



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Peninsula Recreation Commission
Held Thursday, February 23, 2023, in the Panorama Boardroom
1885 Forest Park Drive, North Saanich BC**

Present: **Commissioners:** R. Imrie (Chair), P. DiBattista, K. Frost, S. Garnett, P. Jones, C. McNeil-Smith, N. Paltiel, S. Riddle for R. Windsor
Staff: L. Brewster, Senior Manager; A. Sharp, Manager, Administrative Services; M. Curtis, Manager, Facilities & Operations; K. Beck, Manager, Program Services; M. Medland, Senior Financial Advisor; S. Henderson, Senior Manager Real Estate; D. Toso (recorder);

District of Central Saanich Staff: Dale Puskas, Director of Engineering

Regrets: P. Murray

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Commissioner DiBattista provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Commissioner DiBattista,
That the agenda be approved with the addition of item 9. Notice of Motion

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes of January 26, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Garnett, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Frost,
That the minutes of the January 26, 2023 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks: There were none.

5. Presentations/Delegations: There were none.

P. DiBattista left the meeting 6:02 pm citing a potential conflict of interest as the President of the Peninsula Warriors Lacrosse Association.

N. Paltiel entered the meeting at 6:02 pm.

6. Commission Business

6.1 Proposed Centennial Park Multi-Sport Box Project Plan

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L. Brewster reviewed the report. M. Curtis provided an overview of the project procurement plan; S. Henderson reviewed the property tenure details; M. Medland reviewed the financial implications. Discussion ensued regarding:

- The sport box would be constructed so as to keep the option to enclose it, adding walls and HVAC, at a later date if desired.
- The staff report will be amended to explicitly state the deadline for the completion of the project imposed by the grant.
- Project impacts on current users, including non-lacrosse users. Staff is committed to working with Peninsula Lacrosse to provide dry floor space at Panorama.
- The CRD will enter into discussions with the District of Central Saanich regarding the fieldhouse condition assessment report.
- The footprint of the new sport box compared to existing Lacrosse box and lease area, implications of reorienting the sport box. Motion arising to ask Central Saanich for a future site feasibility study.
- Short-term borrowing will not have a significant impact on operating budget, requisition or capital plan.
- An amended version of the staff recommendation was put forth.

MOVED by Commissioner Paltiel, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Riddle,
That the Centennial Multi-Sport Box project and project plan be approved as presented and that staff be directed to proceed with next steps, including grant transfer, procurement and loan authorization bylaw.

CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner Paltiel, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Garnett,
That the Peninsula Recreation Commission ask the District of Central Saanich to provide a future site feasibility study for the fieldhouse lands and other lands mentioned within and around the lease area as defined in the staff report and Schedule A.

CARRIED

P. DiBattista returned to the meeting at 6:40 pm
S. Henderson left the meeting at 6:40 pm

6.2 Year-End Financial Report – December 2022

A. Sharp provided an overview of the report. Discussion ensued regarding:

- Participation levels compared to 2019, regional issue due to changes in recreation habits and staffing.
- Lower revenues and expenses – the deficit was managed very well despite the challenge of setting the budget while coming off the uncertainty of pandemic impacts.
- Recruitment efforts include attending the Employment Expo next week at Mary Winspear.
- The equipment replacement reserve balance is looking healthier despite the significant cost of replacing equipment, capital reserve is in the ballpark of CRD guidelines.

N. Paltiel left the meeting at 6:54 pm

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

N. Paltiel re-entered the meeting at 6:56 pm.

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6.3 Capital Projects

M. Curtis provided an overview of the report. Discussion ensued regarding:

- Through the pathway, GHG reduction is still anticipated at 360 tons annually
- The Green Municipal Fund is a federal program run through the Federation of Municipalities

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Correspondence from the Saanich Peninsula Pickleball Association

L. Brewster informed the Commission about a meeting staff had with SPPA reps, the discussion was positive and Panorama will keep working with the group to see what options are available in the community, including schools and First Nations facilities.

P. Jones reviewed potential to have four courts at Blue Heron Park, if the turf project is successful, and to look at building 8 to 12 courts behind Canadian Tire in the future. Discussions are underway between the SPPA and the old McTavish School as well as Pauquachin Nation regarding the old Glen Meadows location.

8. Notice of Motion

S. Riddle read the following notice of motion:

Whereas it was identified as a key theme in the Panorama Recreation 2022-2026 Strategic Plan that “Like most geographic areas, the distribution of (and access to) recreation infrastructure is unbalanced across the Peninsula. Partnerships, outreach initiatives and potentially future facility development are all options that residents think should be explored to continue seeking geographic equity and reducing barriers to participation.”

Whereas Bylaw No. 2397 establishes the parameters of the Peninsula Recreation Commission (PRC) for the Municipalities Of North Saanich, Sidney And Central Saanich (participating areas);

And whereas Bylaw No. 2397 delegates to the Commission all of the administrative powers of the Regional Board with respect to the equipping, maintenance and management of the swimming pool and ice arena and such other additional facilities as may be provided from time to time;

And whereas new facilities have been added from time to time such as the Greenglade Recreation Centre and the Accessible multi-sportbox;

And whereas there have been recent requests for support for new or modernized recreation infrastructure of mutual interest to the participating areas have been introduced at the Peninsula Recreation Commission;

And whereas new and improved facilities are included in the Panorama Recreation 2022-2026 Strategic Plan;

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And whereas participating areas may incur liabilities to fund services however, under the Community Charter, the amount of liabilities a municipality may undertake is subject to the liability servicing limit;

And whereas the partnering areas do not have recreation functions identified within their own municipal services;

Be it resolved that the PRC is where future recreation infrastructure and facility development is considered on behalf of the partnering areas;

Be it resolved that staff from North Saanich, Central Saanich and Sidney and the PRC meet to discuss developing operating agreements between the partnering area(s) and the PRC for the management and operation for existing recreation facilities including tennis courts, pickleball courts, sports fields and programming space prior to the PRC completing it's service and budget planning for 2024 and report back to the Commission on the outcome of these discussions; and

Be it resolved that upon PRC endorsement of the resolution, it be referred to the North Saanich, Central Saanich and Sidney Councils for endorsement.

9. New Business: There was none.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Commissioner Garnett, **SECONDED** by Commissioner McNeil-Smith
That the meeting be adjourned at 7:16 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER