

Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee
Agenda for Meeting to be held on
Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 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 unceded territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

2. Agenda Approval

3. Minutes

a) Minutes of the meeting held February 21st, 2024

4. Old Business

a) Rutti Park Plan Public Engagement survey update

5. New Business

- a) Invitation for Sport Tourism Grant Sub-Committee (STEGS) representative
- b) Heart of the Hub phase 2 project update
- c) Regional Recreation update

6. PRC Updates

7. Adjournment

8. Next Meeting – April 17th at 7:00pm

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee
Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 7:02pm
Frank Jameson Community Centre

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynda Baker
Colleen Butcher
Geoff Dean
Gordon Filewych
Bruce Mason

Terri Merritt-Worden
Jane Nettleton
Councillor Duck Paterson
Pamela Walker

STAFF PRESENT:

Richard Frost, Lead
Kim Cheang, Minute Taker
Mike Gregory, Guest

REGRETS:

Jacqueline Huard
Kim Nakahara

**CALL TO ORDER AND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02pm and acknowledged with gratitude that the meeting was taking place on the unceded territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

AGENDA

2024-01:
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee approve the agenda for the meeting as presented.
Motion Carried.

MINUTES

2024-02:
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the November 15, 2024 meeting as presented.
Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Appropriate Behaviour – Code of Conduct – Recreation Facilities Update
The Committee reviewed and provided feedback on the Appropriate Behaviour – Code of Conduct – Recreation Facilities Policy update.
2024-03:
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee recommend that Council endorse the updates to the Appropriate Behaviour – Code of Conduct – Recreation Facilities Policy.
Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Rutti Park Plan Public Engagement – Draft Survey and Plan
The Committee reviewed and provided feedback on the Rutti Park Plan Community Engagement Survey. M. Gregory will refine the survey further and bring it back to the committee in another month.

**PRC DEPARTMENT
UPDATE**

PRC Department Update
R. Frost provided an update on capital project(s), as well as on the Saddle Span Tent and sauna upgrade.

NEXT MEETING

7:00pm on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at FJCC

ADJOURNMENT

2024-04:
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee adjourn this meeting at 8:15pm.
Motion Carried

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PRC DEPARTMENT UPDATES

PROGRAM AREA SUMMARY

Health, Wellness, Fitness & Sport

For January, participation numbers in the Fitness Centre, drop-in fitness, and sports classes were just over 4,870. Participation numbers increased slightly for February to 4,890. Drop-in pickleball, badminton, soccer, and basketball continue to be very popular among youth, adults, and the older adult populations.

January also marked the start of the 2024 Winter registered programs. The Winter season runs from January to March. An additional 34 programs and 290 instructional hours are offered during this season. A wide variety of these registered programs and classes are offered including spin, yoga, run/walk clinic, dance, and strength can conditioning.

Aquatics

Drop-in aquatic participant numbers remain steady with close to 3,163 users in January and 2,875 in February. Aquatic fitness programs and classes continue to be popular, with high levels of participation in each class. An additional 334 instructional hours were offered through registered swim programs, including swimming lessons, Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross.

Recreation – Preschool/Children/Youth/General Recreation

Preschool, Children, and Youth programs continue to gain traction. Program highlights include Square Dancing, Stop Motion, and Beginner Watercolours classes.

The Adventure Zone Daycamp program is always a hit and was offered during SD68 Pro-D Days. Activities included swimming, sports/physical activities, arts, and walking to local parks and playgrounds.

Participation numbers in the Pre-Teen Program offered on Wednesdays after school continue to be popular, with numbers climbing for Friday Night Rec Room. Friday Night Hoops continues to be a huge success with 40+ children and youth learning to play and advancing their basketball skills.

SPECIAL EVENTS, PROJECTS & COMMUNITY

Family Day

On Monday, February 19, the department hosted two free Family Day Swims and Gym activities at the Frank Jameson Community Centre. Session #1 was from 12:00-1:30 pm and session #2 was from 2:00-3:30 pm. Special family-oriented activities and games were facilitated in the pools and gymnasium, focusing on family, inclusivity, physical activity, and physical literacy. Healthy to-go snacks were provided at the end of the event. The Town received \$1,000 from the BCRPA to help support these 2024 BC Family Day activities. Partners included Ladysmith Arts and PacificSport Vancouver Island.

Healthy Start to Learning

On Thursday, February 22, the department through the Ladysmith Early Years Partnership (LEYP) invited the community to attend the Healthy Start to Learning Event from 9:30-12:00pm at Aggie Hall. The event was focused on children, families, and the early years and is a great opportunity to engage with community programs and services. Partner organizations provided an engaging child-friendly activity for the children to do while their parents had the opportunity to learn more about local resources. Ladysmith Lions Club made homemade pizza for participants.