

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 7:00pm
Frank Jameson Community Centre

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynda Baker, Chair
Colleen Butcher
Geoff Dean
Gordon Filewych

Jacqueline Huard
Bruce Mason
Terri Merritt-Worden
Councillor Duck Paterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Barfoot, Lead
Kim Cheang, Minute Taker

REGRETS:

Kelly Daniels
Lucy Partington

- CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm
The Chair acknowledged with gratitude that the meeting was taking place on the traditional, unceded territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.
- AGENDA** 2023-01:
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee approve the agenda for the meeting as presented.
Motion Carried.
- MINUTES** 2023-02:
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the October 19, 2022 meeting as presented.
Motion Carried
- NEW BUSINESS** Ladysmith Community Gardens Society (LCGS) Delegation
T. Reynen of the Ladysmith Community Gardens Society provided background information about the society and discussed how the garden community functions, some of the challenges it faces, some potential solutions, and issues to consider for the future. Ms. Reynen completed her presentation by highlighting the important, multi-generational role the LCGS plays within the community, as it teaches food awareness, how to grow food and how to preserve it. She noted that there is a growing interest within the community and that there are 17 names on the waiting list for garden plots.

The committee provided the following potential expansion options to the delegation:

- Park on Belaire – Ms. Reynen confirmed that discussion has already taken place with Parks, but there is a covenant on the land that restricts its use.
- Hospital grounds -the committee noted that this would be an ideal location since it is public property and the grounds are irrigated. Ms. Reynen agreed. D. Paterson offered to touch base with the Mayor.
- Strip of alley going up to Arbutus
- Gardens at Ladysmith schools are worth pursuing.

Invitations for Sport Tourism Event Grant Sub-committee (STEGS) Representative

2023-03:

That the Committee select G. Dean as a representative for the Sport Tourism Event Grant Sub-committee (STEGS).

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Park Implementation Plan – Review Proposed Phases and Community Engagement

The Committee provided feedback on the proposed phases based on the community engagement and feedback.

PRC staff will provide a presentable package at the February meeting.

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.

The Committee provided feedback regarding the award categories, including a clear inclusion of youth.

PRC staff will return with descriptions for each of the awards, application details, examples of how the selection committee could be structured, and recognition and ceremony options.

NEXT MEETING

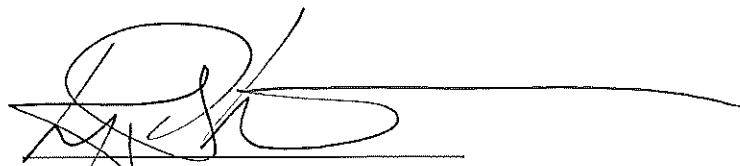
7:00pm on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at FJCC.

ADJOURNMENT


2023-04:

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee adjourn this meeting at 8:45pm.

Motion Carried

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Chair (L. Baker)

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Corporate Officer (M. O'Halloran)