

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2009
(immediately following the Committee of the Whole)

(RDN Board Chambers)

A G E N D A

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CALL TO ORDER

COMMISSIONS

District 69 Recreation Commission. (Parksville, Qualicum Beach, EAs 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H' – Weighted Vote)

3-8 Minutes of the District 69 Recreation Commission meeting held May 21, 2009. (for information)

1. That the following District 69 Recreation Youth Grants be approved:

<u>Community Group</u>	<u>Amount Recommended</u>
<i>Bard to Broadway - Teen Musical Theatre</i>	\$ 2,500
<i>District 69 Family Resource Association - Youth Week Event</i>	\$ 750
<i>Oceanside Arts Council - Youth Theatre Workshop</i>	\$ 750
<i>One Five One - Art Materials</i>	\$ 2,500
<i>Parksville Qualicum Community Foundation - Hallow's Eve Event</i>	\$ 1,850

2. That the following District 69 Recreation Community Grants be approved:

<u>Community Group</u>	<u>Amount Recommended</u>
<i>Arrowsmith Community Enhancement Society – Picnic</i>	\$1,000
<i>Bard to Broadway - Pacific Vocal Institute</i>	\$1,000
<i>Bowser Chess Club - Tournament Equipment</i>	\$2,100
<i>Errington Farmer's Market - Band Shell Project Seating</i>	\$1,500
<i>Parksville & Dist Assn for Community Living - Music Programs</i>	\$2,000
<i>Parksville & Dist 69 Team - Operation Trackshoes Meet Transportation</i>	\$1,500
<i>Parksville Lawn Bowling Club – Curbing</i>	\$470
<i>Parksville Seniors Activity Centre - Storage Cupboards</i>	\$250
<i>Qualicum Beach Community Garden Society - Construction Of Raised Beds</i>	\$2,500
<i>The Old School House - Harvest of Music Festival</i>	\$1,900

(All Directors – One Vote)

3. *That the Regional District Board support an application for the repair and upgrades of the Ravensong Aquatic Centre under the Western Economic Diversification Canada – Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program and commit to cover the Regional District's share of eligible project costs and ineligible project costs.*

ADDENDUM

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

IN CAMERA

That pursuant to Section 90(1) (a), 90(1) (c) and 90(1) (e) of the Community Charter the Board proceed to an In Camera Committee meeting to consider personal information about an individual being considered for appointment to the Nanaimo Airport Commission and items related to personnel and land issues.

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT 69 RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009 AT OCEANSIDE PLACE, 2:00pm

Attendance: Reg Nosworthy, Electoral Area 'F', Deputy Chairperson
Lou Biggemann, Director, RDN Board
Eve Flynn, Trustee, School District #69
Teresa Patterson, Councilor, City of Parksville

Staff: Tom Osborne, General Manager of Recreation and Parks
Dan Porteous, Superintendent of Arenas and Southern Recreation Services
Sandra Pearson, Superintendent of Aquatics and Northern Recreation Services
Mike Chestnut, Superintendent of Facility Operations
Marilynn Newsted, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Dave Bartram, Director, RDN Board
Frank Van Eynde, Electoral Area 'E', Chairperson
Patty Biro, Electoral Area 'H'
Jack Wilson, Councilor, Town of Qualicum Beach

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Chair Nosworthy called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

MINUTES

MOVED Commissioner Biggemann, SECONDED Commissioner Flynn, that the Minutes of the District 69 Recreation Commission meeting held April 16, 2009, be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED Commissioner Biggemann, SECONDED Commissioner Flynn, that the Minutes of the District 69 Recreation Commission Grants Committee meeting held May 7, 2009, be approved.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED Commissioner Patterson, SECONDED Commissioner Flynn, that the following Correspondence be received:

- Ms. Fabris, Parksville Seniors Activity and Drop In Centre, Re: Grant Thank You
- G. Prescott, Errington Therapeutic Riding Association, Re: Grant Thank You
- T. Osborne to Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Re: Canada – BC Building Canada Fund Ravensong Aquatic Centre Application
- M. Pickering, Parksville Pirates Slo-Pitch Softball Club, Re: Grant Thank You
- D. Kohse, Qualicum Beach Fire Department, Re: Grant Thank You

- S. Pearson to Lighthouse Recreation Commission, Re: Memorandum Of Cooperation

CARRIED

FUNCTION REPORTS

Oceanside Place

Mr. Porteous presented the monthly update for Oceanside Place highlighting the following items:

- Senior Scrub Hockey will be extended into June as participation in the program remains high.
- Registrations for Summer Scrub Hockey are starting to come in.
- Dry floor maintenance is underway at Oceanside Place.
- Ice is out in both the Howie Meeker Arena and The Pond.
- Operational changes to lighting usage, as noted in the Quantum Lighting audit, have begun.
- Parksville Lions have confirmed they are prepared to sponsor the Family Skate Sessions for a trial period of one year. Family Skate Sessions will no longer be offered on Saturdays as the attendance numbers for this skate have diminished. Hopefully, rental revenue will increase during the Saturday time slot due to other user participation and attendance figures will increase for the Family Skate Sessions as clients who may not have been able to afford the sessions in the past, may now be included.
- Programming staff are in the process of preparing the Fall/Winter Active Living Guide.

