

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee for Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 7pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tim Richards
Gord Horth
Tim Godau
Bruce Mason

Jim Allair
Roger Kimmerly
Councillor Duck Paterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Clayton Postings
Julie Tierney

REGRETS:

Tara Pollock

INTRODUCTIONS

The newest member, Bruce Mason, was welcomed; followed by brief committee member introductions.

AGENDA

Moved and seconded:

2017-03: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee approve the agenda for the meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

MINUTES

Moved and seconded:

2017-04: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee approve the minutes from the meeting held February 15, 2017 as presented.

Motion carried.

REFERRED BY COUNCIL

Sponsorship Signage within Sport Field Facilities - Ladysmith Softball

C. Postings provided background information regarding this request that went to Council on February 20, 2017. Questions were posed regarding size of signs, length of contracts, levels of responsibility, potential issues with neighbouring homes, and monitoring content and condition of signage.

The Committee proposed the following changes to the policy:

- That the policy wording change from “may” to “has the authority to”
- That staff may request that signage be removed at the Club’s expense during a special events
- Pre-approval of signage
- Adding information regarding a shared signage sponsorship program for facilities with more than one sport using the field

Moved and seconded:

2017-05: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee support the concept of sponsorship signage within designated town park facilities.

Motion carried.

Event Signage at Aggie Hall – Islands’ Celtic Festival Request

C. Postings provided background information regarding this request that went to Council on February 20, 2017. Staff provided two Aggie Hall event signage options for the Committee’s consideration.

Option 1 Permanent Sign Station: The Committee preferred this option and noted that this solution may not require consultation with the Heritage Revitalization Advisory Committee.

Option 2 Permanent Framing Structure on Aggie Hall: The Committee raised concerns due to the esthetics and the historical status of the hall.

Moved and seconded:

2017-06: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee support the concept of Event Signage at Aggie Hall, but further information regarding Options 1 and 2 is required.

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded:

2017-07: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee support the request for temporary event signage for the Islands’ Celtic Festival.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Regional Recreation Appointment

T. Pollock has accepted the appointment as alternate representative on this committee.

Parks Bylaw

The Committee reviewed the draft Parks Bylaw and expressed their desire for the policy to be practical and enforceable. The following are suggestions for change:

- Narrow the definition of Parks to exclude areas that do not have the same rules or restrictions such as boulevards
- Include a definition for wheelchairs and or scooters
- Change #16 to read: A person shall not smoke, use electronic cigarette or similar device within a park unless in a designated smoking area
- Permit dogs access to the waterfront in a defined location at Transfer Beach
- Clarify Section 3 regarding staff exemption
- Add food or retail selling permit

- Add overnight parking permits

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

C. Postings provided an overview of current projects as well as the method of reporting that will take place in future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm

Next Meeting will be held at 7:00pm, April 12, 2017 at Frank Jameson Community Centre