

**Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee
Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 7:00pm**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tim Richards, Chair
Lynda Baker
Councillor Duck Paterson
Ava Smith
Bryn Dovey

Kelly Daniels
Lesley Lorenz

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Barfoot
Pamela Zwicker

REGRETS:

Geoff Dean
Emily Weeks

AGENDA

Moved and seconded:

2021-08: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee approve the agenda for the meeting as presented. *Motion carried.*

Moved and seconded:

MINUTES

Moved and seconded:

2021-09: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the March, 2021 meeting as presented. *Motion carried.*

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

PRCAC term expiries- Bryn and Ava's terms are due to end June 2021. Bryn and Ava indicated that they are both planning to attend University in the fall and will not likely renew their membership with the PRCAC. The committee discussed how to engage youth in participating with this committee and asked Bryn and Ava to reach out to their networks to see if they could find any interest among local youth.

Park Naming Policy Staff Report Update-The Park Naming Policy with the proposed amended language informed by the PRCAC will be going to council on May 4, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Leisure Access Program Report-Staff prepared a report on the Leisure Access Program which provides financial support to access Parks, Recreation and Culture programs for Town of Ladysmith residents. Committee members asked questions to clarify the geographic boundaries and requested that staff more clearly define the boundaries of the users of the Leisure Access Program. Members of the committee asked if Areas G, H, and Stz'uminus might be included in the program.

Public Art Donation Request-The committee reviewed the Public Art Donation request and the relevant materials provided as attachments to the agenda, including the staff report on the Public Art Policy. The committee discussed the proposed donation and asked the two members who are also members of the Public Art Task Group if they had any reservations. L. Baker noted that the letter from the Donor, referred to the art as Coast Salish and indicated that the art nor the artist was Coast Salish and should not be referred to as such.

Moved and seconded:

2021-09: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee recommend to council to accept the donation of 13 Roy Henry Vickers framed prints, currently on display in the Town's council chambers in accordance with the Public Art Policy. Motion carried.

UPDATES

PRC Department Update – PRCAC was provided a department update by staff included in the agenda. Project updates included:

- Received Tourism Dependent Community Fund Grant which will include projects such as paved food truck path and walkway, Transfer Beach washroom upgrades and other park amenities

HEALTH & WELLNESS

- 14 weekly dry land fitness classes were offered in March
- All programs are still 'modified' to low intensity guidelines and classes were offered either at FJCC or at Forrest Field.
- Registration numbers for these classes was at 75% of capacity, with waitlists for some of the classes.
- Fitness Centre appointments are available for booking 7-days per week, in one-hour blocks. Capacity has been reduced by at least 50% due to PHO guidelines and orders. Approximately 1,100 people booked appointments in March in the Fitness Centre.

AQUATICS

- Current Aquafit offerings include: AM Aquafit, Adaptive Fitness, and Deep H2O, ten classes per week. Registration numbers for these classes is close to 100% of capacity, with waitlists for some classes.
- Everyone Welcome, Family, Lengths, and Leisure Swims continue to be very well attended, with requests from the public for additional sessions, including more opportunities for Parent and Tot Swims which staff have increased as of this month.
- Bronze Medallion was offered over Spring Break with 12 successful candidates completely all the necessary requirements and assessments.

PRESCHOOL/CHILDREN/YOUTH

- Pre-school, children and youth programs and classes have not been effected by the latest Provincial Health Orders and are being offered as scheduled.
- Youth Zone Pre-Teen Program continued in March at 100% capacity.
- Spring Break camps were very successful, running at 92% capacity. Huge shout out to our staff Holly, Kelti, Shannon and Tia who made a safe and successful 2x week of daycamp.

GENERAL RECREATION & SPORT

- All adult indoor and outdoor recreation programs and sports continue to be suspended until further notice.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE PROJECTS (Repairs or capital project updates):

- Downtown washrooms are close to completion, Electricians will be finishing the rough in work (April 12th) and plumbing is also roughed in. Washrooms should be operational by end of April.
- Staff are exploring additional opportunities for feature lighting around the town. Places of interest are Aggie Hall and the anchor in the round about. Pricing and presentation to council to happen soon.

NEXT MEETING Next meeting will be held at 7:00pm, May 19, 2021 via ZOOM.

ADJOURNMENT It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 PM