



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Peninsula Recreation Commission
Held Thursday, May 24, 2018, in the Boardroom, 1885 Forest Park Drive,
North Saanich, BC**

Present: **Commissioners:** W. Ruffle (Chair), H. Gartshore (Vice Chair), T. Chad, N. Paltiel, C. Stock (for A. Finall)
Staff: L. Brewster, Senior Manager; M. Alsdorf, Manager of Program Services; M. Curtis, Manager of Facilities and Operations; V. Leigh-Dorin, Manager of Administrative Services; J. Gray, Community Recreation Coordinator – Youth; K. Say, Community Recreation Coordinator – Adult; S. Asdal (recorder)
Absent: T. Daly, B. Losie. S. Price, R. Windsor

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Chad, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Paltiel,
That the agenda be approved with the addition of 6. a) Correspondence from Vancouver Island Regional Library, b) Correspondence from BC Transit and c) Closure of VI Fitness.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Alternate Commissioner Stock, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Paltiel,
That the minutes of the April 26, 2018 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks

Chair Ruffle remarked that Chek News and the Times Colonist reported on the Panorama International Tennis Federation Junior Championships.

4. Presentations/Delegations: There were none.

5. Commission Business

a) 2018 Play in the Park Program Report

J. Gray provided an overview of the report. The Commission discussed the following topics:

- Location of the StoryWalks program
- Open-Air Library provided by Vancouver Island Regional Library in Sidney
- Location of future Greenglade playground

MOVED by Commissioner Chad, **SECONDED** by Vice Chair Gartshore,
That the report be received for information.

CARRIED

b) Maintenance Update Report

M. Curtis provided an overview of the report. The Commission discussed the following topics:

- The need for a radio-telephone interconnect safety protocol for staff responding to calls from the public
- The need to inform the Sidney/North Saanich RCMP of the new interconnect phone numbers
- How the LED screen is being installed and how it will be utilized

MOVED by Commissioner Chad, **SECONDED** by Vice Chair Gartshore,
That the report be received for information.

CARRIED

c) January to April Programs Report

M. Alsdorf provided an overview of the report.

MOVED by Alternate Commissioner Stock, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Paltiel,
That the report be received for information.

CARRIED

d) Island Health Community Wellness Grant Report

K. Say provided an overview of the report. The Commission acknowledged the success of the program and encouraged staff to pursue future grant opportunities to partner with School District 63.

MOVED by Commissioner Paltiel, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Chad,
That the report be received for information.

CARRIED

e) British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) Symposium – Verbal Report

Vice Chair Gartshore, Chair Ruffle, M. Alsdorf, L. Brewster and K. Say shared the following highlights of the symposium:

- Mid-Size Towns session exploring issues regarding an aging population, the demand for intergenerational and older adult programming and the need for multipurpose facilities
- Culture Shift session discussing the impact of social media on youth as well as the ways youth are portrayed in the media
- Rick Hansen Foundation's presentation on accessibility in public facilities. Staff have arranged for the foundation to conduct a free accessibility assessment of the Panorama Recreation and Greenglade Community centres to identify areas for improvement.

The Commission discussed the need for the symposium participants to meet and review the presentation material and identify possible initiatives to be implemented at Panorama Recreation.

MOVED by Commissioner Paltiel, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Chad,
That the report be received for information.

CARRIED

6. New Business

a) Correspondence from Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL)

L. Brewster reviewed the response received from VIRL regarding the Commission's request to forward detailed drawings of the proposed library site and provide a presentation to the Commission. VIRL has responded that until the funding, site and design have been confirmed they are not in a position to provide information.

MOVED by Commissioner Paltiel, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Chad,
That the report be received for information.

CARRIED

b) Correspondence from BC Transit

L. Brewster reviewed the response received from BC Transit regarding the Commission's request that routes be upgraded to improve accessibility to Panorama Recreation for Saanich Peninsula First Nations communities. BC Transit has responded that the request has been forwarded to the Victoria Regional Transit Commission's Chair and senior staff.

MOVED by Alternate Commissioner Stock, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Paltiel,
That the report be received for information.

CARRIED

c) Closure of VI Fitness

L. Brewster advised of the May 1, 2018 closure of the VI Fitness Central Saanich location and noted that Panorama Regional May Pass sales have increased from 556 in 2017 to 847 to date this year.

The Commission discussed the capacity of the Panorama and Greenglade weight rooms, the former location of VI Fitness and the need for a Panorama Recreation facility in Central Saanich.

MOVED by Vice Chair Gartshore, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Paltiel,
That staff investigate the feasibility of operating a facility out of the former VI Fitness Central Saanich location.

CARRIED

7. Adjournment

MOVED by Alternate Commissioner Stock, **SECONDED** by Vice Chair Gartshore,
That the meeting be adjourned at 8:10pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER