

To: **Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission**
From: **Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture**
Subject: **MEC Paddlefest 2017**
Date: **March 1, 2017**



PURPOSE

Mountain Equipment Co-op has requested use of Willows Park and beach area for their annual Paddlefest (see attached). This year's event would be the 11th annual, and is proposed for Sunday, June 18th. As this represents a new date for this event the request is being brought forward for the Commission's approval.

BACKGROUND

Paddlefest has been a well run and well attended event, having produced no operational concerns in past years. This year the date has been moved a week earlier in June. Previously the event was held in mid-July. Willows Park is available on June 18th, which is Father's Day.

The Commission is being asked to consider the use of Willows Park for the event. If approval is granted, the organizers will need to obtain approval from Council for the ancillary sales, as per the Oak Bay Zoning Bylaw.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission approve the use of Willows Park for the MEC Paddlefest event on Sunday, June 18, 2017.

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Ray Herman
Director of Parks & Recreation

To: **Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission**
From: **Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture**
Subject: **Sausage Fest Request - 2017**
Date: **March 1, 2017**



PURPOSE

The Oak Bay Fire Fighters Charitable Foundation has submitted a request (see attached) to host Sausage Fest, a fundraising event at Willows Park, on June 24, 2017. Commission and Council approval will be required in order for the event to take place.

BACKGROUND

The Oak Bay Fire Fighters Charitable Foundation (the Foundation) hosted the inaugural Sausage Fest last September. The event was well received in the community, with over 700 in attendance despite poor weather conditions. The event would be a fundraiser for the Foundation.

Described as an outdoor family fun event, the proposal outlines plans for a beer garden, BBQ's cooking sausages for sale, live music, a bouncy castle and a dunk tank. Admission would be by donation, and the field portion of the park would be fenced so as to keep alcohol inside the park area.

ANALYSIS

Last year's inaugural event was well run and well attended. Staff heard from a number of community members that they were happy to see such an event approved and run in Oak Bay. Staff are not aware of any concerns or complaints registered.

The Foundation will need to demonstrate that a proper security plan is in place in order to obtain the required Special Occasion License from the BC Liquor Control Board.

Should the Commission approve use of the park for the event, approval for sales on site would need to be obtained from Council, as per the Oak Bay Zoning Bylaw.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission approve the request from the Oak Bay Fire Fighters Charitable Foundation to hold Sausage Fest in Willows Park on June 24, 2017 and recommend to Council to approve on site sales of food and beverages as part of the event.

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Ray Herman
Director of Parks & Recreation

Programs

Aquatics

- On Family Day the pool offered lots of fun for families! The 3pm-5pm Everyone Welcome Swim focused on family activities and fun. Over 150 swimmers attended the Coast Capital Free Swim the same evening from 6:30-8:30pm.
- Over 100 swimmers are registered in the second 2017 set of Tuesday/Thursday lessons that run from 6:30-8pm. They began on Tuesday, February 14th, along with a full Pre/Post Natal registered aquafit class that runs concurrently with lessons on Tuesday evenings.
- One hundred and twenty-nine students in Grades 1, 2, and 3 from St. Patrick's Elementary School have been participating in 45 minute swim lessons on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays mornings from 9:00-9:45am since the beginning of January. Lessons end at the beginning of March.

Community Recreation

- Registration for the 2017/2018 After School Care program are now being accepted; 140 applications have been received to date.
- Many thanks to BCRPA and the Province of British Columbia for their generous grant donation of \$1000 for the Family Day Family Fun Gym Time held on Friday, February 10th. Over 75 children along with their parents and caregivers (over 150 people in total) participated in the free family event held in the Henderson Recreation Centre from 5:15 – 7:15pm. Staff set up a photo booth, the bouncy castle, craft tables, face painting and sporting activities. Each child was given a passport to collect a stamp after participating in each activity. Once the passport was filled they could submit it to win prizes. Free healthy snacks were also offered. It was great to see so many children and parents all playing and being active together. This was the second time this event was held and many parents remarked how much they enjoyed the event.
- Bricks 4 Kidz ran a free event on Wednesday, February 15th for children to try the Bricks 4 Kidz program that is offered through Recreation Oak Bay on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Fifteen children participated in the free event learning, building and playing with LEGO.
- The first Cooking for Fun children's cooking course ran with a full roster at the Oak Bay High School Foods lab. Twelve children, aged 7-12years, worked in small groups to cook Mandarin Chicken Stir fry. For some, this was the first meal they have cooked on their own. All of the food was provided by Thrifty Foods for this pilot project. The next class on March 2nd is already full.
- The golf course is scheduled to re-open on Saturday March 11th (weather dependent).

Fitness

- The Take Heart program is going strong with 40 participants registered. The program provides expanded community based options for people who have had a cardiac event or those who have heart disease risks.
- Jazzercise Dance Mixx is a pulse-pounding, beat-pumping fitness program that gets you results...fast. It is a calorie-torching, hip swiveling dance party with a hot playlist to distract you. The classes will be starting in April on Tuesdays and Thursday from 6:15-7:15am. Patrons have the option to register for all 8 classes or pay a drop-in fee.

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Monterey Centre

- Pacific Opera visited Monterey Centre on February 1st and performed excerpts from the Magic Flute Opera. Over 50 members attended the free community performance.
- The annual “We Jam Jazz Night” was held February 4th with 132 people in attendance. The intergenerational event was enjoyed by teens and adults alike. The Monterey concert band and the Ujam Young All Stars performed.
- Monterey’s Ukulele Club and Hula for Health dancers hosted a Hawaiian Luau on February 15th. One hundred patrons attended and wore their Hawaiian best. Attendees enjoyed the music, dancing and delicious tropical meal.
- February trips included a day trip to Vancouver for the Broadway musical “Kinky Boots”, a local brewery tour at Moon Under Water and a brunch outing to Nourish Café. Upcoming March day trips include a visit to Chemainus to see “Pride and Prejudice”, and a visit to Sidney.

Arena / Teens / Indoor Sports Field

- Soccer/tron programs are running strong for Winter with full classes of 26 participants each. Already some of the Spring programs that start in April are full with 20 participants.
- The Family Day Skate on February 13th had over 300 people in attendance. The admission was free with the event sponsored by BC Government Grant for Family Day activities.
- Valentine’s Sweetheart Family and Everyone Welcome Skate on February 12th was successful with approximately 200 people attending.
- First set of Learn to Skate lessons is wrapping up and the second set is already seeing very high numbers.
- Youth special events are offered free of charge once a month in the Youth Centre for youth ages 9-17years. February’s events was “Valentine’s Day” (a chance for youth to hang out with friends) which was a board game night in the youth center with a make-your-own sundaes station. It was different for a Valentine’s Day event and lots of fun.

Tennis

- Snow pack and condensation between bubble layers caused water on courts in the 3 court bubble this past month. Maintenance is now looking at solutions for the problem condensation is causing with water being on the court.
- Programs started January 16, 2017 with 57 classes running during the week. Sunday Family lessons are still growing in interest. The feedback from parents has been extremely positive and they would like us to consider other days.
- Starting this Spring, all adult lessons will include a social night in the 4 court bubble. The event will have light snacks and exhibition matches with local juniors and coaches.
- The 4-court tennis bubble was used to test 150 potential firefighters on their fitness beep test on February 20th.

Upcoming Events

- Friday, March 3rd - **Big Little Lions** perform in the Upstairs Lounge at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre. Doors open at 6:00 pm, Music at 7:30 pm.

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- Friday, March 10th – **Christine Tassan et Les Imposteurs** perform in the Upstairs Lounge at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre. Doors open at 6:00 pm, Music at 7:30 pm.
- Saturday, March 18th – **St. Patrick's Day Ceilion** in the Upstairs Lounge at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre. Doors open at 6:00 pm, Music at 7:30 pm.
- Tuesday, March 14th - **Saint Patrick's Day Dinner** – Monterey Recreation Centre
- Saturday March 18th - **Pot 'O Gold Kindergarten** - Henderson Recreation Centre 11am – Noon
- Friday, March 24th – **Dave Gunning** performs in the Upstairs Lounge at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre. Doors open at 6:00 pm, Music at 7:30 pm.

Maintenance

- The main pool filter auto level sensor failed this month causing staff to man the valve 24 hours a day for two days while a new sensor was shipped out from back east. A new sensor has been installed and a spare sensor has been purchased to avoid any issues in the future.

Parks

- Soccer and Rugby are winding down and baseball will be beginning in March at many of our parks.
- The tree crew are busy planting trees throughout the Municipality.
- The replanting of the garden bed at King George Terrace is now completed.
- Curb edging continues along our taxed boulevards.

Tree Report

For the Month of February

The ground finally thawed and we have planting back under way. We just received our second delivery of 15 Garry oaks and we will begin planting them the last week of February. We have planted a total of 51 trees since the beginning of January, 17 of these were Garry oaks. One of the oaks was a memorial donation tree. We accompanied one house move on Oliver this month and there are two pending for the month of March. Pruning is done ahead of time based on dimensions we are given. An arborist accompanies the move in case the house does not quite fit. All time and overtime is charged to the house move company. The tree crew spent two days at the Henderson Golf Course opening up some light corridors with pruning and the removal of two Douglas firs and one Grand fir beside hole number 5.

Public Property

A total of 5 trees were removed from public property. None were protected species.

Private Property

Nine permits were issued under the Tree Protection Bylaw since the last report. Five removal permits were requested for the removal of trees protected under the Tree Protection Bylaw. Removal Permits were issued for eight protected trees. These permits were issued because the trees were dead, diseased, dying or structurally unsound or removed for construction. Four of the removals were Garry oaks and no permits were issued for construction this month. Six permits were issued for pruning protected trees.

Security Deposit and Enforcement

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No security deposits were received and none were refunded. The bylaw requires security deposits to ensure care of required replacement trees; deposits are held by the Municipality for 3 years pending satisfactory planting and care or required replacement trees. Forfeited deposits go to the Parks tree purchase account.

Work Orders

This month we received 42 calls for service and completed 47.