

Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee
Agenda for Meeting to be held on
Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 at 7:00pm
Frank Jameson Community Centre at 810 6th Avenue

The goal of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee is to provide advice and recommendations to Council regarding the establishment and implementation of Parks, Recreation and Culture priorities in the Town of Ladysmith.

1. Call to Order and Acknowledgement

The Town of Ladysmith acknowledges with gratitude that this meeting takes place on the traditional, unceded territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

2. Agenda Approval

3. Minutes

- a) Minutes of the meeting held September 21th, 2022

4. New Business

5. Old Business

- a) Elect Chair and Co-Chair
- b) Civic Recognition Program

CS 2022-073

That Council refer the "Civic Recognition" program to the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee to develop a draft policy for Council's consideration.

Motion Carried

- c) Park Implementation Plan – Review engagement/capture improvements

6. PRC Department Update

7. Adjournment

**Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee
Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 7:00pm
Frank Jameson Community Centre**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Colleen Butcher
Geoff Dean
Gordon Filewych

Bruce Mason
Terri Merritt-Worden

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Barfoot, Lead/Chair
Kim Cheang, Minute Taker

REGRETS:

Lynda Baker
Kelly Daniels

Jacqueline Huard
Lucy Partington

Councillor Duck Paterson

**CALL TO ORDER AND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

In the absence of an appointed Chair, C. Barfoot called the meeting to order at 7:04pm and acknowledged with gratitude that this meeting takes place on the traditional, unceded territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

AGENDA

2022-19:

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee approve the agenda for the meeting as presented.

Motion Carried.

MINUTES

2022-20:

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the May 18, 2022 meeting as presented.

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESSNew Member Welcome

Introductions of new members and returning members.

Elect Chair and Co-Chair

2022-21:

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee defer election of a Chair and Co-Chair to the next meeting scheduled for October 19.

Motion Carried

Civic Recognition Program

Council Resolution CS 2022-073

That Council refer the "Civic Recognition" program to the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee to develop a draft policy for Council's consideration.

Motion Carried

The Committee discussed civic recognition programs, consideration of a tier basis, high level excellence only when earn, establishing guidelines and intent of the program.

2022-22:

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee review/brainstorm types of civic recognition program options and bring back for further refinement to the next meeting scheduled for October 19.

Motion Carried

Community Banner Program PATG Report

2022-23:

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee endorse the recommendation of the Public Art Task Group and recommend that Council approve the theme “Connecting Ladysmith Through the Arts” for the 2023 Community – Public Art Banner program.

Motion Carried

Ladysmith Skatepark

2022-24:

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee request that staff provide a letter of support for the Ladysmith Skatepark Collective RDS Granite Mission Program.

Motion Carried

Invitation for Public Art Task Group (PATG) Representative

2022-25:

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee appoint G. Filewych as its representative to the Public Art Task Group.

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Items Postponed until October

- Park Implementation Plan – Review engagement/capture improvements

NEXT MEETING

7:00pm on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at FJCC

ADJOURNMENT

2022-26:

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee adjourn this meeting at 8:39pm.

Motion Carried

PRC DEPARTMENT UPDATES

PROGRAM AREA SUMMARY:

Health & Wellness

On average, Fitness Centre participant usage for September was around 1,800, with an additional 180 users participating in drop-in fitness and sport classes and sessions. In addition, we offered 21 registered health and wellness programs, with over 200 registered participants.

With the September weather being so amazing and people spending more time in local parks and trails, user numbers are lower in comparison to past Septembers. However, with school back in session, the Fitness Centre is seeing an increase in student attendance and participation. Many youth are booking orientations with Fitness Attendants in the Fitness Centre, which is a positive sign that they are keen to learn about proper form and exercise technique.

Aquatics

On average, there were 2,000 participants in drop-in aquatic programs. Demand for aquatic fitness programs and classes continue to be high, with high levels of participation in each class. Drop-in attendance to swims such as Early Bird, Length and Everyone Welcome swims is lower than normal, in comparison to past September statistics, but similar to Fitness Centre attendance, we feel the weather is a factor.

As with most organizations, we continue to face staffing challenges in the Aquatic department. Program Supervisors continue to work diligently on recruitment strategies and aquatic leadership opportunities, with the hope to increase staffing capacity.

Recreation-Preschool/Children/Youth

PreTeen is back with full registration. 16 youth in attendance every Wednesday afternoon. The group has been playing a variety of sports in the gymnasium, including pickleball.

Rec Room @ Lunch has reopened on Tuesdays at lunch.

The Youth Zone is open on Friday nights from 6 - 8 p.m. and has regular attendance since September 16th.

General Recreation & Sport

Fall 22 programs are underway and we are providing high quality programs and workshops for the community - with favourite programs and also some new opportunities with gardening, ballet, music and art.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE SUMMARY:

Facility Projects

The projects at Transfer Beach are complete with the exception of the washrooms. One key component is currently being manufactured before it can be installed.

Another project that was completed at Transfer Beach was the removal of the old concession building. The old structure was deemed beyond repair and was removed in late August. Removing this building has resulted in increased views of the water from the large grassy area.

A new addition to the park was the canoe shelter. Its purpose is to help protect the 'Salish Wind' canoe from the elements.

Please see the attached pictures of before and after of the Kinsmen & Sportsman shelters, washrooms, and the removal of the concession building. Included are some pictures of the new Salish Wind canoe shelter.





Community

LAFF

- LAFF had their official opening of the shelter this past Wednesday. With the nice weather the shelter has been a great addition to Aggie Park. The new shelter will be well utilized by LAFF and the community.

Vaccination Centre

- The vaccination clinic at Davis Rd. Elementary is still ongoing and open every Monday. The clinic is seeing a steady stream of public and will continue their program until the end of December.