



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Peninsula Recreation Commission
Held Thursday, June 22, 2023, in the Panorama Boardroom
1885 Forest Park Drive, North Saanich BC**

Present

Commissioners: R. Imrie (Chair), N. Paltiel (Vice-Chair), P. DiBattista (Electronic Participation),
K. Frost, S. Garnett, P. Murray

Staff: L. Brewster, Senior Manager; K. Beck, Manager, Program Services; A. Sharp,
Manager, Administrative Services; A. Liu, Manager, Environmental Engineering;
D. Toso (Recorder)

Guests: P. Zubersky, Peninsula Panthers Hockey Club; S. May, Peninsula Minor Hockey
Association; K. Fenn, BC Recreation and Parks Association

Regrets

Commissioners: C. McNeil-Smith; R. Windsor; P. Jones

Staff: M. Curtis

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Commissioner Murray provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda – The agenda was amended to reverse item 5.1 and 5.2.

MOVED by Commissioner Garnett, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Paltiel,
That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes of April 27, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Paltiel, **SECONDED** by Commissioner DiBattista,
That the minutes of the April 27, 2023 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks: There were none.

5. Presentations/Delegations:

5.1 BCRPA Award – Katie Fenn, CEO – Lorraine welcomed Katie who presented the Chair with the Facility Excellence Award for projects less than \$3 million for the Jumpstart Multi Sport Court. Bringing youth into recreation centres is a perpetual challenge across the province so congratulations on leading BC in that regard as well as your efforts to bring outdoor spaces and parks to the community.

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K. Fenn left the meeting at 6:06 pm

5.2 Peninsula Panthers Hockey Club – Pete Zubersky, Governor – Pete reported that BC hockey is breaking away from Hockey Canada, leaving lots of uncertainty at the Junior A and B levels. Junior B leagues have approached BC Hockey to affiliate up to Junior A. For the Peninsula Panthers to become affiliated with BC Hockey, it needs a dedicated change room at its home facility, Panorama Recreation. If this cannot be achieved within three years, the facility will lose the franchise.

The Commission acknowledged Pete and Coreen for all their work over the years with community youth and wish to support the Panthers with the needed infrastructure. Staff plans to bring forward a recommendation to the Commission in September to begin the design process on the arena dressing room upgrades in alignment with the Strategic Plan. Staff will work with stakeholders, including the Panthers and Minor Hockey on the design process.

P. Zubersky and S. May left the meeting at 6:25 pm.

6. Commission Business

6.1 Centennial Park Multi-Sport Box Wood Design - Verbal

A. Liu presented the report. Discussion ensued regarding:

- In comparison with the 2022 class D estimate for steel and accounting for 5% inflation, the wood design estimate is still significantly higher.
- Based on the geotechnical report, the cost of the project could increase due to a new building code coming into effect in November which would require using some of the contingency of the original estimate for the steel structure.
- The Commission appreciates the due diligence, however, with the higher cost and concerns around long-term maintenance, it makes sense to stick with steel.

MOVED by Commissioner Paltiel, **SECONDED** by Commissioner DiBattista,
That staff continue in the direction of the motion for the steel structure and work with District of Central Saanich staff to have the permit application in before November 2023.

CARRIED

A. Liu left the meeting at 6:36 pm.

6.2 Programs and Services Quarterly Report

K. Beck presented the report. Discussion ensued regarding:

- Staff is watching key metrics to maintain a utilization balance between efficiency and expansion at the right time to meet the demand.
- Looking at fees and charges relative to the region if demand outweighs ability to expand.
- Panorama could consider obtaining a regional award/recognition as best employer to attract staff.

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- Drop-in schedule moving to monthly may help reduce last minute cancellations and improve the ability to staff in advance.

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

6.3 Staff Training Pool Closure – Verbal

The pool will close at 5:30 pm on Sunday, June 25 for lifeguard in-service training to allow more rigorous training that may impact public with potentially upsetting simulations, alarms etc. Summer is a high-risk time of year so it's prudent to do this going into summer. Communication will be made through signage, online, and so forth.

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

7. New Business: There was none.

8. Adjournment

MOVED by Commissioner Murray, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Paltiel,
That the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER