

OAK BAY PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting – May 1, 2019

REPORT of the regular monthly meeting of the **OAK BAY PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION** held on **Wednesday, May 1, 2019** in Council Chambers, Oak Bay Municipal Hall.

In Attendance:

Stuart Culbertson, Vice Chair
Darlene Therrien
Will Moore
Jim Hoffman
Suzanne Weckend
Councillor Braithwaite

Staff:

Ray Herman, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture
Steve Meikle, Manager of Recreation & Culture
Linda Duff, Manager of Administrative Services
Chris Hyde-Lay, Manager of Parks Services
Mandi Krieger, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Ann Wilmut, Monty Holding, Matt Fairbarns

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Darlene Therrien, Seconded by Will Moore THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED.

Carried

II. MINUTES

Commission

(2019-03-06)

Moved by Jim Hoffman, Seconded by Will Moore THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2019 MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION BE ADOPTED.

Carried

Mayor Murdoch entered the meeting at 7:02pm. The Mayor gave Commission members an update on the anti/pro-SOGI (Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity) meeting that will be held in the community on May 2, 2019 at Windsor Park.

Mayor Murdoch left the meeting at 7:13pm.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Christina Johnson-Dean was in attendance to speak to her letter suggesting a play area in the Oak Bay Village and a public washroom next to the play area at Windsor Park.

Ms. Johnson-Dean left the meeting at 7:18pm.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Uplands Park Management Plan

Commission members received the Uplands Park & Cattle Point Management Plan for information. It was suggested that wording be included in section 5.3 and Goal 4 on page 24 relating to consultation with First Nations.

Moved by Darlene Therrien, Seconded by Jim Hoffman THAT COMMISSION RECEIVES THE UPLANDS PARK & CATTLE POINT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND THE REPORT BE FORWARDED TO COUNCIL AS AMENDED.

Carried.

Dog Free Area – south end of Willows Beach

Discussion ensued regarding the presentation given by Jacques Sirois at the March Commission meeting. The Director reported that staff have been directed by the Committee of the Whole to examine options to restrict dogs and associated activities from the south end of Willows Beach as part of a review of the Animal Control Bylaw, and bring a report forward to a future Council meeting.

Commission supported the urgency to protect the migratory birds at the south end of Willows Beach, and requested that the staff report come to them prior to going to Council.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

ArtsAlive Installations – The Manager of Recreation & Culture requested approval for a location change for one of the 10 year-long temporary installations of art as part of the 2019-20 public art program. The sculpture “Dreams Can Come True” does not fit well in the original proposed location due to size, and a change in location to Oak Bay Avenue was recommended.

Moved by Suzanne Weckend, Seconded by Darlene Therrien THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE CHANGE OF LOCATION TO OAK BAY AVENUE FOR THE “DREAMS CAN COME TRUE” SCULPTURE FOR THE 2019/20 ARTSALIVE PROGRAM.

Carried

Carnarvon Park Plan Update

The Carnarvon Park Plan was discussed and an update provided. It was requested that the Parks, Recreation & Culture Masterplan be included on the September agenda for further discussion, in anticipation of requesting that it be accelerated to 2020.

The Commission requested that the September agenda include a discussion on implementation of the Carnarvon Park Master Plan. They also discussed the potential to accelerate removal of the Lacrosse Box.

Playground Sub-Committee

The Vice-Chair reviewed the work plan compiled by the Playground Modernization Sub-Committee. The work plan's Playground Planning and Design Principles are expected to be endorsed at the June meeting. Staff were requested to include the updated Playground and Park Amenity Report on the June Commission agenda.

The Director noted that the Commission request for a Playground Master Plan in 2019 was deferred until 2021 to be included in the Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan. Further, \$20,000 was set aside as seed money to help with the fundraising efforts of the Sub-Committee.

Commission & the Arts

Discussion ensued regarding the role of Commission and the Public Art Committee, the Arts Laureate and public art in general. It was noted that private donations of art is not addressed specifically in the Public Arts policy and it will be discussed at a Committee of the Whole meeting in the fall.

VII. REPORTS

Program/Parks/Physical Plant Report –

The Manager of Recreation & Culture reported that, according to the Red Cross, Oak Bay had the most participants in advanced aquatic programs in the province in 2018. The Bowker Creek Mural project, new online voting options for ArtsAlive 2019 and monthly walking tours of the sculptures were highlighted.

The Manager of Parks Services reported that the golf course will be closed May 6th for aeration and a new picnic table has been installed at Nottingham Park.

The Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture noted that maintenance staff are preparing for the pool shutdown later this year.

Director's Report – The Wall of Fame Sub-Committee met and did not recommend any additions for 2019 to Council. Commission members are invited to attend the Volunteer Appreciation event at Monterey Centre on May 8th.

The Director reported that the contract that existed between RIV and the region's Parks and Recreation Departments has not been renewed. This multi-partner mutual contract had expired in June of 2018. He noted that Recreation Oak Bay is committed to the provision of inclusive and accessible options for all and will continue to work either with organizational partners and/or through our own in house resources to support access to parks and recreation.

Moved by Will Moore, Seconded by Suzanne Weckend THAT THE REPORTS BE RECEIVED.

Carried

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Darlene Therrien, Seconded by Jim Hoffman THAT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION BE ADJOURNED.

Carried

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:09pm.