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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Salt Spring Island
Parks and Recreation Commission Held May 11, 2015 in the
School Board Meeting Room, 112 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, BC**

Present: **Director:** Wayne McIntyre
Commission Members: Jon Suk (Chair), Garth Hendren (Vice-Chair), Sonja Collombin, Kees Ruurs, Daniel Clements
Staff: Dan Ovington, Parks and Recreation Manager, Peggy Dayton, Senior Financial Analyst, CRD, Erin Jory, Recording Secretary
Absent: Matt Kellow, Tom James, Brian Webster,

Chair Suk called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Hendren, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Collumbin,
That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Ruurs, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Clements,
That the minutes of the meeting of April 20, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Presentations/Delegations

3.1 Year to Date Financial Report – Peggy Dayton, Senior Financial Analyst, CRD

P. Dayton advised that no reduction in services anticipated due to combining of pool and recreation budgets.

3.2 Recreation Excellence Quarterly Report – Jim Raddysh

- Reduced attendance in Everyone Welcome swim, yet aquatic fitness attendance has increased.
- Lessons and fitness classes are full – more lessons are a consideration.
- Staff to provide J. Raddysh with Recreation Needs Assessment comments.

4. Reports Chair and Director

4.1 Chair Report

- Attended the BC Recreation Programs Association symposium in Victoria with PARC Manager.
- West Vancouver PARC staff encountered challenges with playing field project – ultimately now have a world-class field hockey venue even after numerous setbacks. West Van staff offered to share guidance and strategies. Look forward to utilizing lessons from symposium in Commission work.

4.2 Director Report

- SSI Governance Study: met with Trustee Peter Grove and senior Community, Sport and Culture ministry staff on behalf of the three Salt Spring local elected officials. A discussion was held on the process to be followed and the target to complete two studies: full costing of incorporation study and community engagement review based on the first study. Deadline for completion is March 31, 2016. A governance committee must be appointed. A website has been developed using information from the 2012-2013 study. The Terms of Reference for the new committee as well as other information is located at: <https://ssigovernance.wordpress.com/>
- CRD Strategic Plan was reviewed by the Board. The plan will cover the next four years.
- Second of three sessions held with Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority Structured Decision Making session held with the steering committee, the consultants and with public observers. Specific priority action identified to improve the St. Mary Lake water quality. Conservation actions also included in discussion.
- Executive and senior management at BC Ferries and the SSI Ferry Advisory Committee will have their semi-annual meeting on May 6, 2015.
- SSI Trail and Nature Club is hosting the 2015 BC Nature Conference "Living by the Salish Sea – Protecting our Ecoregion". Approximately 175 delegates and presenters to provide a full program and exposure to the wonder of Salt Spring Island.
- Meeting with Housing Council Chair, Kisae Peterson, to look at new ways to work together.
- Met with Amber Ogilvie re: Driftwood's ShopSaltSpringIsland promotion.
- Tour des Isles June 15-18: free inter-islands boat/ferry proposed.

4.3 Staff Report

- Submitted formal letter to Islands Trust to add item to agenda at next LTC meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2015. Chair will attend at meeting and to request consistency from LTC, and clarity on why consistency departed from re: 2163 Fulford-Ganges Road acquisition of park land.

5. Outstanding Business

5.1 Project Status Report May 11, 2015

Staff read from the report and iterated the year to date budget on the Fulford Park upgrades is \$2,250.

5.2 Solar – Rainbow Road Indoor Pool

Staff advised a return on a \$60,000 will take 30 years and equipment would have a 25-year warranty. BC Energy & Mines offers up to one third funding . SEAPARC has looked at the same grant for LCD lighting with a quicker return on investment. Staff will make more inquiries.

5.3 Crime Prevention – Centennial Park

Centennial grants have become available – need to step back and look at overall improvements. CRD's policy on surveillance cameras: privacy impact study needs to be completed before any decisions are made. CEPTED study (crime prevention through natural design): site lines, bushes, seating.

5.4 North Salt Spring Water District Rates

PARC's main parks have no rain gauges, but there are timers at Rotary Park and Peace Park. Staff advised a cost analysis would be required before decision could be made.

6. New Business

6.1 Rowing Regatta on Long Harbour

Met with Stacy Mitchell at Beachside Drive: planning to launch boats off beach – a tree needs to be trimmed/removed from trail to prepare the site. Notices will be posted that dinghy's will be removed for the day of the regatta.

6.2 Fees and Charges Report

Staff read from the report and advised of an overall 2% increase in the majority of fees; market fees below average costs to comparable markets despite 2% increase.

MOVED by Commissioner Ruurs, **SECONDED** by Director McIntyre,
That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the Capital Regional District Finance Committee approve the recommended fees and charges in Appendix A – Salt Spring Island Leisure Services Fees and Charges 2015/16.

CARRIED

7. Next meeting: June 15, 2015 at the Salt Spring Public Library from 5:00-7:00pm.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER