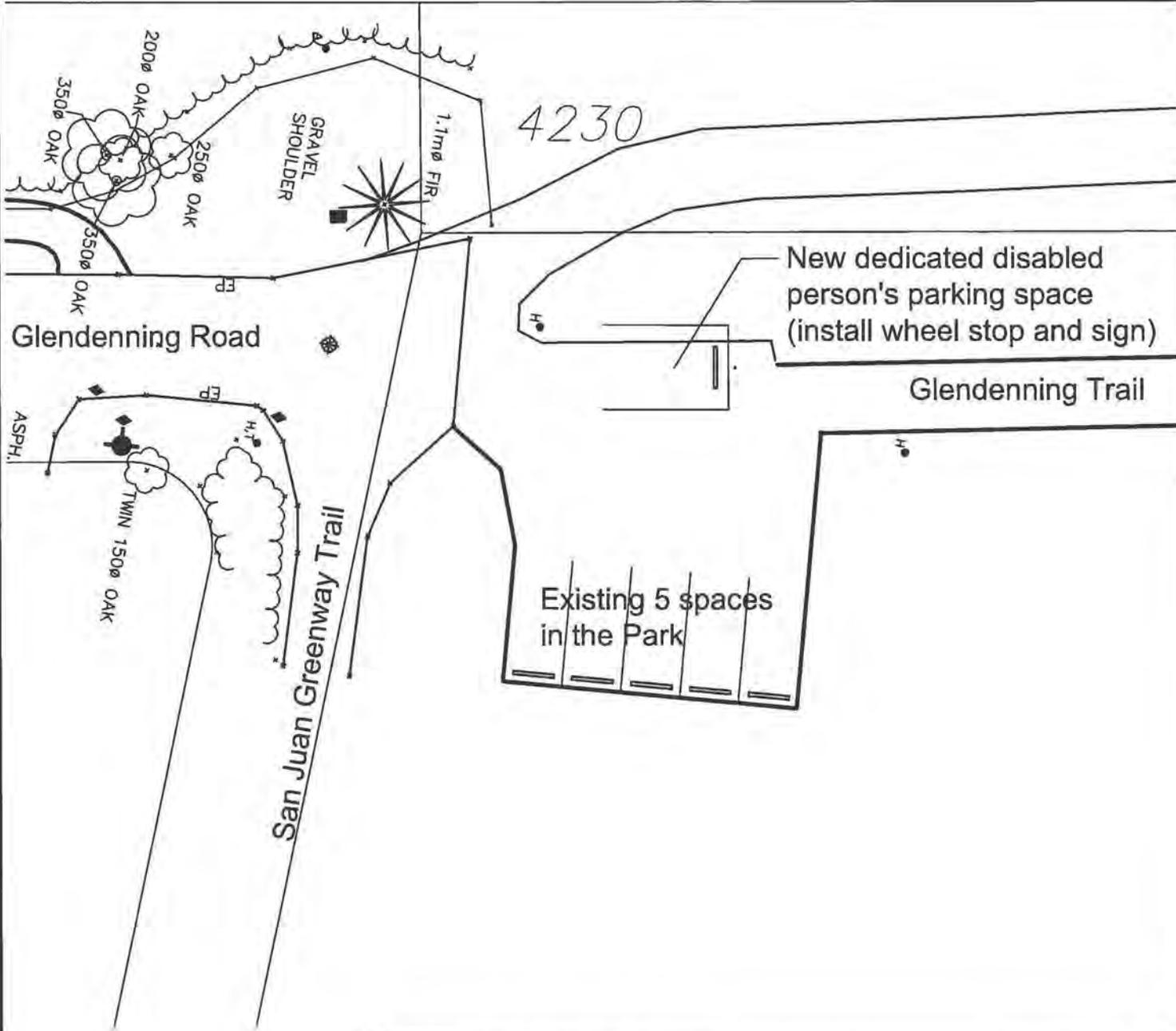
Approved by 
Suzanne Samborski
Director of Parks and Recreation

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ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

I endorse the recommendation from the Director of Parks and Recreation.


Administrator



Saanich Parks and Recreation

Mt. Douglas Park

Glendenning Disability-Parking Plan

DATE: Jan. 2017
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 SCALE: not to scale

APPENDIX
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Clerksec - Mount Douglas Park disability parking.

