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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission  
Held September 24, 2019 at SSI Library 129 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC**

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**Present:**       **Commission Members:** Gregg Dow (electronic participation), Sonja Collombin, Brian Webster, John Gauld, Jacky Cooper, Jason Sperling, and Alternate Director Richard Kerr  
**Staff:** Dan Ovington, Parks and Recreation Manager; Karla Campbell, Senior Manager (3:50 pm); Tracey Shaver, Recording Secretary  
**Absent:** Darlene Steele, Gary Holman

Vice-Chair Collombin called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Gauld, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Webster, That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission agenda of September 24, 2019 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**2. Adoption of Minutes of August 15, 2019**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Webster, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gauld, That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting be approved as amended by changing item 6.1 bullet 8 to “utilizing” vs “reclaiming” and item 6.3 bullet 1 to “retired” from “reduced”.

**CARRIED**

**3. Delegation/Presentation**

**3.1 Delegation: Dion Hackett**

Mr. Hackett referenced climate change and food security as reasons to plant nut bearing trees such as walnut or chestnut in community parks.

- Free seedlings; locations determined by PARC
- Reference to cultural identity

Additional reference was made to move towards electric mowers during equipment replacement.

Item deferred to next agenda

**3.2 Presentation: CREST Communications**

Gord Horth provided a background on locations previously considered and how the location in Mouat Park was identified.

- Location is industrial zoned
- Provides needed coverage
- Site is similar to other communities use of parkland
- Area meets safety standards
- Site alterations to be determined upon physical examination
- Potential revenue generation or community amenity

**MOVED** by Commissioner Cooper, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gauld,  
That the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission request staff to prepare a report for  
the next agenda on the CREST Communication proposal.

**CARRIED**

**3.3 Presentation: Salt Spring United Soccer**

Representatives of the soccer association provided details on their work to date towards  
the installation of a synthetic field on School District property.

- Feasibility study completed and endorsed by the School District
- Need for and description of potential field use
- Turf infill being considered is cork/coconut; consulting with other clubs currently using this product
- No interference anticipated with geothermal field during new turf construction
- Requesting that PARC partner as the financial keeper of donated funding
- SSI United Soccer to do all fundraising and applications for grants

**MOVED** by Commissioner Cooper, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Collombin,  
That the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission request staff to prepare a report for  
the next agenda on the Salt Spring United Soccer Turf Field proposal.

**CARRIED**

**4. Director and Chair Reports – No reports**

**5. Outstanding Business**

**5.1 Project Status Report**

Item 3.1 - grant application to the SSI Foundation to pilot a community events coordinator.

Item 4.0 - Centennial Park Playground project to be completed by end of year.

**5.2 Items Deferred from August 15, 2019 meeting**

- **Regional Parks**
  - Suggestion that Regional Parks should have a bigger role on Salt Spring
  - PARC can investigate and provide suggestions to Regional Parks
  - Potential to acquire the chain of islands in Ganges Harbour

**MOVED** by Commissioner Cooper, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sperling,  
That the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission refer back to staff to investigate.

**CARRIED**

- **Insurance Requirements**
  - Suggested that CRD insurance requirements are onerous for small groups renting facilities
  - Can CRD insurance provide coverage for all users under all facilities

**MOVED** by Commissioner Gauld, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Collombin,  
That the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission refer back to staff to investigate.

**CARRIED**

**6. New Business**

**6.1 SSI Parks and Recreation Outdoor AED Unit at Portlock Park**

- Pickleball club requested and provided a donation for public access to an AED at Portlock park
- Current operating budget can cover remainder of expense

**MOVED** by Commissioner Dow, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Cooper,  
That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission recommend the purchase of an outdoor public accessible AED to be installed at Portlock Park.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 Salt Spring Island United Church Meadow**

- Desire to maintain as open public green space for community
- CRD could enforce bylaws
- PARC would maintain area
- Define parameter of use and priority
- Negotiate limited LoO to the west side of the creek and exclude areas adjacent to church building.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Cooper, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Collombin,  
That the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that the Capital Regional District enter into a License of Occupation with the Salt Spring United Church to operate and maintain the area outside on the west side of the creek as a community park.

**CARRIED**

**7. Next Meeting- Tue, October 29, 2019 at 3:00 pm in the CRD Creekside RM**

Commissioner Cooper sends regrets.

**8. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Collombin, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Dow,  
That the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission meeting adjourn at 4:35 pm.

**CARRIED**

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**CHAIR**

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**SENIOR MANAGER**