

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT 69 RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
HELD THURSDAY MAY 21, 2015
2:00PM
(OCEANSIDE PLACE)**

Attendance: Reg Nosworthy, Electoral Area 'F'
Julie Austin, School District 69 Trustee
Gordon Wiebe, Electoral Area 'E'
Bill Veenhof, Director, RDN Board
Al Grier, Councillor, City of Parksville

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

Regrets: Joe Stanhope, Director, Electoral Area 'G'
Neil Horner, Councillor, Town of Qualicum Beach

CALL TO ORDER

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

DELEGATIONS

MOVED Commissioner Grier, SECONDED Commissioner Nosworthy to receive the late delegation from S. Beauchesne of Oceanside Track and Field Club.

CARRIED

C. Rayner – Oceanside BMX

Ms. Rayner provided the Commission with additional financial information that was requested by the grant sub-committee so that their grant application could be reconsidered.

W. Cudney – Oceanside Youth Soccer Society (with R. Mohabeer and S. Beauchesne)

Mr. Cudney, President of Oceanside Youth Soccer Society spoke of the challenges that OYSS has as the only major community on the Island without an all-weather field and its effect on players and their families having to travel.

OYSS's intent on coming to this Commission meeting is to start a discussion for finding partners in the community to build an all-weather outdoor artificial turf. They realize that to have an all-weather field that only services soccer is not the best option and want to form partnerships with other organizations such as track and field. As a group they have just over \$200,000 in a fund to contribute to the field development. He sees a turf field as the opportunity for some groups to save on maintenance and upkeep of a grass field.

S. Beauchesne -Oceanside Track and Field Club

Ms. Beauchesne spoke of the proposed rubberized track upgrade that is being considered. She noted that the proposed 3 lanes of 400m around and a 100m 6 lane straight away would be enough for training but not to host any meets. Ideally, partnering with other groups to have a facility to hold sanctioned events would be the best option to satisfy a number of user groups.

Commissioner Grier recommended the groups also present to the Town of Qualicum Beach and City of Parksville’s Councils.

MINUTES

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

CARRIED

MOVED Commissioner Wiebe SECONDED Commissioner Nosworthy that the Minutes of the District 69 Recreation Grants Sub-Committee Minutes held May 12, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

BUISNESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Grant Approvals

MOVED Commissioner Austin, SECONDED Commissioner Nosworthy that the following District 69 Youth Recreation Grant application be approved as amended to include the Oceanside BMX – Gate repair request for \$2500:

Youth Organization	2015
Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association - youth sports program	1,500
Bard to Broadway - Performing Arts Education Series	2,225
Bard to Broadway - Summer Youth Theatre Workshop	955
Kwalikum Secondary School - Dry Grad	1,200
District 69 Family Resource Association - youth drop-in swim passes	1,673
District 69 Family Resource Association - 4-days summer camp activity	442
Parksville and District Rock and Gem Club - equipment	1,500
Ravensong Breakers Aquatic Club- equipment	2,500
Oceanside BMX - starting gate repairs	2,500
Total	14,495

CARRIED

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

Community Organization	2015
Bow Horne Bay Community Club - Fall Fair children's activity	2,500
Errington Cooperative Preschool - equipment	2,500
Family Resource Association - Special Needs Family Retreat	1,500
Oceanside Building Learning Together Society - equipment, supplies for expansion	1,500
Oceanside Community Arts Council - program supplies	2,000
Parksville Curling Club - light tube replacement	2,200
Qualicum and District Curling Club - ice scrapper replacement	2,500
Vancouver Island Opera – facility rental; print costs	2,000
Total	16,700

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS

Monthly Update – Oceanside Place – March 2015

Monthly Update – Oceanside Place – April 2015

Mr. Banman gave an overview of the two monthly Oceanside Place reports, noting the success of the Pickle ball start up. He reported that with an approximate \$4,500 investment in equipment the program has paid for itself.

Monthly Update – Ravensong Aquatic Centre –March 2015

Monthly Update – Ravensong Aquatic Centre –April 2015

Mr. Banman gave an overview of the two Ravensong reports, noting that summer schedule changes will be starting soon and he will have an update on staffing in June.

Monthly Update – Northern Recreation Program Services – March 2015

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Ms. King gave a summary of the two Northern Recreation reports, highlighting the success of the Spring Break Camps that included one at Moorecroft Regional Park were full with waitlists. She noted that summer hiring and registrations are in full swing and a new 2 day/week Playground camp will start this summer at Qualicum First Nations.

Ms. King and some of her staff attend the BCRPA Symposium in May and she reported the “Unbubble Wrapping Kids” theme throughout the sessions was great information to take away from the conference.

Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – March 2015

Mr. Osborne gave an overview of the two Community and Regional Parks and Trails reports (April’s was handed out). He updated that the Area ‘F’ Meadowood Community park opening will be June 22nd afterschool.

Rubberized Track Surface at Ballenas Sec. School Report

Chair Veenhof gave a history of the Commission’s work on a sports complex in prior years and that the track portion was pulled out so that work could get started and kids on the track.

The Commission members discussed the report and some of the history of a proposed sports complex. They agreed that a need seems to be apparent but support at the grass roots level is required for such a complex to occur in the community. Commissioner Nosworthy noted the importance of phases and having enough space to develop in phases. Commissioner Grier believes the District and municipalities should work together.

Mr. Osborne informed the Commission of the Sportfield Agreement with the RDN, Town of Qualicum, and City of Parksville. If there is one level of local government willing to pay for the capital costs, then the annual operational expenses can be shared by other partners. An example of when Arrowview Elementary school was built, the two municipalities and the RDN provided funds for the field to bring it up to sports field standards so that many sports user could use the field for their games, not just as a school play field and it has become a preferred and well-used field for users.

MOVED Commissioner Nosworthy, SECONDED Commissioner Wiebe that as part of the 2016 District 69 Recreation Services Master Plan development, a needs assessment for an outdoor multi-sport complex be conducted prior to further development of a track complex.

CARRIED

MOVED Commissioner Grier, SECONDED Commissioner Wiebe motion to receive the reports.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

MOVED Commissioner Nosworthy, SECONDED Commissioner Wiebe that in 2015, staff explore partnerships with the Town of Qualicum Beach, City of Parksville, School District 69, local sports associations, community service organizations and businesses to determine the interest level in funding and operating an outdoor multi-sports complex in District 69.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Canada’s Sesquicentennial Celebrations

A guide was handed out for commissioners to review for their information

Mr. Banman explained the two types of grants available for Canada 150. One is for a shovel ready upgrade to existing structures that has a deadline of June 2015 and the other has no deadline and to assist in events to celebrate Canada 150.

COMMISSIONER ROUNDTABLE

Commissioner Nosworthy said Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association is actively looking for volunteers for their board and hoping some people can step up.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Commissioner Grier that the meeting be adjourned at 3:56 pm.

CARRIED

Chair