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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission
Held Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at the Salt Spring Island Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue, BC**

Present: **Director:** Gary Holman
Commission Members: Sonja Collombin, Drew Bodaly, Drew Takahashi,
Randy Cunningham (via Zoom) and Andrea Little
Staff: Dan Ovington, Parks and Recreation Manager, Shayla Burnham,
Recording Secretary and Swapnika Chander, Recreation Project Technician
Regrets: Sean Norgard and Colin Walde

1. Territorial Acknowledgement / Call Meeting to Order

A Territorial Acknowledgement was provided by Chair Collombin and the meeting was called to order at 2:31 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED By Commissioner Takahashi, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Little, that the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission approve the March 22, 2022 agenda as amended by updating page 13, "PO Box 673" to "PO Box 768" and, by adding item 7.2 Local Community Commission (LCC) Discussion. Furthermore, by updating item 6.2, recommended motion from "May 1, 2022 terminating on the day of April 30, 2027" to "for a five year term" and, by updating page 20, item 5.4(c) with the addition of number (v) "Is not in the best interest of the animals safety or wellbeing" and moving existing number (v) up to number (iiii) correcting the numerical sequence.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes of February 22, 2022

MOVED By Commissioner Takahashi, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Bodaly, that the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission approve the minutes of February 22, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Delegation/Presentation

4.1 Shirley Ireland, RRPAG Board Member re: Community Benefits of the Allotment Garden

- Support expressed for the garden expansion at the current location.
- Current membership focus on water conservation and composting improvements.
- A place for social opportunities and climate action practices.
- Working group through Transition Salt Spring.

- The Commission asked if a future demonstration garden with natural and/or aboriginal species had been considered and Ms. Ireland confirmed not but stated the idea would be brought forward to the other members for consideration.
- Upgrades to signage for the gardens discussed.

5. Director and Chair Report

Director Holman briefly reported:

- Final budget approved by the CRD Board on March 16, 2022.
- Higher share of regional costs due to an increase in assessed value.
- Confirmed about 1000 acres of Regional Park Land on Salt Spring Island.
- 5.8% overall requisition increase for CRD.
- CRD climate action increase confirmed.
- Significant requisition increase with PARC acquiring the Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) building to create a recreational community centre.

Chair Collombin briefly reported:

Introduced Swapnika Chander, Recreation Project Technician, and a roundtable of introductions occurred.

6. Outstanding Business

6.1 License of Occupation for Rainbow Road Park Allotment Gardens

- Potential parking concerns discussed following an increase in amenities. Staff confirmed parking will likely to be added to the expansion plan.
- Staff confirmed the Allotment Gardens do not apply against the 25% indoor site coverage.
- The Commission asked about the potential of a garden expansion on another CRD park property and staff confirmed an existing water hook up would be required.

MOVED By Commissioner Bodaly, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Takahashi, that the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the Capital Regional District (CRD) enter into a property agreement with the Transition Salt Spring Society for the purpose of operating an allotment garden and 262 Rainbow Road in the licensed area identified in schedule A from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2027 at a license fee of \$1.00.

CARRIED

6.2 Mouat Park Horse Riding Ring License of Use

- Access agreement between the Gulf Island Horse Association and the Farmers Institute forthcoming.

MOVED By Commissioner Little, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Takahashi, that the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the Capital Regional District (CRD) enter into a License of Use with the Gulf Island Horse Association for the purpose of operating a riding ring in the licensed area identified in Appendix A for a five year term at a license fee of \$10.00 and further, that CRD staff and Chief Administrative Officer negotiate and execute an agreement suitable for the tenure.

CARRIED

6.3 Rainbow Road Recreation Centre Electrical Project Update

- Detailed staff report forthcoming.
- Staff confirmed corrosion in the electrical room likely caused by humidity over the years.
- Project to isolate the electrical room went out for tender during the Covid-19 pandemic, a contractor was awarded and the project was completed.
- Stantec recommended replacement of electrical equipment.

7. New Business

7.1 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund's Community Buildings Greenhouse Gas Reduction Pathway Feasibility Study

- The Commission received the report for information.

7.2 Local Community Commission (LCC) Discussion

MOVED By Commissioner Takahashi, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Bodaly, that the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission appoint Sonja Collombin as an advisory to the Local Community Commission (LCC).

CARRIED

- 8. Motion to 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;

MOVED by Commissioner Bodaly, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Little, 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;

CARRIED

The Commission left the meeting at 3:55pm.

The Commission returned from the closed meeting at 4:28 pm.

9. Rise and Report

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Bodaly, that the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission requests that staff bring forward the Centennial Park Revitalization Project Charter to a public meeting following Ministry approval of the date on which the public announcement can be made.

CARRIED

10. Next Meeting – April 26, 2022 at 2:30 PM in the Salt Spring Island Library Meeting Room, 129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC

11. Adjournment

MOVED By Commissioner Cunningham, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Takahashi, that the meeting adjourn at 4:29 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER