

REPORT of the regular monthly meeting of the OAK BAY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION held on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 in the Council Chambers, Oak Bay Municipal Hall.

In Attendance:

Matt Fairbarns
Laverne Bennett
Dick Cavaye
Donald Farquhar
Monty Holding
Frank Carson
Drew Henderson
Hazel Braithwaite
Mayor Christopher Causton (items I and II only)

Staff:

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

Absent: Brian Sharp, Liz Hawes

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

I. ELECTIONS:

Moved by Don Farquhar, Seconded by Dick Cavaye THAT MONTY HOLDING BE ELECTED TO THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE OAK BAY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR 2009.

Carried

Moved by Monty Holding, Seconded by Matt Fairbarns THAT FRANK CARSON BE ELECTED TO THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE OAK BAY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR 2009.

Carried

II. WELCOME:

Mayor Christopher Causton welcomed Commission Members and staff to the first meeting of 2009 and commented on the sound performance of the department in 2008 including leadership and participation in the regional health and wellness initiatives, continued field improvements and creation of long range plans to place the department in a position to take advantage of funding opportunities that may arise. Looking ahead, the Mayor encouraged the Parks department to continue to develop a pesticide free environment.

The Mayor wished Commission members and staff all the best for 2009.

III. MINUTES

Commission

(2008-12-03)

Moved by Matt Fairbarns, Seconded by Laverne Bennett, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2008 MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION BE ADOPTED.

Carried

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

V. CORRESPONDENCE:

VI. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Manager, Recreation Program Services reported that seven new Regional Annual Passes have been sold as of January 1, 2009 at Recreation Oak Bay. She also reported that the ActNowBC Prescription program that promotes physical activity as a healthy lifestyle is well underway with 133 physicians participating. Through referral of physicians in the region, participants receive five passes to the centre of their choice in the Capital Regional District, a resource package, nutrition information, fitness orientation and pedometer. ACTNOWBC will be officially launching the Prescription program on January 30th, 2009.

Manager, Parks Services reported that, after a delay due to inclement weather, a portion of the Oak tree removed from Victoria Avenue is now a feature at the entrance of the Brighton Park. The trunk is 18 feet in diameter and is estimated to be approximately 300 years old.

Moved by Frank Carson, Seconded by Laverne Bennett THAT THE SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS BE RECEIVED.

Carried

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Oak Bay Cricket Club

Correspondence received by Mayor Causton from Mr. Peter Wheaton on behalf of the Oak Bay Cricket Club was forwarded to Commission at the meeting for consideration. Oak Bay Cricket Club requests 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.

Commission requested that staff provide the fees and charges for the facility and that a representative of the Oak Bay Cricket Club be invited to attend the next Commission meeting on Wednesday, February 4th to present their request.

Moved by Frank Carson, Seconded by Dick Cavaye THAT THE REQUEST RECEIVED FROM THE OAK BAY CRICKET CLUB FOR A REDUCED FEE STRUCTURE BE TABLED AND ADDRESSED AT THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING BEING HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2009.

Carried

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director reported that the year came to an interesting close due to the snowy weather resulting in decreased attendance and the need to delay a number of capital projects including the golf course irrigation project and outdoor fitness equipment installation at Henderson until the New Year.

The new 52" LCD TV along with a 161" screen and projector has been installed in the Sportsview Deli Bar and Grill and is the first of its kind in a public facility in the region. This will be a great opportunity for families to watch hockey and football games as well as other major sporting events.

With respect to personnel items, interviews for Manager of Administrative Services are underway. The Secretary position at Monterey Centre is currently posted.

The New Years Classic tennis tournament is in progress with the mixed doubles final being played on Sunday January 11th at 3pm and Men's and Women's finals being played on Sunday, January 18th from 10:30am. This year's tournament attracted approximately 200 participants with a surplus of players for the mixed doubles draw.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Don Farquhar, Seconded by Drew Henderson, THAT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION BE ADJOURNED AND THAT A SPECIAL MEETING IN CAMERA BE CONVENED TO DISCUSS FOR CONSIDERATION OF A MATTER WHICH, UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT, THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.