



Minutes



Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

held via Zoom

Monday, May 17, 2021

at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Isaac Gilbert, Chair
James Palanio, Vice Chair
Drew Barnes
John Archer
Laura Harp
Marc Tougas
Michaela Wooldridge
Robert (Sandy) Ross
Susan Fraser

Staff: Anthony Haddad, General Manager of Community Services
Blake Laven, Director of Development Services
Kelsey Johnson, Manager of Recreation, Arts & Culture
Len Robson, Public Works Manager
John Schappert, Legislative Assistant

Regrets: John Vassilaki, Mayor
Gary Dean
Tyson Bull

1. **Call to Order**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chair at 3:01 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 May 17, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the Special March 11, 2021 meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the Special March 22, 2021 meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. New Business

4.1 Volunteer Week Proclamation from Council – Anthony Haddad, General Manager Community Services

The General Manager of Community Services highlighted that Council proclaimed April 18-24 as Volunteer Week in the City of Penticton and thanked the committee members for their contributions.

4.2 North Gateway Redevelopment and Investment Strategy – Anthony Haddad, General Manager Community Services

The General Manager of Community Services provided some background information on the North Gateway Redevelopment and Investment Strategy project, highlighting the expected engagement process, timelines, design process and deliverables. It was mentioned that staff were looking for a couple of representatives from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to participate in the design process. It was established that any Committee Members interested should reach out to staff within the next couple of weeks.

The floor was opened to the Committee for questions and comments. Members at Large asked about the current usage at the Queen's Park Ball Diamond. Staff estimated that this was currently around 40-50 hours a week, mainly on weekends. Members at Large asked about some of the current buildings (Memorial Arena, Convention Centre etc.) and any expectations of future improvements. A Member at Large asked if any of the golf course fell within the North Gateway area. Staff replied that it does not, but that input from the golf course is valuable due to its proximity to the North Gateway redevelopment.

4.3 Mountain Bike Skills Park Subcommittee – Blake Laven, Director of Development Services and Penticton and Area Cycling Association

The Director of Development Services provided background information on work that was done in the past regarding a Mountain Bike Skills Park on Campbell Mountain. Mr. Laven mentioned that challenges with this location lead staff to review other potential sites. He then provided an overview of the other potential sites that were looked at.

A Penticton and Area Cycling Association (PACA) representative provided further detail on the possible locations identified within the Three Blind Mice site, mentioning that some locations conflict with the Frisbee Golf course currently in place.

The floor was opened to the Committee for questions and comments. Members at Large asked about the target age groups for the skills park and how that might impact the preferred location. Concern was highlighted about potential parking issues at Three Blind Mice and funding of the skills park. PACA representatives indicated that the intent was to fund the project through fundraising and grant applications, with the funding requirements dependent on the location selected. A Member at Large expressed that a Management Plan needs to be completed first so that the Committee has the full picture of what is being proposed. A Member at Large asked about the upcoming priorities for the Parks and Recreation Advisory

Committee and how this project fits into the timeline. A Member at Large inquired about the amount of land required for this project and the potential capacity of use. A PACA representative indicated that 1 acre would be a minimum, with 2 to 3 acres as a more ideal amount, and that capacity would be dependent on size. It was concluded that staff would bring forward a more detailed report to the next Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting, with assistance from PACA.

Michaela Wooldridge left the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

4.4 Parking Lot for 150 Crow Place – Blake Laven, Director of Development Services

The Director of Development Services highlighted the city-owned property at 150 Crow Place and staff's recommendation for a parking lot at this location.

The floor was opened to the Committee for questions and comments. Members at Large asked about the green space shown near the property and commented that bathroom facilities would be a necessary inclusion to the parking lot.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee support the development of millings surface parking lot with approximately 40 spaces on the City owned park zone property at 150 Crow place.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **Next Meeting**

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on June 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

6. **Public Question Period**


7. **Adjournment**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee adjourn the meeting held on May 17, 2021 at 5:09 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:



John Schappert
Legislative Assistant