Ravensong Aquatic Centre/Recreation Coordinating

Ms. Pearson presented the monthly update for the Ravensong Aquatic Centre and the Recreation Coordinating Function highlighting the following items:

- Numerous in-service and staff training sessions were held at the Aquatic Centre in April to assist staff in updating their skills and procedures in compliance with recommendations from the recent safety audit.
- Program numbers are down slightly, which may be due to the cancellation of some upper level leadership courses. However, private swim lesson numbers are quite good.
- A major water leak in the underground tunnel at the pool has been repaired.
- Four new aquatic staff and a new maintenance person have just joined the aquatic team.
- Two Summer Recreation Assistants and eleven Summer Leaders have been hired. Junior leaders and inclusion workers will round out the summer staff.
- The fourth year of hosting the *Eat Well Get Moving Program* with the School District has begun. In the fifth and final year, 2010, staff will be planning a wrap-up event which will coincide with the opening of the Games.
- *Move For Health Day* in Qualicum Beach was very poorly attended.
- A \$4,000 Public Awareness Grant has been received to be used to promote physical activity for adults in the 35 to 54 years age bracket.
- The final clue for the 2009 *Golden Shoe Hunt* will be out Friday. This program has had a great response from the Community.
- Nineteen people participated in the *Run the River* program held on the Big Qualicum River Trail

Regional Parks and Trails and Community Parks (EA 'E' – 'H')

Mr. Osborne presented the monthly update for the Regional Parks and Trails and Community Parks (EA 'E' – 'H') highlighting the following items:

- Stairs have been installed in Brickyard Community Park in Area 'E'.
- Substantial engineering work is required along the French Creek in Area 'G' in an effort to restore the bank.
- A boardwalk is currently been constructed in Deep Bay Community Park.
- Work on the Mt. Benson Regional Park Management Plan and the 707 Community Park Management Plan continues.
- A grant application has been submitted for two bridges and related trail work on the Lighthouse Country Regional Trail.
- Discussions with the four municipalities and the Regional District are in progress regarding the procurement of an agreement with the Island Corridor Foundation for a Licence of Occupation, which would cover the entire rail corridor as part of the E & N Rail Trail initiative. If successful the whole corridor for trail access from Cassidy to Deep Bay and over to Cathedral Grove will be covered.
- Horne Lake Regional Park is entering its busy summer season. The group campsite is complete.

MOVED Commissioner Flynn, SECONDED Commissioner Biggemann, that the Reports be received.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Grants Committee Recommendations

MOVED Commissioner Flynn, SECONDED Commissioner Patterson, that the following District 60 Recreation Youth Grants be approved:

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Recreation Infrastructure Canada

Mr. Osborne stated a new grant called the Western Economic Diversification Canada - Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program has been announced by the federal government. This grant will provide one third funding up to a one million dollar cap and is specifically earmarked for recreation infrastructure. Mr. Osborne noted the earlier grant application to the Canada – BC Building Canada Fund – Communities Component did offer two thirds funding without a dollar cap. Mr. Osborne suggested the Commission should consider applying for this additional grant as the criteria is more specific to the Ravensong project and also as a backup should the BC Building Canada Fund grant be denied.

MOVED Commissioner Flynn, SECONDED Commissioner Biggemann, that the Regional Board support an application for the repair and upgrades of the Ravensong Aquatic Centre under the Western Economic Diversification Canada – Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program and commit to cover the Regional District's share of eligible project costs and ineligible project costs.

CARRIED

Manager of Recreation Services

Mr. Osborne announced Mr. Dean Banman has been confirmed as the successful candidate for the position of Manager of Recreation Services. Mr. Banman will be joining the Recreation and Parks Department at the end of June.

COMMISSIONER ROUNDTABLE

Commissioner Patterson reported the City of Parksville is investigating the possibilities of hosting the 2011/2012 BC Senior Winter Games.

Commissioner Flynn reported the 2009 School District Budget was passed. Some bus routes will be cut to meet the budget shortfall. An open house was held May 13 for parents to review transportation safety, rural vs. urban issues, charging or not charging for bus service and other issues regarding busing. A revised transportation policy will be presented to the Board next week and made available to parents in June.

Commissioner Flynn noted the Ballenas Dry Grad will be held at Oceanside Place on May 23. The theme this year is Under the Sea. Decorations will include a ship wreck, submarines, whales, jelly fish and more.

Commissioner Biggemann reported he was happy to present a cheque in the amount of \$25,000, on behalf of the Regional Board, to the Arrowsmith Agriculture Association to assist with the construction of the Arrowsmith Activity Hall on the Coombs Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Biggemann noted a group of railroad speeder riders are in the process of clearing train track from Whiskey Creek to Port Alberni in preparation of a ride by thirty people which is to be held on June 30. The speeder riders will travel from Whiskey Creek to Port Alberni and then on to Courtenay, using Parksville as their base.

Commissioner Nosworthy noted the following items:

- A Getting to Know Your Community Social will be held on June 28.
- The After School Activity Program will end in June. Plans are underway to secure grant funding to continue the program.
- Summer camps are scheduled at French Creek Community School July 20 to 24 and at Errington Elementary Community School July 27 to 31.
- The Arrowsmith Community Picnic will be held June 5 at the fair grounds. The picnic is jointly sponsored by ACES and the Arrowsmith Agriculture Association.
- The Electoral Area 'F' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee reviewed all the parks in Area 'F' and prioritized projects for the next five years at their last meeting.

COMMISSION INFORMATION

The next District 69 Recreation Commission meeting will be held Thursday, September 25, at Oceanside Place.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Commissioner Biggemann, SECONDED Commissioner Flynn, that the meeting be adjourned at 2:30pm.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

MOVED Commissioner Flynn, SECONDED Commissioner Patterson, that pursuant to Section (90) (1) (e) of the Community Charter the Committee (Commission) proceed to an In Camera meeting to consider land issues.

CARRIED

Chairperson