

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee
Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 7:00pm
Frank Jameson Community Centre

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynda Baker
Colleen Butcher
Geoff Dean
Gordon Filewych
Jacqueline Huard

Councillor Duck Paterson
Kim Nakahara
Jane Nettleton
Pamela Walker

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Barfoot, Lead
Kim Cheang, Minute Taker
Mike Gregory, Guest

REGRETS:

Bruce Mason
Terri Merritt-Worden

**CALL TO ORDER AND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01pm and acknowledged with gratitude that the meeting was taking place on the unceded territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

AGENDA

2023-24:
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee approve the agenda for the meeting as presented.
Motion Carried.

MINUTES

2023-25:
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the September 20, 2023 meeting as presented.
Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Ladysmith Skatepark Society Presentation

- The Ladysmith Skatepark Society made a presentation to the Committee.
- The Society has raised the profile of the skatepark usage, building a sense of community with a variety of ages and gender dynamics. They have also reclaimed the space within the last 1.5 years.
- The current goal is to raise money and rebuild the skatepark with an estimated cost of \$1 million+ . The design is pivotal in determining these costs. Staff will be submitting a 2024 Capital Request for a skatepark design for Council consideration. Once the design is complete, the community engagement and fundraising campaigns will begin, and the society has the target goal to fundraise the project costs.
- The Committee suggested the Society join the BC Cycling Coalition, as an organization. Members of the Coalition, receive free insurance for events and other initiatives.

Rutti Park – Public Engagement Plan timeline and next steps

The Committee approves the Rutti Park Plan Public Engagement timeline and next steps at the June 19, 2024 meeting, and will reconfirm the timeline.

Public Art Committee appointee

2023-26:

With the upcoming transition of the Public Art Committee in 2024, the Committee appointed L. Baker as a voting member, and G. Filewych as a non-voting member.

Motion Carried.

**PRC DEPARTMENT
UPDATE**

PRC Department Update

C. Barfoot provided an update on the department, as well as on the Practice Pitch and Forrest Field Phase 1 upgrades.

NEXT MEETING

7:00pm on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at FJCC

ADJOURNMENT

2023-27:

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee adjourn this meeting at 8:16pm.

Motion Carried



Chair (G. Dean)



Corporate Officer (S. Bouma)