

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT 69 RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

HELD THURSDAY MARCH 19, 2015

2:00PM

(OCEANSIDE PLACE)

Attendance: Reg Nosworthy, Electoral Area 'F'
Julie Austin, School District 69 Trustee
Neil Horner, Councillor, Town of Qualicum Beach
Gordon Wiebe, Electoral Area 'E'
Bill Veenhof, Director, RDN Board

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

Regrets: Joe Stanhope, Director, Electoral Area 'G'
Al Grier, Councillor, City of Parksville

CALL TO ORDER

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS/INTRODUCTION

The Commissioner members and staff introduced themselves and their roles to who they represent.

DELEGATIONS

No new delegations, Jerry Michael was going to attend but had to lifeguard at Ravensong.

MINUTES

MOVED Commissioner Nosworthy SECONDED Commissioner Horner that the Minutes of the Regular District 69 Recreation Commission meeting held February 19, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED Commissioner Horner SECONDED Commissioner Nosworthy that the Minutes of the District 69 Recreation Grants Sub-Committee Minutes held February 25, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Grant Approvals

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

Youth Organization	2015 Recommended
893 Beaufort Squadron- training activities	\$2,500
Ballenas Secondary School - Dry Grad	\$1,200
Errington War Memorial Hall Association- Intercultural Music Project	\$1,100
The Nature Trust of BC- Brant Wildlife Festival/Youth Photo Exhibit	\$700
Oceanside Minor Lacrosse Association- Shark Attack Tournament	\$2,500
Total	\$8,000

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

Community Organization	2015 Recommended
Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association- Coombs Community Picnic	\$529
Corcan Meadowood Residents Association- Canada Day event	\$2,350
Errington Elementary School PAC- grade 3 swim program	\$2,500
Errington Elementary School- Tribune Bay subsidies for low-income families	\$2,500
Errington Therapeutic Riding Association - program expenses horses and arena & insurance	\$1,000
Oceanside Elementary School PAC- new playground construction	\$2,500
Town of Qualicum Beach- Select Committee on Beach Day Celebrations	\$1,500
Total	\$12,879

MOVED Commissioner Wiebe, SECONDED Commissioner Horner that the Grant applications be approved.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. Protasiewich, Ravensong Patron to RDN – Ravensong Pool, **RE: Handicap Parking at Ravensong**

M. Chestnut, Superintendent of Aquatic Services to A. Protasiewich, Ravensong Patron, **RE: Correspondence Received March 4, 2015.**

G. Filipski & J. Whinn, Ravensong Patrons to RDN Recreation & Parks Department, **RE: Aquafit at Ravensong**

M. Chestnut, Superintendent of Aquatic Services to G. Filipski & J. Whinn, Ravensong Patrons, **RE: Aquafit at Ravensong Response**

MOVED Commissioner Horner, SECONDED Commissioner Wiebe to receive Communications/Correspondence.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS

Monthly Update – Oceanside Place – February 2015

Dean updated on Spring Break Hockey tournaments, they are under way with a couple more coming up i.e.: Grumpy Old Men Tournament and the Premiere League. Ice will be coming out of the pond at the end of March and Meeker Ice will be coming out in April. Pickle ball will be starting up here once ice is out. Tom mentioned that the Bid for U-18 is in.

Monthly Update – Ravensong Aquatic Centre –February 2015

Dean talked about the BC Family Day Free Swim, it was very well attended. The Lifesaving Society was in to the pool to critique us on safety measures, they compile a report at the end of the visit with their recommendations. Tom mentioned we also have Municipal Insurance Agency which is on a different level than Lifesaving Society, MIA makes sure certain things are in place such as signage etc.... for insurance purposes.

Monthly Update – Northern Recreation Program Services – February 2015

Dean shared copies of the Spring and Summer guide. Our Spring Break camps have been very successful with a few left on waitlists. Unfortunately we weren't able to retain more staff to open up those spots. Extreme Week has proven beneficial with students learning, WHIMIS, First Aid, Toastmaster and Super Host training to help provide them with future opportunities. Spring Break revenue is up 38% this year, up from last year. And the Summer programs are up in Revenue from this time last year at 100%.

Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – Jan-Feb 2015 (verbal)

Tom mentioned the Opps and Planning Parks staff have now moved into their new building on March 16, 2015. Electoral Area E Fairwinds Management Plan Open House may be postponed until May instead of April. Blueback Park will be underway. Wembley road update, letter was written to the ministry re: road expansion. Ministry will \$250,000 towards the expansion. Commissioner Veenhof of Area H talked about the volunteers called the Bowser Trail Bashers that build trails. The RDN bought GPS and trained the volunteers on how to use them.

MOVED Commissioner Horner SECONDED Commissioner Wiebe motion to accept REPORTS

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ravensong Aquatic Centre – Lifeguard/Instructor Recruitment Plan (handout)

MOVED Commissioner Nosworthy SECONDED Commissioner Horner motion to accept New Business

CARRIED

2015 BUDGET UPDATE

Dean updated on the Budget for Oceanside Place, Ravensong Aquatic Centre and Northern Community Recreation. Tom talked about what needs to happen in regards to the upgrade/expansion process for Ravensong Aquatic Centre.

MOVED Commissioner Horner SECONDED Commissioner Nosworthy motion to accept Budget Update

CARRIED

COMMISSIONER ROUNDTABLE

Commissioner Nosworthy updated on the Arrowsmith Recreation Team. It has been a rough start with illness and not much offered over Spring Break due to the illnesses. Great insert in the PQB News overview on what is going on in the Arrowsmith community. Thank you to Julie for the article.

Commissioner Wiebe is glad to be back, mentioning that Area E has a very good committee this year, everyone is very enthusiastic.

Director Veenhof mentioned that Area H will be having meetings on their own without the RDN being there, and will report back on how that goes.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Commissioner Nosworthy, SECONDED Commissioner Horner that the meeting be adjourned at 3:45 pm.

CARRIED

Chair