

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE  
DISTRICT 69 RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2014 AT 2:00PM  
AT OCEANSIDE PLACE – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

**Attendance:** Scott Tanner, Councillor, Town of Qualicum Beach  
Gordon Wiebe, Electoral Area 'E'  
David Edgeley, Electoral Area 'F'  
Richard Leontowich, Electoral Area 'H'  
Ross Milligan, Trustee, District #69 School Board  
Peter Morrison, Councillor, City of Parksville  
Bill Veenhof, Director, RDN Board Appointee

**Staff:** Tom Osborne, General Manager of Recreation and Parks  
Dean Banman, Manager of Recreation Services  
Ann-Marie Harvey, Recording Secretary  
Chrissie Finnie, Recreation Programmer

**Regrets:** Joe Stanhope, Director, RDN Board, Electoral Area 'G'

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Tanner called the meeting to order at 2:00pm

**PRESENTATION**

Ms. Finnie and Chair Tanner presented the two Performance Recognition Awards to recipients G. Courtorielle for Barebow Archery and G. Verge for Tennis.

**MINUTES**

MOVED Commissioner Veenhof, SECONDED Commissioner Morrison that the Minutes of the Regular District 69 Recreation Commission meeting February 20, 2014 be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED Commissioner Veenhof, SECONDED Commissioner Milligan that the Minutes of the District 69 Recreation Grants Sub-Committee meeting May 7, 2014 be approved.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Grant Approvals**

MOVED Commissioner Veenhof, SECONDED Commissioner Morrison that the following District 69 Youth Recreation Grant applications be approved:

<b>Community Group</b>	
Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association - sports programs	\$ 800
Bard to Broadway Theatre Society - summer youth theatre workshop	\$ 1,000
Bard to Broadway Theatre Society - performing arts education series	\$ 1,500
Errington War Memorial Hall Association - Youth Engagement music program	\$ 1,000
Ravensong Aquatic Club - visual aids and pace clock repair	\$ 1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,300</b>

CARRIED

MOVED Commissioner Veenhof, SECONDED Commissioner Wiebe that the following District 69 Community Recreation Grant applications be approved:

<b>Community Group</b>	
Arrowsmith Agricultural Association - electrical service to outdoor stage	\$ 2,000
Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association -Coombs Candy Walk	\$ 1,500
Bow Horne Bay Community Club - Lighthouse Country Fair	\$ 2,500
Corcan Meadowood Residents Association - Canada and Park Opening and Halloween events	\$ 1,500
Harmony Band (formerly Jugmentals Jug Band)	\$ 850
Parksville Golden Oldies Sports Association - Active Aging Week	\$ 2,495
Parksville Lawn Bowling Club - National Championships	\$ 750
Vancouver Island Opera	\$ 1,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,595</b>

CARRIED

**COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED Commissioner Veenhof, SECONDED Commissioner Leontowich that the following correspondence be received:

M. Chestnut, RDN, to M. Hoffman, VIREB, **RE: Sponsorship 2013 Holiday Swim**

S. Tanner, D69 Recreation Commission, to City of Parksville, **RE: Permissive Tax Exemptions**

F. Manson, City of Parksville, to Parksville Mayor and Council, **RE: Mitigating Impact of Reduced Exemption**

W. Rehill, Parksville Curling Club, to City of Parksville, **RE: Request for Update Regarding Taxation Bill.**

C. Burger, City of Parksville, to Parksville Curling Club, **RE: Permissive Taxation Exemption**

S. Tanner, G. Wiebe, D. Edgeley, to D69 Recreation Commission, **RE: 2014 BCRPA Symposium.**

CARRIED

## REPORTS

**Monthly Update – Oceanside Place –February 2014**

**Monthly Update – Oceanside Place –March 2014**

**Monthly Update – Oceanside Place –April 2014**

**Monthly Update – Ravensong Aquatic Centre - February 2014**

**Monthly Update – Ravensong Aquatic Centre - March 2014**

**Monthly Update – Ravensong Aquatic Centre - April 2014**

**Monthly Update – Northern Recreation Program Services - February 2014**

**Monthly Update – Northern Recreation Program Services – March 2014**

**Monthly Update – Northern Recreation Program Services – April 2014**

Mr. Banman gave a condensed summary of the three months of reports for each area.

**Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – Feb – March 2014**

**Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – April 2014**

Mr. Osborne summarized the Community and Regional parks projects for the Electoral Area's.

Commissioner Veenhof asked Mr. Osborne if a survey of Essary Road that had been discussed at an Electoral Area 'H' Parks and Open Space Committee meeting had been done. Mr. Osborne noted it is on the list of items to be done in Area 'H' this month.

Commissioner Veenhof noted he is hosting a Sustainable Rural Development workshop on June 3, 2014 with Dr. Nicole Vaugeois at the VIU Deep Bay Marine Facility.

## Corporate and Group Recreation Facility Pass Program Report

MOVED Commissioner Veenhof, SECONDED Commissioner Wiebe that a Corporate and Group Recreation Facility Pass be established for Oceanside Place and Ravensong Aquatic Centre in which a 15% discount is made available to nonprofit organizations and business within District 69 of the Regional District of Nanaimo when purchasing at one time ten or more annual adult membership passes.

CARRIED

MOVED Commissioner Leontowich, SECONDED Commissioner Milligan that the Corporate and Group Recreation Facility Pass Program be offered as a trial program for a two year period.

CARRIED

### **Grade Five Active Pass and Grade Six Activity Card Programs Report**

MOVED Commissioner Veenhof, SECONDED Commissioner Morrison that staff implement a Grade Five Active Pass program which provides free unlimited access to youth in grade five who reside or attend school in District 69 of the RDN, to attend public sessions at Ravensong Aquatic Centre and Oceanside Place, from September 1 to August 31 of each year.

CARRIED

MOVED Commissioner Milligan, SECONDED Commissioner Edgeley that staff implement a Grade Six Activity Card program which provides a free 10 visit pass to youth in grade six who reside or attend school in District 69 of the RDN, to attend public sessions at Ravensong Aquatic Centre and Oceanside Place, from September 1 to August 31 of each year.

CARRIED

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **District 69 School Closures – Programming Use**

Mr. Banman updated to the Commission that RDN staff had met with the School District to discuss short and long term opportunities that may be available for recreation uses i.e. room rentals, gym use. He noted that the School District is not interested in selling land at this time but would be open to partnerships.

Mr. Osborne noted that the timing for consideration of recreational use of the schools is good for long term planning as the Recreation Services master plan is due to be reviewed in two years and could be included in the process.

MOVED Commissioner Veenhof, SECONDED Commissioner Morrison that staff proceed to meet and review facility use partnership opportunities with School District 69 (Qualicum) for the schools that are slated for closure in September 2014 and report back to the District 69 Recreation Commission and Board.

CARRIED

### **COMMISSIONER ROUND TABLE**

**Commissioner Milligan** noted the challenges of the School District to find uses for the closed schools and that looking at the positives and finding the best use to benefit the whole community.

**Commissioner Morrison** stated he is no longer a sign shop owner. Attended an Economic Development workshop in Port Alberni and working on some ideas to bring an Economic Development office or officer for this community to see community services increased instead of cutting.

**Commissioner Wiebe** said the BCRPA Symposium was terrific and brought some handouts. Nanoose had their public hearings for the Fairwinds lands. He noted that if approved, this would provide parkland around the Notch and Enos Lake area. He mentioned a kayak company that is blocking the MoTI beach access a few times a week and numerous people have asked him about it and what can be done. He would like to see the company be a good neighbour and have a common courtesy to move the vehicle while using the access.

Mr. Osborne staff are aware of the complaints as is MoTI.

**Commissioner Edgeley** thanked the Commission for allowing him to attend the BCRPA Symposium. It filled in the gaps of knowledge for him.

**Commissioner Tanner** said one of the workshops he attended at the BCRPA the speaker contacted him about putting on some workshops on leadership and he inquired if the RDN would be interested in it. He will forward on the information to Dean.

Qualicum Triathlon is coming up and he wondered if they pay the regular pool rental rate? Mr. Banman said they pay regular rates but they are eligible for grants.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED Commissioner Veenhof that the meeting be adjourned at 3:16pm.

CARRIED

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Chair