

REPORT of the regular monthly meeting of the **OAK BAY PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION** held on **Wednesday, June 7, 2017** in Council Chambers, Oak Bay Municipal Hall.

**In Attendance:**

Monty Holding, Chair  
Matt Fairbarns  
Ann Wilmut  
Jim Hoffman  
Suzanne Weckend  
Councillor Braithwaite

**Staff:**

Ray Herman, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Janet Barclay, Manager of Recreation & Culture  
Chris Hyde-Lay, Manager of Parks Services

Regrets: Stuart Culbertson, Will Moore, Janet Donald, Darlene Therrien, Grant Brown, Mandi Krieger

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

**I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Matt Fairbarns, Seconded by Jim Hoffman THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED.

Carried

**II. DELEGATION**

Wylie Thomas and Margaret Lidkea provided the Commission with an update on progress related to the Habitat Stewardship Program work at Uplands Park/Cattle Point, as well as an update on the substantial volunteer efforts at the park. The presentation was well received, and members of the Commission expressed gratitude for the tremendous work that has been undertaken.

**III. MINUTES** Commission (2017-05-03)

Moved by Ann Wilmut, Seconded by Matt Fairbarns THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 3, 2017 MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION BE ADOPTED.

Carried

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Michael Richards of Scott Street in Victoria addressed the Commission requesting access for dogs at Willows Beach during the summer months.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

Summer Piano Locations 2017 – The Manager of Recreation & Culture spoke to her report which outlined the proposed locations for outdoor pianos in 2017, which will be the third year of this

initiative. Four of the locations proposed are the same as those utilized in the summer of 2016: Turkey Head, Cattle Point, Estevan Village and Loon Bay Park. A fifth location has been proposed for 2017 at the Esplanade. This location was used in 2015, but generated some complaints from nearby residents. Since that time the Arts Laureate has received requests from the public to re-establish a piano at Willows Beach. All pianos would be in place from mid-June to mid-September.

Moved by Jim Hoffman Seconded by Suzanne Weckend THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVES THE PLACEMENT OF FIVE PIANOS AT TURKEY HEAD, CATTLE POINT, ESTEVAN VILLAGE, LOON BAY PARK AND THE ESPLANADE FROM MID-JUNE TO MID-SEPTEMBER 2017 AS PART OF THE ARTSALIVE PROGRAM.

Carried

#### **VIII. REPORTS**

Program/Parks/Physical Plant Report – The Manager of Recreation & Culture reported on the ArtsAlive installations, the success of the YES Awards, and the upcoming Celebrate Canada Day events at Municipal Hall and Willows Park on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Manager of Parks Services reported on the upcoming red & white floral theme as part of Canada 150, on efforts to remove compostable and recyclable materials from the Tea Party garbage and the installation of pickle ball nets at Carnarvon Park.

Personnel Report – the Director reported on a number of staff absences and, in general, the temporary postings and transfers undertaken to address these absences.

Director's Report – no report

Moved by Matt Fairbarns, Seconded by Jim Hoffman THAT THE REPORTS BE RECEIVED.

Carried

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Suzanne Weckend, Seconded by Ann Wilmut THAT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION BE ADJOURNED.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.