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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission  
Held March 16, 2015 in the Public Library Meeting Room, 129 McPhillips Avenue,  
Salt Spring Island, BC**

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**Present:** **Alternate Director:** Peter Lake  
**Commission Members:**, Jon Suk (Chair), Sonja Collombin, Garth Hendren,  
Matt Kellow, Tom James, Brian Webster  
**Staff:** Dan Ovington, Parks and Recreation Manager, Karla Campbell, Senior  
Manager, Tracey Shaver, Recording Secretary  
**Absent:** Kees Ruurs, Daniel Clements, Wayne McIntyre

Chair Suk called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

**1. Election of Vice Chair**

Chair Suk called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Collumbin nominated Commissioner Hendren, who accepted the nomination. Chair Suk called for further nominations, and hearing none, advised Commissioner Hendren was elected as Vice-Chair by acclamation.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Webster, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Collombin,  
That the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Hendren, **SECONDED** by Commissioner James,  
That the minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2015 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**4. Reports Chair and Director**

**4.1** No report from the Chair.

**4.2** Alternate Director Lake reported on behalf of Director McIntyre that the local recycling contract has been extended by the CRD Board to cover the Multi Material BC funding shortfall for depot collection of packaging and printed paper in the Electoral Areas until April 30, 2019 to coincide with the length of the curbside collection contract.

**5. Outstanding Business**

**5.1 Project Status Report March 10, 2015**

Staff provided overview of report highlighting Item 2.3 Rotary Park Tenure Replacement and Item 3.3 Discounted Pool Pass program, which has been deemed successful with 31 annual passes sold to date compared to a total of six sold in 2014.

**5.2 Financial Report 2015 Capital Budgets and Equipment Replacement Funds**

Staff provided a detailed overview of the five year capital plan and transfers to reserves.

**5.3 Interpretive by Design: Engaging a Community in Sign Design**

Staff provided a draft of the interpretive sign project report which was recently performed and is up for publication in Leisure Science Journal.

**5.4 2163 Fulford Ganges Road-Parkland Dedication**

Staff brought forward information on a recent Island Trust Committee's discretionary decision to exclude a portion of agriculturally zoned property from the appraised value of the entire 70 acre parent parcel being subdivided.

The Parks and Recreation Commission expressed concern regarding the Trustees' decision to reject their own staff recommendations, to not refer this application back to the PARC Commission for review or comment, and to have no policy in place prior to making this precedent-setting decision to exclude a portion of ALR land from the market value of the 70-acre parent property being subdivided.

**MOVED** by Commissioner James, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Kellow,  
That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission send a letter to the local Island Trust Committee concerning their displeasure at the discretionary decision made to accept less than the 5% cash in lieu of parkland dedication which is mandated by the *Local Government Act* without further consultation, clear policy, and/or community benefit.

**CARRIED**

**5.5 Solar Installation at Rainbow Road Pool**

The Commission requested that staff obtain cost benefit information about the use of solar energy for the Rainbow Road Pool. The information provided by Mr. Liem of Salt Spring Community Energy Group was not supportive of a Photovoltaic system from a cost benefit perspective.

The Commission requested staff investigate further the use of combined Photovoltaic technologies and solar hot water installations to see if there is a cost benefit in heating the water for the pool showers and cleaning practices.

**6. New Business**

**6.1 Proposed 2015 Commission Reports and Major Task Updates**

The Commission requested additional budget planning sessions in September, October and November as needed.

**MOVED** by Commissioner James, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Kellow,  
That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission approve the 2015 Commission Reports and Major Task Updates Schedule.

**CARRIED**

Commissioner Webster declared a conflict of interest for the next agenda item due to being a vendor at the Saturday Market and left the meeting at 5:55pm.

Commissioner James left the meeting at 5:55pm.

## **6.2 Extended Weekend Markets Report**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Collombin, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hendren,  
That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to staff to continue the extended weekend markets on Sundays only in 2015 during the Canada Day, B.C. Day and Labour Day long weekends.

**CARRIED**

Commissioner Webster and Commissioner James returned to the meeting at 6:30pm.

## **6.3 Letter dated February 19, 2015 from Mr. James D. Pasuta re: Grace Point Park – CRD Right of Way**

The Capital Regional District received a letter of notice from the Grace Point Strata Corporation. The letter references the right of way agreement from 1980 which established the public access trail to the tip of a small park across from the Grace Islet. The main concern is the unlawful use of the trail and park area after dark which is dangerous due to the nature of the trail and the often impaired state of the visitors. (by Bylaw the trail and park are open from dawn to dusk).

**MOVED** by Commissioner Webster, **SECONDED** by Commissioner James,  
That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission requests that staff investigate further for potential solutions to mitigate the after-dusk use of the Grace Point trail and report back to the commission for further discussion.

**CARRIED**

## **6.4 Crime Prevention Report - Centennial Park**

Staff reported on recent collaborative efforts between PARC Staff, CRD Bylaw Enforcement and the RCMP to thwart the illegal activities that occur in Centennial Park on a regular basis.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Collombin, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hendren,  
That special community events be addressed in the recreational gaps assessment project and that staff actively seek proposals for community park use.

**CARRIED**

## **6.5 Trails Advisory Committee Terms of Reference “Membership”**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Kellow, and **SECONDED** by Commissioner James,  
That the Salt Spring Island Trails Advisory Group recommend to the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission that under the bullet “membership” of the mandate of the Salt Spring Island Trails Advisory Committee membership agreement: “the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission appoint members”, with the remainder of the existing clause struck.

**CARRIED**

7. **Next meeting:** April 20, 2015.

8. **Motion to Close the Meeting**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Kellow, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Webster,  
That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission close the meeting in  
accordance with the *Community Charter* Part 4, Division 3, Section 90(1)(e) the  
acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers  
that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.

The Commission closed the meeting at 6:55pm.

The Commission rose from the closed session at 7:15pm without report.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

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**CHAIR**

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**SENIOR MANAGER**