

REPORT of the regular monthly meeting of the OAK BAY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION held on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 in the Council Chambers, Oak Bay Municipal Hall.

In Attendance:

Staff:

Frank Carson, Acting Chair	Agnes Szilos, Director, Parks and Recreation
Drew Henderson	Lorne Middleton, Manager Parks Services
Donald Farquhar	Mandi Krieger, Executive Assistant
Brian Sharp	
Laverne Bennett	
Hazel Braithwaite	

Absent: Dick Cavaye, Monty Holding, Matt Fairbarns, Liz Hawes, Lorna Curtis

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

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| I. | MINUTES | Commission | (2009-05-06) |
| | | Committee of the Whole | (2009-05-19) |

Moved by Drew Henderson, Seconded by Laverne Bennett, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE May 6, 2009 MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION BE ADOPTED.

Carried

Additional New Business agenda items were added by consensus.

II. CORRESPONDENCE

Victoria Wheelers Cycling Club Event

The Victoria Wheelers Cycling Club has received permission from Oak Bay Council to use the roads surrounding Windsor Park for a charity bicycle race on Sunday, July 26th, 2009 from 8:00am to noon. The Wheelers requested permission from Commission to use the northwest portion of Windsor Park, in conjunction with the race, to add youth activities to the schedule of events. The activities would include a bouncy castle, face painting, balloon twisting and appearances by Farmer Vickie and Cow Daisy from Island Farms. There would not be a charge to participate in the youth activities.

Staff noted that a minimum of \$3 million liability insurance is required; however, the Wheelers indicated that they will be providing a certificate of insurance in the amount of \$5 million for the cycling event which will cover the special activities as well.

Concern was expressed regarding possible damage to the grass under the bouncy castle. Staff noted that a bouncy castle has been used in past events without damage to the field.

Moved by Brian Sharp, Seconded by Drew Henderson TO ALLOW THE VICTORIA WHEELERS CYCLING CLUB TO OFFER YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN WINDSOR PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CHARITY BICYCLE

RACE ON JULY 26, 2009 SUBJECT TO PROVISION OF A CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000 WITH THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY ADDED AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED.

Carried

Windsor Park Birthday Rental

Lisa Chan-Leong has rented the Windsor Pavilion for her daughter's birthday party on Sunday, July 12th and has also rented the adjoining cricket field from noon to 5pm for outdoor party games. Ms. Chan-Leong requested permission from Commission to have a dunk tank and inflatable structure such as a bouncy castle on the cricket field during the event for exclusive use by the birthday party children.

Discussion ensued regarding the policy of field rental by private users for exclusive use of a municipal field. Commission requested that staff provide recommendations for policy review at the September Commission meeting regarding rental requests by private users for exclusive use of municipal fields.

Moved by Don Farquhar, Seconded by Drew Henderson THAT COMMISSION ENDORSE THE REQUEST BY LISA CHAN-LEONG TO HAVE A DUNK TANK AND BOUNCY CASTLE ON THE CRICKET FIELD ON JULY 12, 2009 FOR A PRIVATE RENTAL SUBJECT TO PROVISION OF A CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000.

Carried

Summer Dog Hours on McNeill Bay Beach

Gloria Back and Diane MacRae in attendance.

On behalf of the Windsor Park Dog Group, Ms. Back requested that the summer bylaw hours be expanded for off leash dog hours on McNeill Bay Beach. She noted that the issue was last looked at by Commission in the spring of 2007.

As the hours at Windsor Park decreases in the summer the group is requesting increased dog access in July and August 2009 at McNeill Bay Beach. Current access in summer months is sunrise to 9am and the Group is requesting that the hours be expanded at McNeill Bay Beach to noon each day and after 7pm each evening until sunset. The Group requested that a summer trial of extended hours be considered with the hopes that the by-law be amended formally for 2010 summer if successful.

