

REPORT of the regular monthly meeting of the OAK BAY PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 in the Council Chambers, Oak Bay Municipal Hall.

**In Attendance:**

Sandi Piercy, Chair  
Darlene Therrien  
Victor Lotto  
Matt Fairbarns  
Jim Hoffman  
Ann Wilmut  
Alison Davis  
Monty Holding  
Councillor Braithwaite

**Staff:**

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

Regrets: Linda Allen

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

**I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Alison Davis, Seconded by Ann Wilmut THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED.  
Carried

**II. MINUTES** Commission (2016-04-06)

Moved by Victor Lotto, Seconded by Jim Hoffman, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION BE ADOPTED.  
Carried

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Margaret Lidkea from the Friends of Uplands Park expressed thanks to everyone for the support for the recent Camas Day event at Uplands Park. Councillor Braithwaite expressed thanks to Margaret, as well as to Chris Hyde-Lay on behalf of Mayor & Council.

**IV. DELEGATION**

John Dick provided the Commission with a presentation on a proposal to have prescribed burning in Uplands Park. The proposal would see experimental burns take place in three 10mx10m plots in the park, with implementation taking place over a four year period. Mr. Dick provided examples of successful burns in other similar ecosystems.

The Commission asked questions related to fire load in the park, insurance, detailed program costs and potential grant funding.

Moved by Jim Hoffman, Seconded by Darlene Therrien THAT STAFF WORK WITH THE PROPONENTS OF A PRESCRIBED BURN TO INVESTIGATE OPTIONS AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAIL, AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE COMMISSION.

Carried

**V. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Dogs at Windsor Park (2016-05-04)

At the meeting of April 6, 2016 the Commission began a discussion on the issue of off-leash dog use of Windsor Park, the associated problems with that use, and the issue of off-leash opportunities in the municipality as a whole. The Commission requested additional information in order to continue the discussion.

Additional historical and numerical information was provided to the Commission. The ensuing discussion included the issues of enforcement, increased patrols by animal control, signage, and alternative locations to Windsor Park and sports fields in general for off-leash use.

Moved by Monty Holding, Seconded by Jim Hoffman THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COMMISSION MEET WITH DOG OWNERS AT WINDSOR PARK TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES.

Carried

Commissioner Monty Holding, Councillor Braithwaite and Chris Hyde-Lay will represent the Commission.

Moved by Matt Fairbarns, Seconded by Darlene Therrien THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL TO AMEND THE ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW TO REFLECT THE SAME RULES FOR DOGS AT CATTLE POINT AS CURRENTLY EXIST AT UPLANDS PARK; AND THAT RESEARCH BE CONDUCTED AS TO THE IMPACT OF UNLEASHED DOG USE OF CATTLE POINT & UPLANDS PARK IN FEBRUARY & MARCH EACH YEAR.

Carried

Moved by Matt Fairbarns, Seconded by Victor Lotto THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL TO AMEND THE ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW TO REFELCT THAT DOGS ARE TO BE LEASHED AT ALL TIMES ON MARY TODD ISLAND.

Carried

Moved by Darlene Therrien, Seconded by Monty Holding THAT A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMISSION BE STRUCK TO LOOK AT DOG USE IN PARKS ACROSS THE MUNICIPALITY AND TO COME BACK TO THE COMMISSION WITH ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Carried

Commissioners Sandi Piercy, Darlene Therrien, Matt Fairbarns, Alison Davis and Ann Wilmut, as well as Chris Hyde-Lay, to sit on the Committee.

Cops for Cancer Event Date Change (2016-05-04)

At the meeting of April 6, 2016 the Commission approved an event request from Oak Bay High School to run a Kids Fun Fair on May 14, 2016 as a fundraiser for their Cops for Cancer initiative. Subsequently, the School advised that the date conflicts with graduation ceremonies, and an alternative date of May 29, 2016 has now been requested.

Council approved the on-site fundraising activities at their meeting of April 25, 2016.

Moved by Monty Holding, Seconded by Jim Hoffman THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION APPROVE THE USE OF WILLOWS PARK FOR THE OAK BAY HIGH SCHOOL'S KIDS FUN FAIR ON MAY 29, 2016 AS PART OF THE COPS FOR CANCER FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE.

Carried

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### Repetitive Events in Parks

The Commission had previously requested that this topic be included on the agenda for discussion, given the pressure on Willows Park for special events in previous years. Staff provided an up-to-date listing of park events for 2016, and advised that two larger events (the MS Walk and the Walk for Muscular Dystrophy) have moved on to other locations. The Commission agreed that the previous concerns have been alleviated for the time being.

### Public Art Policy (2016-05-04)

As the Official Community Plan recommends updating the Public Art Policy, a draft revision was presented to the Commission for perusal and comment. The draft Policy includes a draft Terms of Reference for a Public Art Committee as well. Commission comments included the suggestion to include more flexible wording related to the annual contribution amount to the Public Art Reserve, and to make the appointment process and reporting structure for the committee clearer. Staff will bring back a revised draft to a future Commission meeting.

### Purchase of Public Art (2016-05-04)

As part of the Arts Laureate's 2015 summer art program the sculpture "Rebirth" by artist David Hunwick was installed at Entrance Park. The sculpture has been in place since, and has been well received by the community and visitors alike. The location has become a favorite for photographs. The Arts Laureate, along with the current Public Art Committee, have identified the sculpture as the next preferred piece of public art to purchase. In April the municipality, through the Arts Laureate, was able to secure a \$10,000 donation from the Province of British Columbia toward the purchase of this sculpture. The Public Art Fund now has a balance of \$35,000, with the estimated cost for purchase, engineering and permanent installation at the same site of \$17,250. Thus, there are sufficient funds to purchase the sculpture.

Moved by Monty Holding, Seconded by Jim Hoffman THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION APPROVES THE PERMANENT LOCATION FOR THE ART WORK "REBIRTH" AT ENTRANCE PARK; AND THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE SCULPTURE "REBIRTH", WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM THE PUBLIC ART FUND.

Carried

**VIII. REPORTS**

Program/Parks Reports

The Manager of Parks Services and the Manager of Recreation & Culture provided photographs of a donated sculpture of a tree to the municipality. The art piece has been approved by the Arts Laureate and the Public Art Committee. The Committee will forward recommendations as to the appropriate location for installation.

Personnel Report

There was no Personnel Report for this month. A report covering two months will be presented at the next Commission meeting.

Finance Report

**March 2016, Month End Statement**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>%</u>
YTD Revenue at month end	\$2,186,013	28.52	\$2,061,213	28.28
YTD Expenditures at month end	\$2,830,535	23.90	\$2,738,430	24.13
YTD Net Expenditure at month end	\$644,522	15.42	\$677,217	16.69
YTD Net Expenditure at month end (adj.)	\$693,819	16.60	\$677,217	16.69

Director's Report

Commission members were reminded of the upcoming Urban Forest Strategy sessions with the consultant on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Darlene Therrien, Seconded by Alison Davis THAT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION BE ADJOURNED.

Carried

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.