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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission
Held February 25, 2020 at the SSI Public Library-121 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC**

Present: **Director:** Gary Holman
 Commission Members: Sonja Collombin, Brian Webster, Jacky Cooper, John Gauld, Jason Sperling, Colin Walde, Drew Bodaly
 Staff: Dan Ovington, Parks and Recreation Manager; Tracey Shaver, Recording Secretary
 Absent: Gregg Dow

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

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Cooper, That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission agenda of February 25, 2020 be amended and approved by adding item 6.5 Pool Safety and Alarm Panel and moving item 6.3 Appeal Market Advisory Group Recommendation to 6.1.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes of January 20, 2020

MOVED by Commissioner Copper, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gauld, That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of January 20, 2020 be approved and amended by changing the wording in item 7.2 motion from 'request' to 'recommend'.

CARRIED

3. Delegation/Presentation

3.1 Sean Mulligan & Carolyn Hopp-Cycling Salt Spring

Sean Mulligan and John Wakefield provided information on mountain biking activities on Salt Spring and requested PARC consider designating an area in Channel Ridge for an intermediate mountain bike course.

- Demo trail about 2 km long
- Develop trail user guidelines and courtesy reminders-bikes yield first protocol
- Cross country circuit not a downhill trial course
- Need to limit locations on island for watershed and native plant conservation
- PARC trails in Channel Ridge are multi-use
- Current owners of Channel Ridge undeveloped properties are unlikely to endorse mountain bike use on private property
- Item referred to staff

4. Director and Chair Reports

- 4.1** Director Holman briefly reported that the AAP process for community safety funding was successful in collecting votes against the proposal.
- 4.2** Vice Chair Collombin welcomed new commissioner Drew Bodaly whom is a retired environmental scientist and promotes physical activity for all ages.

5. Outstanding Business

5.1 Project Status Report

- Pool shut down March 30 to April 19; lots happening
- Rotary Dock replacement is now a shovel ready project
- Centennial Park washrooms; reviewed recent vandalism and the seasonal maintenance operations.
- Discussion on prioritizing projects

5.2 Pickleball Delegation Request - October 29, 2019

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Cooper, That the Salt Spring Island Pickleball Association be identified as a stakeholder through the Portlock Park reconfiguration planning project.

CARRIED

5.3 Graffiti Theatre Request

MOVED by Commissioner Cooper, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Walde, The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that staff negotiate a temporary storage unit (Sea Can) be located in Centennial Park under a Short Form License with Graffiti Theatre Company Society at their cost.

CARRIED

5.4 Marine Search and Rescue- Request for Loaner PFD Program at Fernwood Dock

MOVED by Commissioner Cooper, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sperling, The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue construct a loaner station and that CRD staff install and regularly inspect the unit and that \$1,000 be allocated out of the Fernwood Dock Operating Budget for construction materials.

CARRIED

5.5 Ganges Harbour Walk Tenure Application – Status Update

CRD Director sent a letter of support to Islands Trust for a future rezoning process which the Ganges Marina may wish to consider.

6. New Business

Commissioner Webster leaves the meeting sitting conflict with Market item at 3:55 pm.

6.1 Appeal Market Advisory Group Recommendation-Exemption from Farmer Definition

- Fix Taco – entered the market originally as a farmer under the definition of value added produce; this allowed them to bypass waiting for a space as a day vendor.
- New guidelines were developed to protect and better qualify vendors as farmers.
- There are 25 spaces reserved for farmers whom meet the current guidelines under the BC Assessment Authority.
- All vending permits are reviewed and issued on an annual basis.
- Fix Taco is welcome to vend in the market under the definition of a Day Vendor using the make it, bake it or grow it guidelines.
- Day Vendors based on a seniority system are offered vacant seasonal spaces each week.
- Expansion of neighbouring private commercial vending spaces has reduced the overcrowding of the Saturday Market.

MOVED by Commissioner Bodaly, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Cooper,
That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission deny the appeal by
Fix Taco to be exempted from the farmer's definition.

CARRIED
Commissioner Gauld Opposed

Commissioner Webster returned to the meeting at 4:15 pm

Due to time constraints the following topics were deferred to the next meeting; Items 6.2, 6.4, 6.5

6.2 Rainbow Road Pool Mechanical and Electrical

Item Deferred

6.3 SSI Parks and Recreation Year End Revenue and Expenses

- Staff reviewed the 2019 actual year end totals over the five service areas
- Small deficit will be paid by lowering transfer to Capital Reserve Fund
- Much of deficit is pool related; however pool revenue is significantly up with 23.80% user funding.
- Future year projects revisited annually

6.4 Request-Fernwood Dock-Student Art Project

Item Deferred

6.5 Pool Safety and Alarm Panel

Item Deferred

7. Motion to Close the meeting

MOVED Commissioner Cooper, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sperling,
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;

(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 4:47 pm.

The Commission returned from the closed meeting with report at 4:59 pm.

8. Rise and Report:

That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the Capital Regional District renew annual lease of Fulford Ball Fields.

9. Next Meeting: March 17, 2020 at 3 pm in SSI Public Library

10. Adjournment

MOVED By Commissioner Collombin, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Walde,
That the meeting adjourn at 5:00 pm.

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER