

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT 69 RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

HELD THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2015

2:00PM

(OCEANSIDE PLACE)

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

Also in Attendance: Jacob Gair, SD69 Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Veenhof called the meeting to order at 2:00pm and respectfully acknowledged the Coast Salish Nations on whose traditional territory the meeting took place.

DELEGATIONS/ PRESENTATION

None

MINUTES

MOVED Commissioner Wiebe SECONDED Commissioner Austin that the Minutes of the Regular District 69 Recreation Commission meeting held October 15, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS

Monthly Update – Oceanside Place – October 2015

Mr. Banman gave an overview of the Oceanside Place Monthly Update Report. He noted the increase of daytime arena rental hours from the high school hockey school. Winter Wonderland will be set up December 14th. He also mentioned the recent RFP for Vending Services and the prospect of scenes from a movie being filmed at Oceanside Place in December.

Monthly Update – Ravensong Aquatic Centre – October 2015

Mr. Banman gave an overview of the Ravensong Monthly Update Report. He noted the great week of the RAC 20th Anniversary and it's events that took place. It was nice to hear from people and their memories about Ravensong over the last 20 years.

Monthly Update – Northern Recreation Program Services – October 2015

Mr. Banman gave an overview of the Northern Recreation Program Services Monthly Update Report. He noted the tour of VIU Recreation Program students. Staff took them to Qualicum Commons and Moorecroft Regional Park to show them how different partnerships for use of spaces are developed and used.

Ms. King added that programming staff are scheduling for Spring Break for full day camps at Qualicum Commons and looking at a few varieties of specialty camp partnerships. The new Activenet program registration and facility booking management system will be implemented by August 2016 and staff have started with some seminars to introduce the program.

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

Mr. Osborne provided an overview of the parks report on items of note for the Regional Parks system in the northern region and Electoral Area community parks in the District 69 area.

Recreation Facility, Programs, and Sports Field Service 2015 Survey Report

Mr. Banman gave a summary of the Recreation Facility, Programs and Sports Field Service 2015 Survey Report. Mr. Osborne explained some of the calculations used to factor the usage and tax requisition information.

MOVED Commissioner Horner, SECONDED Commissioner Nosworthy that the reports be received.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

None

Commissioner Horner left the meeting at 3:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Business Plans and 2015 Work Plans

Mr. Banman reviewed the Business Plan and Work Plan handouts with the Commission.

Chair Veenhof made note that the Board's Strategic Plan is being worked on and will give broad stroke directions on items that the Board want staff to proceed on. He advised Commissioners to speak to their Board Directors about things their community wants or issues of concern so that the Director can consider in the strategic planning process.

COMMISSIONER ROUNDTABLE

Commissioner Veenhof – He mentioned that the RDN CAO Paul Thorkelsson has given his resignation and will be moving on to the position of CAO in Saanich and he would be missed. The Board will proceed to appoint an interm CAO and then search for a permanent candidate. He also said he received an email from Stan Miller who would like to see the free admission age reduced from 80 to 75 as well special rate admissions to be frozen at their current levels or reduced. Mr. Banman noted Mr. Miller has spoken as a delegate at the Commission before and provides his comments to staff from time to time. Mr. Banman informed Mr. Miller that the items they recently discussed would be brought to the next meeting of fees and charges sub-committee in 2016.

Commissioner Nosworthy - ACRA is continuing its work and there were 3 Halloween events well attended in Area F. He mentioned the Corcan/ Meadowood Association is looking at alternatives to the portables community centre project due to the very high costs that came in for moving the portables. Flooding on Grafton caused MoTI to have to put in a ditch with culverts and the EA 'F' Director asked them if it could be a bit wider which worked in favour of the trail plan the area was wanted to be expanded.

Commissioner Wiebe - Joined the Nanoose Bay Recreation and Activities Committee and keeping busy. He is a member of the Mid-Island Castaways Fly Fishing Club and are wondering how to get young people involved. Commissioner Austin was just wondering how to get her son involved recently and is glad to hear about this. Ms. King noted that the Youth Programmer had just met with the Youth Recreation Advisors and they had said youth would be interested in learning about fly-fishing and where they could go. Ms. King would connect the youth programmer with this information.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Commissioner Wiebe that the meeting be adjourned at 3:22 pm.

CARRIED

Chair