

**Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7:00pm**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lesley Lorenz
Mike Brocklebank
Ava Smith
Councillor Tricia McKay

Emily Weeks
Brynn Dovey
Lynda Baker
Geoff Dean

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Barfoot
Robyn McAdam
Julie Tierney

REGRETS:

Tim Richards
Councillor Duck Paterson

ELECT CHAIR

T. Richards had put forward his name and was nominated for role of chair. L. Lorenz volunteered for the role of co-chair.

Moved and seconded:

2020-01: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee chair will be Tim Richards and co-chair will be Lesley Lorenz.

Motion carried

AGENDA

Moved and seconded:

2020-02: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee approve the agenda for the meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

MINUTES

Moved and seconded:

2020-03: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the December, 2019 meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Art Task Group – The Public Art Task Group is seeking two members of the PRCAC to join the group. The Public Art Task Groups purpose is to assist the Town with providing advice and recommendations to Council on specific Public Art projects, including selection processes, acceptance of grants, gifts, donations, bequests and deaccession. Members are appointed for 2 year terms. **L. Baker and L. Lorenz have volunteered to join the Public Art Task Group.**

Regional Sport Tourism Committee Representative – The CVRD requested a representative from the PRCAC sit on the Regional Sport Tourism committee. This volunteer position includes reviewing electronic submissions for grants and meeting with the Regional Sport Tourism Committee twice a year. **E. Weeks has volunteered to be the PRCAC representative.**

UPDATES

Parks, Recreation and Culture

- The pool at the FJCC remains closed. Staff are working on developing a phased approach to reopening the pool, working with Covid protocols and BCRPA guidelines.
- Staff is working with various sports groups on sport reactivation during Covid. This involves working through plans set out by VIA sport in their 'Return to Sport' guidelines. Softball, Football, Baseball and Soccer groups have worked through these guidelines and have or are currently using Town facilities.
- The Fitness Centre at the FJCC has reopened by appointment only. The Fall Activity Guide has been released, with classes ranging from art to fitness available for the public to enjoy. So far the classes have been well received, with patrons happy to be back in the facility.
- The Machine Shop remains closed to tenants and the public with seismic upgrades and foundation work continuing.
- Staff, in partnership with the Cowichan Trails Society, worked with the Ladysmith youth regarding bike trails located behind Brown Drive Park. Town staff and volunteers rebuilt the entire site, with appropriate signage, to create a safe outdoor space. So far these trails have been well received by bike riders of all ages. The CTSS is offering a trail building workshop for in October which will teach youth how to safely build trails and do maintenance on existing trails. This workshop is already full, with plans to possibly add a second date.
- Local service clubs are working together, with the Town, to build an accessible walkway around the Forrest Field turf at Lot 108. This involves adding width to the existing walkway as well as an asphalt lane from the main parking lot to the field. Phase 1 of this project, involving the backside and washroom side of the field, is expected to be completed this week.
- The Ladysmith Golf Club has remained open during Covid and has provided a great opportunity for locals to remain active outside. The Town has worked with the Golf Club to relocate the hole at #5 after receiving concerns from a neighboring home owner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM

Next meeting will be held at 7:00pm, October 21, 2020 at (TBA).