

permanently moving their courts to the multipurpose area, agree to fundraise and welcome any assistance from the Tennis Association.

3.3 Salt Spring Tennis Association- April Wright

April Wright, President of the Tennis Association spoke to three issues 1) participation, 2) compatibility and 3) solutions to problems.

Participation in the sport of tennis locally and provincially has increased in the past couple of years. Youth programs on island are gaining in numbers which puts additional pressure on the use of limited courts.

Compatibility- tennis is played on specific surfaces with clear court lines and specific net heights defining the areas of play. Additional lines on the courts confuse developing and competitive players.

Solutions to problems-Pickleball can be played on many different services indoors or out. On Island the game is played in schools, community halls and on the Fulford Court. As a new emerging game they should find their own permanent location and or fund raise to support the refurbishment of the multicourt at Portlock.

3.4 Bob Gibson- Tennis Player

Mr. Gibson read directly from a written submission which will form part of the permanent record.

3.5 Eric Ross- SSTA Member

The additional pressure on the local public courts with growing numbers of adult and youth tennis players simply cannot accommodate the growth and demand of pickleball players at Portlock Park. Pickleball will and does have use of schools, community halls and the outdoor court in Fulford. Tennis needs to have a series of courts without additional lines together such as the arrangement at Portlock to run tournaments and clinics.

4. Reports- Chair and Director

4.1 Rainbow Road Indoor Pool Shutdown Planning- Jim Raddysh

Jim Raddysh the Recreation Excellence Manager of the pool was asked to consider the best timeline for the annual shut down for maintenance and programming. April was identified as the most suitable.

MOVED by B. Webster, **SECONDED** by M. Kellow,
That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission refer the recommendation of an annual shutdown in April for the indoor pool back to staff for further review.

CARRIED

4.2 Chair report

Chair Suk reported that he attended the facilitated meeting between Tennis and Pickleball as an observer of the process. The participants were very intense and passionate on their views however concluded that they all had the same intentions. The timing and funding of a CRD Capital Project has become the contentious issue.

4.3 Director report

- Several meetings with the Department of Oceans and Fisheries regarding Salt Spring Island harbours has resulted in agreement for more transparency and input from the community.
- Incorporation study has received additional funds to study the condition of the roads on Salt Spring which is anticipated to delay the final report until the fall.
- Brief reports on several of the CRD committees and organization that Director McIntyre participates on.

4.4 Vice Chair Hendren

Requests that staff follow up with Mike Walton, Senior Manager for Regional Parks to obtain more information on what the financial contributions are anticipated to be towards land acquisitions on Salt Spring Island.

5. Outstanding Business

5.1 Project Status Report

- Dunbabin Park is currently closed after sustaining serious damage from the last series of storms. Several trees down, water erosion of trail and a bridge floating during the high creek level. Trails crew just started seasonal shift and will be busy.
- Currently running recreation programs have 129 registrants and a revenue over \$12,000.
- Spring/Summer Leisure Guide to be released April 13, 2016.
- Centennial Park Master Plan project progressing well. Next step is a design charrette scheduled for April 10, 2016.
- Harbour Authority declined an offer to see if there were any synergies in combining facilities to meet community needs with the upgrades to the washrooms in Centennial Park.

5.2 Tree Cutting in Sun Eagle Park

The property owner involved in the loss of trees in Sun Eagle Park will provide \$2,500 to cover the legal/bylaw/staff costs and the replanting of new trees.

5.3 181 Brinkworthy Road Land Acquisition-Revised Budget

Staff provided an overview of the budget changes as well as clarification on the application process being undertaken with Islands Trust.

There are two Island Trust (IT) applications in process which need to be completed in order for PARC to meet the contractual obligations of the property purchase.

The first application relates to obtaining permission from the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) for non-farming recreational use of the property. The second application is a rezoning application (A1 to PR2) which was submitted to IT for a preliminary review last week. Due to the time constraints in the purchase contract and the lengthy process for both of these applications, PARC needs to run the applications concurrently. PARC did not go back to the IT without making any forward steps. These are two different processes which must be completed to meet the purchase obligations of a court ordered sale.

MOVED by G. Hendren, **SECONDED** by K. Ruurs,

That that Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission approve the revised 181 Brinkworthy land acquisition budget as presented in the 181 Brinkworthy Road Land Acquisition-revised budget memorandum dated March 21, 2016.

CARRIED

6. New Business

6.1 SSI Tennis Association and Pickleball Group Facilitated Meeting

Manager Ovington provided a brief overview of the meeting which resulted in the following recommendations for the Parks and Recreation Commission to consider:

1. The Portlock Park tennis court identified as “court 4” will receive painted pickleball lines to allow for 4 pickleball courts. Portable pickleball nets will be supplied and organized by the pickleball group.
2. The Portlock Park tennis court identified as “court 3” will have the painted pickleball lines removed.
3. PARC will establish a timeline for the completion of the public multi-sport court renovation and the permanent relocation of pickleball courts to that facility.

Discussion had several key points and resulted in a modified motion based on the recommendations.

- Group needs focused on versus PARC’s focus on whole community
- Threatening letter very inappropriate
- SSTA requested letter be included in agenda
- Possible personal opinion of writers versus all tennis membership
- SSTA Letterhead used
- Publically accused the PARC Commission of ignoring a conflict of interest
- Case law on “pecuniary” refers to a monetary benefit
- Concern is over lines on 1 court
- PARC must have time to prepare a project charter and have clear expectations on the use and cost of refurbishing this multicourt facility.
- Project is bigger than just pickleball lines. Several different recreational uses to be considered.
- PARC to respond directly and publically to the accusations in the letter.

MOVED by K Ruurs, **SECONDED** by D. Clement,

That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission approve the following recommendations for the use of the public courts at Portlock Park:

1. The Portlock Park tennis court identified as "court 4" will receive painted pickleball lines to allow for 4 pickleball courts. Portable pickleball nets will be supplied and organized by the pickleball group.
2. The Portlock Park tennis court identified as "court 3" will have the painted pickleball lines removed.
3. PARC will establish a timeline for the completion of the public multi-sport court renovation and the permanent relocation of pickleball courts to that facility with an informational update for the community by the end of 2016.

CARRIED

MOVED by G. Hendren, **SECONDED** by S. Collombin,
That the Parks and Recreation Commission requests that staff assist with obtaining legal analysis and preparation of a response letter from the Chair of the Commission and the CRD Director which addresses the claims made by the Salt Spring Island Tennis Association in their letter dated March 14, 2016.

CARRIED

MOVED by G. Hendren, **SECONDED** by S. Collombin,
The Parks and Recreation Commission requests staff to prepare a public statement addressing the claims implied by the Salt Spring Island Tennis Association in their letter dated March 14, 2016.

CARRIED

7. Motion to Close Meeting

MOVED by D. Clements, **SECONDED** by K. Ruurs,

That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission Closed 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. k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

CARRIED

The Commission closed the meeting at 6:48 pm.

The Commission returned from the closed meeting without report at 7:15 pm.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2016 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the Portlock Portable meeting room.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by D. Clement, **SECONDED** by K Ruurs,
That the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER