

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee
Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:00pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tim Richards, Chair
Gord Horth
Mike Brocklebank

Geoff Dean
Lynda Baker
Councillor Duck Paterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Clayton Postings
Julie Tierney

REGRETS:

Bruce Mason

Tara Pollock

AGENDA

Moved and seconded:

2019-13: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee approve the agenda with additions:

- Youth Taskforce Update
- Regional Sports Tourism Grants and Scholarships
- Regional Recreation Survey

Motion carried.

MINUTES

Moved and seconded:

2019-14: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the April 17, 2019 meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Youth Task Force – Sue Glenn, Community Program and Services Supervisor briefed the committee on the past Youth Task Force meetings that have taken place since the Ladysmith Youth Plan (LYP) was approved by Council. The Youth Task Force includes 10 active members (recruitment continues), many of which were part of the Core+ group that took part in the development of the LYP and will continue to meet monthly to review the strategic priorities and ensure these priorities continue to be applicable, and engage and involve the youth in the planning and establishing of future resources.

OLD BUSINESS

Regional Recreation Strategy – As noted at previous meeting, for the past two years, the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD), in partnership with its member municipalities, has undertaken a recreation planning project. The newly-created draft Regional Recreation Strategic Plan, which aims to provide strategic direction across a number of important areas has been completed. We are now seeking feedback from residents on the plan to ensure it reflects the vision, values and priorities of our community. Explanatory display panels and a Summary Report will be posted at the FJCC with the ability to leave comments. The panels and accompanied summary report will be displayed at FJCC until May 22 (possibly longer).

Sport Event Grants & Scholarships – In 2018, the CVRD Board approved providing up to \$30,000 in grants to individuals or sports organizations to enhance sport event activity in the region.

G. Horth, as a member of the Sport Grant Approval Subcommittee, recently took part in the 2019 review process. Several organizations and individuals were awarded grants or scholarships through this process. Although this opportunity was passed on to sporting groups in Ladysmith, it was noted that no Ladysmith applications were received. Staff are planning to promote the next opportunity (fall) more widely.

Lot 108 Improvements Projects – Gerry Beltgens provided the Committee with an overview of the project so far and the plans that were presented to Council at its meeting on May 6th. Committee members provided feedback and agreed that:

- it was important to have a plan in place prior to making decisions on immediate changes to the park;
- that the community as well as stakeholders both current and potential have an opportunity to take part in the planning process;
- that in order to maintain the momentum and keen volunteerism, the project be deemed a priority;
- and that the plan includes practical phases for implementation / construction

Moved and seconded:

2019-15: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee recommend that Council consider directing staff to, in a timely manner, update the current plan and costings for Lot 108 through a public process to reflect possible changing needs of the community.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Next Meeting will be held at 7:00pm, June 19, 2019 at the Frank Jameson Community Centre.