

REPORT of the regular monthly meeting of the OAK BAY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION held on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 in the Council Chambers, Oak Bay Municipal Hall.

In Attendance:

Frank Carson, Acting Chair
Matt Fairbarns
Laverne Bennett
Donald Farquhar
Liz Hawes
Drew Henderson
Dick Cavaye
Brian Sharp
Hazel Braithwaite

Staff:

Agnes Szilos, Director, Parks and Recreation
Lorna Curtis, Manager, Recreation Program Services
Lorne Middleton, Manager, Parks Services
Mandi Krieger, Executive Assistant

Absent: Monty Holding

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

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| I. MINUTES | Commission | (2009-01-07) |
| | Committee of the Whole | (2009-01-05) |
| | Committee of the Whole | (2009-01-19) |

Moved by Don Farquhar, Seconded by Drew Henderson, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 7, 2009 MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION BE ADOPTED.

Carried

Moved by Drew Henderson, Seconded by Matt Fairbarns THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2009 MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

Carried

Moved by Matt Fairbarns, Seconded by Dick Cavaye THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2009 MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

Carried

New Commission member Brian Sharp was welcomed to the meeting.

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

Request for Reduced Fee Structure for Oak Bay Cricket Club

Mr. Peter Wheaton and Mr. Mike Skene were in attendance to support their request for a reduced fee structure for cricket games at Windsor Park, based on the history of cricket played within the municipality and the length of the game.

Mr. Wheaton outlined that prior to the upgrade of the Windsor Pavilion, the Oak Bay Cricket Club had exclusive use of a club room and provided labour in exchange for a reduced rental rate. Since the new pavilion has been built, space is not available for exclusive room usage and cricket is paying regular user rates as outlined in the Windsor Pavilion fee structure. Due to the increase in costs, the small number of participants in the club, and the length of the games, the club has had to reduce the number of games played at Windsor and move the games to Beacon Hill and Shawnigan Lake where they don't have to pay fees. The club enjoys playing at Windsor as it is known as the best grounds to play cricket. The Club asked Commission to keep in mind the uniqueness of the sport, length of playing time and small number of participants and reduce the fee. The club is willing to put in labour to offset costs or come up with possible options to reduce rental costs.

The Director asked that Commission keep in mind that whatever the decision, other regular user groups must be able to be given same considerations. The Director requested that, whatever the outcome, the Cricket Club give a reasonable amount of time for cancellations of bookings allowing the municipality opportunity to rebook the space. Discussion ensued and Commission felt that fees were reasonable and not out of line with costs that other sports organizations incurred.

Moved by Don Farquhar, Seconded by Dick Cavaye THAT COMMISSION DECLINE THE REQUEST BY THE OAK BAY CRICKET CLUB FOR A REDUCED FEE FOR THE RENTAL OF WINDSOR PAVILION.

Carried

A suggestion was made that the Oak Bay Cricket Club may want to consider submitting a grant application to Municipal Council for funding.

IV. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program Reports, January 2009

The Manager, Recreation Program Services reported that the ActNowBC Prescription was officially launched on Friday, January 30th, 2009 with over 135 physicians already participating in the program. Since the launch, 15 additional physicians and two clinics have shown interest in joining the initiative.

In conjunction with the Community Initiatives Committee, staff has organized a free 'One Year Out' community event at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre on Friday, February 13, 2009 between 6:30pm and 9:30pm. This event is in celebration of the 2010 Winter Olympics opening February 12, 2010.

The event will feature 'Olympic type' events in each area, activities and entertainment in the lobby. The Community Initiatives Committee has received funding to host this event which will include appearances by past Olympic athletes and a draw for two tickets to the closing ceremonies of the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Moved by Liz Hawes, Seconded by Matt Fairbarns THAT THE PROGRAM, PARKS AND PHYSICAL PLANT REPORTS BE RECEIVED.

Carried

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. DIRECTORS REPORT

The Director reported that the operating hours of the Muffin Nook at Henderson were reduced from six mornings a week to three effective January 5th, 2009. The average daily coffee & muffin sales are about \$25 and volunteers are asking to be placed in busier positions. The Muffin Nook will be open Thursday, Friday & Saturday mornings from 9am-noon and the hours will be revisited closer to the golfing season.

The successful applicant for the Manager, Administrative Services is Grant Brown. Grant holds a Bachelor of Human Kinetics degree with a minor in Commerce from the University of British Columbia and has also completed the 3rd level of the CGA (Certified General Accountant) program. He has been with Recreation Oak Bay since 2002 holding the positions of Fitness Supervisor and Sports Coordinator.

Interviews are in progress for the positions of Sports Coordinator and Monterey Secretary.

Following the Directors report, Mr. Fraser Campbell was in attendance on behalf of the Carnarvon Allenby Baseball Association requesting an update in relocating the Adult Softball League for the 2009 season to increase current usage of the Pee Wee diamond by the Baseball Association. Mr. Campbell reported that Carnarvon Baseball and Fireman's Park Baseball have successfully amalgamated and that the Association is still seeking additional field time for their peewee division. Staff ensured Mr. Campbell that they are actively seeking options to expand the time available to the Baseball Association, however there has been no response from the School Board to date.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Matt Fairbarns, Seconded by Laverne Bennett, THAT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION BE ADJOURNED.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.