

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee
Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 7:00pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tim Richards, Chair
Lynda Baker
Councillor Duck Paterson
Kelly Daniels
Lesley Lorenz
Geoff Dean
Emily Weeks

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Barfoot
Pamela Zwicker

REGRETS:

Ava Smith
Bryn Dovey

AGENDA

Moved and seconded:

2021-05: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee approve the agenda for the meeting with one amendment to Item 5.a which read “Review PATG March minutes” and should have indicated February minutes. *Motion carried.*

MINUTES

Moved and seconded:

2021-06: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the February, 2021 meeting as presented. *Motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

Public Art Task Group Public Art Donation Guidelines- Review PATG February Minutes

A discussion of the proposed feedback was informed by L. Baker and the PRCAC will receive the March PATG minutes and have them available at next month’s meeting to view.

Park Naming Policy Proposed Amendment–Staff brought forward proposed language recognizing indigenous history and culture in the Park Naming Policy and will include the recommended language in a staff report to council.

Moved and seconded:

2021-07: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee supports staff to present in a report to council the suggested edits to the Park Naming Policy.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Welcome and Introductions- Mr. Kelly Daniels, new Area H representative
- Four members of the PRCAC have terms that are set to expire June 2021.
- Ladysmith Golf Course Annual Report was presented to the PRCAC

- Stz'uminus youth recreation and Leisure Access Program were discussed

UPDATES

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

RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION- SPRING

- On Friday, March 5th, registration for spring programs (April-June) opened up via telephone and online at 8am. On Friday, program registrations totaled 383 registrations, 254 online and 129 in person or via telephone. By comparison, in December 2020 there were a total of 244 registrations for the entire month.
- Between Friday, March 5th and Monday, March 8th, the program guide was viewed over 700 times online. 50% of aquatic programs in the spring guide are 50% full already. 43 aquatic programs are 100% full.
- Staff have prepared classes for later this spring in the event that some PHO orders are lifted or revised that would allow us to offer higher intensity fitness programs (for example, spinning or HIIT classes).

COVID-19 VACCINATION SITE- AGGIE HALL

- Town of Ladysmith's Aggie Hall will be used by Island Health as a mass vaccination site for COVID-19 immunizations, with a License to Occupy beginning March 15th.
- All appointments for vaccinations will be pre-booked, visit Island Health's website for information on eligibility and to register.
- Programs that had been operating out of Aggie Hall are being relocated to other facilities for the next several months including Ladysmith and area Family and Friends which will be operating out of Davis Rd School for the next several months. Bookings at Aggie fields will not be impacted, although parking may be impacted.
- Public parking for the temporary clinic will be available at both the upper and lower Aggie Hall lots, along Symonds Street and on 2nd Avenue above the natural playground. Staff have been navigating PHO guidelines; updating fitness and program offerings accordingly. Focus will be on health and wellness and social benefits and connections vs traditional physical fitness.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held at 7:00pm, April 21, 2021 via ZOOM.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:04 PM