From: "Ed Polinsky" [REDACTED]
To: <clerksec@saanich.ca>
Date: 2/21/2017 8:54 AM
Subject: Mount Douglas Park disability parking.

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Mayor Atwell and Councillors,

My name is Ed Polinsky. my wife, children and I have lived at [REDACTED] Glendenning road for [REDACTED] years this coming June 27th.

Every time I turn off Mt. Doug Cross road I smile, Home Again!

I have a recommendation that might be a possible solution to the ongoing parking situation on our very special, yet very restricted road.

Turn the small parking lot into a special needs or people with mobility issues parking lot only. I should imagine the handicap parking pass is the best way to handle this. By doing this it would create a decent area for special needs people and their vehicles such as a van that might contain a wheelchair bound person. It would also help put an end to future problematic situations like "How can we make more public parking on Glendenning road"? The road would then be safer and more user friendly for everyone else to enjoy.

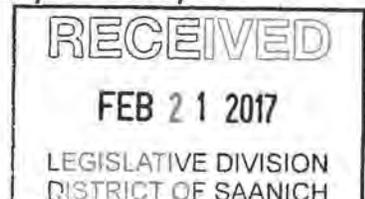
What is being given up by doing this?

A total of four public parking spots at the most.

There is ample parking in other areas for folks without mobility issues to park. The situation we have now is cars going up to the lot, finding it full and then parking where ever they can fit their car into a space. Glendenning road can only handle so much vehicle traffic safely; passing other cars can only be done in certain areas. Most people are very good and will wait, I've always thought of it as a courtesy road.

There is an ever increasing amount of cyclists, commuter and recreational. Foot traffic, joggers, walking clubs, classes of school children, we see them all coming and going on our Road. People are exercising and out in the fresh air, which is fabulous. Glendenning road needs fewer cars and if the small lot was designated for those with mobility issues only, there would be a lot less and it would be safer for everybody else. There would be no need to venture to the end of the road hoping to find a parking spot, people would just change their habits and park in other areas.

What we call the bridle path is also our sidewalk, pray tell, "Why do we have to put up with people parking on our sidewalk"? Split rails and a refurbished bridle path would be



greatly appreciated. I do hope that input from Glendenning residents could be considered by the powers to be as far as proposed improvements are concerned.

Thank you

Ed Polinsky

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Clerksec - Re: Parking for People with Disabilities -Mount Douglas Park**From:** Debra Hopkins**Subject:** Re: Parking for People with Disabilities -Mount Douglas Park

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Dear Mayor Atwell and Council,

I am writing to support the Saanich Parks Staff recommendations pertaining to parking for people with disabilities contained in their report of January 19, 2017.

With the advent of equipment designed to facilitate people with disabilities access to the outdoors, such as all-terrain wheelchairs and TrailRiders™, designated parking is not an option in public parking lots. The designated spots provide adequate space for the person with a disability safely transfer from their vehicle to their mobility device and back again. I have attached a few pictures of a persons with disabilities using TrailRiders™ in Mount Douglas Park, as you can see using this device which Recreation Integration Victoria loans, people with disabilities can safely travel the trails and summit with the assistance of friends and volunteers.

Almut Beringer, a researcher at La Trobe University in Australia gathered the following quotes from people with disabilities about their experiences in natural environments.

"Being moved by greater powers (beauty, physical forces such as the wind or plant growth) puts oneself, one's challenges and life in perspective; 'humility, gratitude'

The outdoors is a non-judgmental non-condescending, non-pitying environment."

"Nature Provides an experience of continuity and stability..."

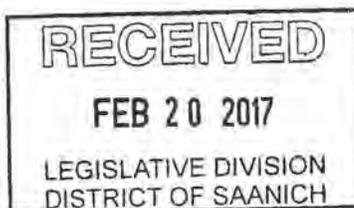
"In short, nature and the outdoors provide an environment of positive support, together with the beneficial effects associated with nature in general (tranquillity peace of mind, etc.)"

Access starts at the parking lot, people with disabilities want to get beyond the parking lot.

Respectfully submitted,

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