



AGENDA
CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT
SOOKE & ELECTORAL AREA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
General Meeting, SEAPARC Boardroom
Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 6pm

Sooke & Electoral Area
Parks and Recreation
Commission

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1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes of February 15, 2018
4. Chair's Report
5. Directors' Report
6. Unfinished Business
 - a) Facility Expansion - Fitness & Multi-Purpose Space (verbal report)
7. Staff News (verbal report)
8. Public Question Period
9. Round Table
10. Adjournment

**Capital Regional District
Sooke & Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes of a Regular meeting held Thursday, February 15, 2018
SEAPARC Leisure Complex Board Room, Sooke, BC**

Mission Statement:

*"Sooke Parks & Recreation Commission creates recreational opportunities for the public through the planning, development, provision and operation of recreational facilities, programs and activities with a focus on the people of the Sooke and Juan de Fuca Electoral Area"
(Mission Statement adopted October 16, 1991)*

Present: Commissioners: M. Hicks (Chair), D. Bishop, P. Grove, R. Kasper (Alternate Director)
J. Perkins, K. Reay (Alternate Councillor)
Staff: S. Knoke, SEAPARC Manager, C. Hoglund, Program Services Manager,
L. MacDonald, Recording Secretary
Absent: B. Berger (Vice-Chair), M. Tait (Director)
Public: 0
Press: 0

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair requested that the agenda be amended as follows:

- Item 10) Motion to Close the Meeting be moved to follow Item 3) Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Bishop, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Grove that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Bishop, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Perkins that the minutes of the January 18, 2018 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

MOVED by Commissioner Bishop, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Perkins to close the meeting in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, 90 (2):

(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party

CARRIED

The in camera meeting commenced at 6:08pm and adjourned at 6:25pm. The regular meeting reconvened at 6:25pm.

5. DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Hicks reported on his recent discussions with organizers working toward a Sooke seniors centre. He noted that the needs of the regions' senior population will be considered when the proposed SEAPARC fitness gym/multi-purpose expansion is being developed.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Report: 2017 Highlights

The SEAPARC Manager reviewed highlights, trends and statistics from 2017 including patron visits, revenue, and expenses.

b) 2017 Surplus (verbal report)

The facility realized a surplus of \$99,159 for 2017. The majority of savings were due to reduced energy costs resulting from the conversion to LED lighting and a natural gas powered pool boiler. At their October 19, 2017 meeting, the Commission directed staff to utilize any surplus up to \$45,240 (projected 2017 surplus at time of meeting) to offset the 2018 requisition.

MOVED by Alternate Commissioner Reay, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Perkins that 2017 surplus funds totaling \$99,159 be allocated as follows:

- \$45,000 used to offset the 2018 requisition (Oct. 19, 2017 motion)
- \$15,000 transferred to Operating Reserve Fund for program planning purposes
- \$39,159 transferred to Capital Reserve Fund

CARRIED

7. STAFF NEWS

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

9. ROUND TABLE

10. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Next meeting: March 15, 2018 @ 6pm

Mike Hicks, Chair

Lynn MacDonald, Recorder



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Media Release

For Immediate Release

March 9, 2018

SEAPARC Receives Grant from Federal Gas Tax Fund

Victoria, BC- The SEAPARC Leisure Complex in Sooke will be expanded thanks to a \$1.24 million grant from the Federal Gas Tax Fund. The grant application was endorsed by the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board and the grant will go towards expansion of the complex to provide increased recreational opportunities to the District of Sooke and the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area.

The total cost of the SEAPARC Leisure Complex expansion is \$2.75 million, with the balance of \$1.5 million coming from SEAPARC's reserve funds. The expansion will address the need for a fitness gym facility and additional multi-purpose space, as current space is at capacity. This addition will enhance the diversity of programs and recreation opportunities the complex offers with its current ice arena (built in 1976), two pools, one multi-purpose room and a meeting room (built in 2000). SEAPARC also owns and operates a bike park, skate park, baseball diamond and par 3 golf course.

The expansion will increase the 51,020 square foot footprint of the complex by 10%, or approximately 5,150 square feet. The addition includes a 1,550 square foot movement studio and multi-use room and a 3,600 square foot fitness gym.

Each year, the Government of Canada provides over \$278 million in funding for local government infrastructure across British Columbia through the Federal Gas Tax Fund. The Union of BC Municipalities administers the Federal Gas Tax Fund in British Columbia in partnership with the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.

Quotes:

John Horgan, B.C. Premier and MLA for Langford-Juan de Fuca: "This is a wise investment to enhance recreation and fitness opportunities for Sooke residents. SEAPARC is a great facility that will be even better with the additional space and equipment provided through a partnership with all levels of government."

Director Wendy Booth, President, UBCM: "Communities across BC are looking for funding to replace, upgrade and expand local infrastructure. The federal Gas Tax Fund is accelerating the pace of infrastructure renewal through the transfer of close to \$3 billion since 2005 for projects in our province. I appreciate the Government of Canada's long-term commitment to fund priorities identified by BC local governments."

JDF Electoral Area Director Mike Hicks: "We are very appreciative of this grant as it allows us to build this fantastic new facility with no tax increase to our constituents. In the last few years, Sooke and JDF have partnered with others to develop a golf course, artificial turf field, library and fitness center. Wonderful additions for all ages."

Sooke Mayor Maja Tait: "This investment means an increase in spaces that encourage healthy recreation for residents of the Sooke region, and we are thrilled that SEAPARC has been chosen. Increasing opportunities for recreation and play not only contributes to individual well-being, but helps to build vibrant and engaged communities, bringing people together and improving the health of our region overall."

Links:

For more information and project updates, visit: (URL to go live at 10 am March 9)

To see all of the projects funded through this intake, visit <https://news.gov.bc.ca/16553>

To learn more about the federal Gas Tax Fund visit: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/gtf-fte-eng.html>.

The Sooke and Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Commission (SEAPARC) creates recreational opportunities for the public through development, provision and operation of the recreational facilities, programs and activities. SEAPARC is a partnership of the municipality of Sooke and western communities in the JDF Electoral Area (Port Renfrew, Otter Point, Shirley, Jordan River and East Sooke). The commission serves the residents of these areas. Funding for the commission comes from property taxes and user fees.

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