

REPORT of the regular monthly meeting of the OAK BAY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION held on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at the Monterey Centre.

In Attendance:

Monty Holding, Chair
Frank Carson
Liz Hawes
Brian Sharp
Dick Cavaye
Hazel Braithwaite
Drew Henderson

Staff:

Lorna Curtis, Director, Parks and Recreation
Janet Barclay, Manager, Recreation Program Services
Lorne Middleton, Manager, Parks Services
Grant Brown, Manager Administrative Services
Mandi Krieger, Executive Assistant

Absent: Matt Fairbarns, Laverne Bennett, Donald Farquhar

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

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| I. MINUTES | Commission (2009-11-04) |
| | Committee of the Whole (2009-11-16) |

Moved by Dick Cavaye, Seconded by Frank Carson, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2009 MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION BE ADOPTED.

Carried

The minutes from Committee of the Whole were received for information.

New Manager, Recreation Program Services, Janet Barclay was welcomed to the meeting.

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tree Protection Bylaw

The Chair reported that Committee of the Whole approved the recommended Tree Protection Bylaw changes from Commission and have asked staff to incorporate these changes into the current Tree Protection Bylaw.

In the New Year, the Tree Protection Committee will reconvene to review the amended Tree Protection Bylaw and other suggested recommendations.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

IV. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program Reports, Parks & Physical Plant - December 2009

The Manager, Parks reported that the first annual Tree Appreciation Day on Sunday, November 8, 2009 was attended by approximately 30 people. The celebration was held at Uplands Park opposite Cattle Point entrance. Activities included planting young Garry Oak Trees, potting acorns, and

refreshments. Donations from the Green Committee and two Oak Bay residents were gratefully received.

Finance and Personnel Subcommittee

The feasibility of having a separate Finance and Personnel Subcommittee on a monthly basis was questioned and options were discussed. Staff will look into the possibility of incorporating the Finance portion into the regular Commission meeting and will report back in January.

Moved by Brian Sharp, Seconded by Dick Cavaye THAT THE SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS BE RECEIVED.

Carried

V. NEW BUSINESS

Request to attend Parks and Recreation Administrators Workshop

The Director, Parks and Recreation requested permission for herself and the Manager, Recreation Program Services to attend the BC Parks and Recreation Administrators workshop at Harrison Hot Springs in January 2010.

Moved by Drew Henderson, Seconded by Liz Hawes THAT COMMISSION SUPPORT THE REQUEST FOR THE DIRECTOR AND MANAGER, RECREATION PROGRAM SERVICES TO ATTEND THE BC PARKS AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATORS WORKSHOP IN JANUARY 2010.

Oak Bay High School Redevelopment Steering Committee

Brian Sharp reported that the Steering Committee has held two meetings to discuss the redevelopment of Oak Bay High School. Discussions have included how the redevelopment of Oak Bay High could include other amenities for the community such as a theatre, new library, partnerships, opening of Bowker Creek as well as the future of the two tennis bubbles. The current provincial government has earmarked \$52 million dollars to construct the school portion of this project. Other sources of funding would need to be secured to pay for any additional amenities. A Community Visioning meeting for the public is being held on Saturday, December 5th to update the public and gather their input.

In conjunction with this discussion, the Director noted that the 4 court tennis bubble will need to be replaced in the next 4 – 5 years. Agnes Szilos has been contracted to prepare an analysis of current utility costs and research the cost of energy efficient options to replace the tennis bubble in the future.

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VI. DIRECTORS REPORT

Director requested that all members of Commission please attend the January meeting if possible to obtain a quorum as the two new members of Commission will not be appointed until mid January.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Liz Hawes, Seconded by Dick Cavaye, THAT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION BE ADJOURNED.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.