



Minutes



Special Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

held via Zoom
Monday, March 22, 2021
at 3:00 p.m.

- Present:** Isaac Gilbert, Chair
James Palanio, Vice Chair
Drew Barnes
Gary Dean
John Archer
Michaela Wooldridge
Robert (Sandy) Ross
- Council Liaison:** John Vassilaki, Mayor
- Staff:** Anthony Haddad, General Manager of Community Services
Len Robson, Public Works Manager
JoAnne Kleb, Public Engagement Program Manager
Jim Bauer, General Manager of Finance and Administration
Donny van Dyk, Chief Administrative Officer
Philip Cooper, Communications Manager
Kristen Dixon, General Manager of Infrastructure
Alysa Wardley, Legislative Assistant
- Regrets:** Julia Barber
Laura Harp
Marc Tougas
Susan Fraser
Tyson Bull
- Guests:** Karen Brownlee
Peter Osborne
Hannah Hyland

1. **Call to Order**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chair at 3:10 p.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee adopt the agenda for the meeting held on March 22, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **New Business**

3.1 Skaha Lake Park East Plan – Marina Implementation

The General Manager of Community Services gave the Committee an overview of the guiding documents surrounding the Skaha Lake Park East process and plan. This covered the master plan objectives regarding marina funding as this is a key component of the marina implementation.

The Public Engagement Program Manager gave the Committee a summary of the highlights of the Skaha Lake Park East community engagement process. The review focused on private versus public funding options and on feedback for pursuing a long-term lease of marina land.

The General Manager of Finance and Administration presented the Committee with the current financial plan for the City of Penticton and an evaluation of long term investment options for the Skaha Marina lands. City Staff are recommending a management operating agreement as the preferred license over a lease agreement, though both options were reviewed.

The floor was opened to the Committee for questions and comments. Members at Large expressed concern regarding the 25-year term in the proposed question. City Staff confirmed that there will be a 3-5 year review in place for any private operator to ensure that standards are being met within a private operation over this time. Discussion ensued regarding the timeline for the Skaha Lake Park East process and plan, it was noted that the by-election was a target for the public opinion question in June 2021, as opposed to when a General Local election will be taking place in 2022.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommend that Council seek a community mandate to establish a long-term agreement with a private operator to help fund the capital improvements and operate the Skaha Marina by including a question on the spring 2021 by-election ballot;

AND THAT the Committee recommend that Council select Option #2 for the Community Opinion Question on the by-election ballot;

AND THAT the Committee recommend that Council pass a resolution committing Council to abide by the results of Community Opinion Question on the by-election ballot;

AND THAT the Committee recommend that if there is community support through the by-election, the proposed operating agreement will be brought back to the Committee for review and a recommendation prior to being presented to Council for a decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **Next Meeting**

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on April 19, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

6. **Public Question Period**

Drew Barnes, Member at Large, left the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

7. **Adjournment**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee adjourn the Special meeting held on March 22, 2021 at 5:10 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:



For Alys Wardley
Legislative Assistant