



Minutes



SPECIAL Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

held via Zoom
Monday, October 25, 2021
at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Isaac Gilbert, Chair
Andrew Drouin
Drew Barnes
John Archer
Marc Tougas
Robert (Sandy) Ross
Susan Fraser
Tyson Bull

Council Liaison: James Miller, Councillor

Staff: Anthony Haddad, General Manager of Community Services
Blake Laven, Director of Development Services
Jim Bauer, General Manager of Finance and Administration
JoAnne Kleb, Public Engagement Program Manager
Kelsey Johnson, Manager of Recreation, Arts and Culture
Len Robson, Public Works Manager
Steven Collyer, Planner I
John Schappert, Legislative Assistant

Regrets: James Palanio, Vice Chair
Gary Dean
Laura Harp

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 special meeting held on October 25, 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 September 20, 2021 meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Marc Tougas joined the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

4. **New Business**

4.1 "Civic Places & Spaces" Asset and Amenity Management

The Public Engagement Program Manager and General Manager of Finance and Administration provided background information on the Asset and Amenity Management project, highlighting objectives, the process and the priority assets. They highlighted key recommendations regarding twin arenas, public safety and emergency services, city hall and arts and culture. They presented financial analysis of various scenarios and the timing of recommended capital investments that would be required. They noted the environmental, social and economic benefits, as well as the Parks and Recreation Master Plan considerations. They concluded with the planned next steps and associated timelines of community engagement.

The floor was opened to the Committee for questions and comments. A Committee Member asked about the need for the ice surfaces and staff responded that they are currently well utilized, and that the viability of new surfaces would be analyzed before any decisions were made. A Committee Member commented on the shortage of parkland in Penticton and the need to preserve it. A Committee Member asked how this project preserves parkland and promotes environmental sustainability. Staff responded that the consultants approached this from a financial perspective and that engagement with the community will help determine adjustments that need to be made, but the consolidation of facilities into newer buildings should help reduce carbon emissions. A Committee Member commented that they feel there is definitely a need for the ice surfaces in Penticton, and noted that they hope that we can protect as much of our parkland as possible by funding through alternative methods. A Committee Member asked about the definition of 'Public Assembly' and staff noted that this zoning applies for government and institutional uses. A Committee Member commented that the city should be applying for grants from senior levels of government to help fund these improvements.

Marc Tougas left the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

4.2 Engagement Results for South Beach Drive Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment

The Director of Development Services and Public Engagement Program Manager presented an update on the engagement results for the South Beach Drive Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment. They noted the various methods of engagement that were utilized over a one month period, including open houses, shape your city, neighbourhood notification and site signage. They highlighted some of the feedback they received and addressed some of the concerns that were noted.

The floor was opened to the Committee for questions and comments. A Committee Member asked about using the funds from a potential sale to purchase additional parkland. Staff responded that the proceeds would go into the 'Land Acquisition Reserve', as the 'Parkland Acquisition Reserve' may limit what the funds can be used for.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommend that Council support the proposal to amend the Official Community Plan future land use designation for eight (8) properties along South Beach Drive from 'Parks' to 'Detached Residential'.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 North Gateway Design Charrette Update

The General Manager of Community Services provided an update on the North Gateway Design Charrette process that was recently completed. He noted major themes that were developed including: three key districts, three corridors, three gateways and one festival boulevard. He commented on the vision of the project, the guiding principles and showed the overall visual concept.

The floor was opened to the Committee for questions and comments. A Committee Member asked if the traffic changes at Power Street were a result of the Design Charrette work and staff responded that it was already an ongoing project. A Committee Member commented that it is an exciting project and vision that would greatly improve the area.

5. **Next Meeting**

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on November 15, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

6. **Public Question Period**

7. **Adjournment to a Closed Meeting**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee adjourn the special meeting held on October 25, 2021 at 4:45 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:



John Schappert
Legislative Assistant