Moved by Don Farquhar, Seconded by Brian Sharp THAT THE REQUEST FOR A SUMMER TRIAL OF EXTENDED HOURS AT MCNEILL BAY BEACH FROM SUNRISE TO NOON AND FROM 7PM TO SUNSET EACH DAY BE REJECTED.

Moved by Frank Carson, Seconded by Drew Henderson THAT THE MOTION BE AMENDED TO EXTEND THE HOURS FOR DOG ACCESS TO MCNEILL BAY BEACH DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS TO SUNRISE TO 11AM ON A TRIAL BASIS AND REJECT THE REQUEST FOR USAGE FROM 7PM TO SUNSET.

Defeated

A vote was then called on the original motion to reject the request for extended dog access to McNeill Bay Beach.

Carried

Drew Henderson left the meeting at 8pm and it was acknowledged that as there was no longer a quorum the remainder of the meeting would not result in any formal recommendations to Council, and, when a decision was required, would have to be dealt with at a subsequent meeting.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IV. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program Reports, May 2009

The YES Awards dinner was held in the Sports View Deli Bar and Grill on Thursday May 7th at 6pm. The YES awards recognize the accomplishments of youth from grades 6-9 in the Oak Bay area and the goal of the awards is to emphasize the positive achievements of Oak Bay's young people by recognizing those who have distinguished themselves in such areas as volunteerism, arts, citizenship, academics, athletics and/or who have overcome obstacles to achieve their goals. 75 people attended the event including the 11 youth that received awards. Councilor Braithwaite commended the Sportsview staff on a job well done.

Finance Minutes

Received for information

Wall of Fame Report

The Director reported that the Wall of Fame Committee met and reviewed material from other sources. The Committee will be meeting in July to discuss options regarding the creation of a wall of fame and will forward a recommendation to Commission at the September meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Dogs on Henderson

Correspondence was received from Ms. Judith Kovats requesting that Commission consider allowing dogs on the Henderson chip trail. Ms. Kovats noted that the chip trail is an ideal place for dog owners to walk or run with

their pets and suggested that by implementing specific rules it would eliminate most objections from non-dog owners.

Discussion ensued noting that as the chip trail is a highly active area, particularly since the installation of the outdoor fitness equipment and that there are other dog accessible areas in the vicinity. The consensus of members was that the request for allowing dogs on the chip trail be denied as it was not conducive to the area or the usage of the trail.

Minor Hockey Requests for Tournaments 2009/10

Minor Hockey has requested an additional 15 minutes be added to their Saturday timeslot for the 2009/10 hockey season to allow them to divide the time into 2 games and 1 practice. By extending the time from 7pm to 7:15pm the public skate session that follows the booking time by 15 minutes would be reduced. Staff does not feel that a 15 minute decrease in the public session would affect attendance.

Minor Hockey has also requested additional ice time for various tournaments throughout the season. Staff recommendation was that the December tournament request could be accommodated to a large extent, if not completely, as this is a slower time for some public skates. With respect to the other times, staff recommended that the hours be allowed where time is available but that programs/public skates not be disrupted at these busy times of the year. It was noted that although Figure Skating has had special events, they occur very seldom and have been one time events.

Member consensus was to support staff recommendation to extend the Minor Hockey Saturday timeslot by 15 minutes and that the tournament ice time be accommodated where possible without disruption to programs and public skate sessions.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director reported that the pool is closed for maintenance from June 1st to June 21st, the Oak Bay fitness studio will be closed from June 22nd to 30th and Henderson fitness studio will be closed from July 2nd to 4th to replace fitness equipment. Henderson will be refinishing the gymnasium floor from June 15th to June 28th. Oak Bay Recreation Centre will be closed on June 5th until 2pm to have the main transformer replaced and as the electricity will be shut off, the phone will have a busy signal – Henderson and Monterey centres will be open as per usual.

Staff attended the BCRPA conference from May 26th to 29th and were impressed by the content and key note speakers throughout the week. Sessions were very informative and allowed staff to build team dynamics.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.