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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Salt Spring Island
Parks and Recreation Commission Held June 15, 2015 at the
Salt Spring Public Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC**

Present: **Commission Members:** Jon Suk, Chair (5:56pm), Garth Hendren, Vice-Chair, Sonja Collombin, Kees Ruurs, Daniel Clements, Matt Kellow (5:12pm),
Staff: Dan Ovington, Parks and Recreation Manager, Erin Jory, Recording Secretary
Absent: Director Wayne McIntyre

Vice-Chair Hendren called the meeting to order at 4:59 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Ruurs, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Clements,
That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission's agenda be approved on
June 15, 2015.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Collumbin, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Clements,
That the minutes of the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of
May 11, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Presentations/Delegations

3.1 First Nations Art in Centennial Park – Christina Marshall & Joe Akerman

Written report presented outlining concept of and request for support of installation of
First Nations art in Centennial Park.

3.2 Salt Spring Pickleball Association – Robert Milone

Written report and presentation requesting reservation of Court 4 and installation of
locked storage box for portable nets.

3.3 Transitions Salt Spring (Electric Vehicle Group) – Peter Lamb

MOVED by Commissioner James, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ruurs,
That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission requests staff conduct
research and prepare a report on the feasibility of Transitions Salt Spring installing two
electric charging stations in the administration building parking area of Portlock Park.

CARRIED

3.4 Robin Williams and Nancy Kreig – Peck's Cove Seawalk Concept

- Mr. Williams attended a meeting with Darryl Martin, Chair of the Community Economic Development Commission and Jon Suk, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission re: coordinating the Canada 150 Grant application and combining support for the proposed seawalk concept at full funding level of \$500,000. The proposed budget for the completed project is approximately \$670,000.
- Ms. Kreig presented the multi-use concept and a general discussion took place.

- Mr. Williams iterated that the CRD Board and Local Trust Committee support the proposed concept and the combined application for funding.

4. Reports Chair and Director

4.1 Recreation Programs Needs Assessment – Tarquin Bowers (report distributed at the table).

Mr. Bowers reported on work performed and the results of the online survey. There was a general discussion and the following information was highlighted:

Survey Results – most-used programs:

1. Rainbow Pool is the primary source of community recreation on SSI;
2. Hiking
3. Mountain Biking
4. Soccer
5. Walking
6. Tennis

Survey Results – under-used programs/programs that could be created:

1. Cooking & computer programs;
2. Art;
3. Group fitness;
4. Aqua fit after hours/Saturdays
5. Gardening

Staff advised that an online registration system for recreation programs will be available in approximately eighteen months, and will include a calendar of events and promotion/marketing of courses.

Chair Suk entered the meeting at 5:56 pm and stood in place of Vice-Chair Hendren.

4.2 Chair Report

Chair attended the Local Trust Committee meeting re: the Islands Trust's decision to approve subdivision application without payment in lieu for park dedication to the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission. Chair spoke at meeting to relay Commission's concerns; there was no opportunity for discussion. Trust's decision on this particular subdivision application was discretionary and not a precedent. Staff sent letter to Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure appealing the decision; waiting for a response.

5. Outstanding Business

5.1 Project Status Report June 10, 2015

5.2 Solar – Rainbow Road Indoor Pool

Staff advised an invitation to pursue second round of a recent grant application has been received; total cost of solar would be \$60,000; solar heating of domestic hot water is not compatible with the current mechanical system.

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hendren, That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission approves no further capital spending until a list of prioritized projects can be assessed and agreed upon.

CARRIED

5.3 North Salt Spring Water District Rates

Water restrictions recently moved to stage three, which restricts public parks and sports fields. Staff sent letter to North Salt Spring Water Works Board of Directors requesting exemption for Centennial Park, Rotary Park and the baseball diamond at Portlock Park. Staff will report on any response at a future meeting.

5.4 Socan Fees – Buskers in Centennial Park

Staff reported that PARC is required to pay busker fees and have included a fee for buskers in the 2016 Fees and Charges.

5.5 Parkland Dedication

6. New Business

6.1 Proposed New Seawalk Link Project – Request for Support

MOVED by Commissioner Ruurs, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Clements,
That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission recommends approval of the letter of support for the combined Canada 150 Grant application.

CARRIED

6.2 Ganges Boardwalk Project – Islands Trust Community Engagement

The Commission does not support the Island's Trust use of the PARC logo.

6.3 2016 – 2020 Capital Expenditure Plan Report

MOVED by Commissioner Ruurs, **SECONDED** by Commissioner James,
That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that staff prepare a five-year capital plan that prioritizes the major projects identified in Appendix A as well as the results from a Commission retreat to be held prior to September.

CARRIED

7. Next meeting July 13, 2015, from 5-7pm, at the Portlock Portable

8. Motion to Close Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, **SECONDED** by Commission Clements,
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 7:46 pm.

The Commission rose from the closed session at 7:55 pm without report.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER