



## Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Held at City of Penticton Committee Room A  
171 Main Street, Penticton, B.C.

Wednesday, August 10, 2016  
at 3:00 p.m.

- Present:** Andrew Jakubeit, Mayor  
Judy Sentes, Councillor  
Ron Ramsay, Chair  
Doug Gorcak, Penticton School District 67 Representative  
Ezra Cremers, Organized Field Sport Representative  
Roland Curnow, Organized Field Sport Representative  
Adolph Steffen, Development Community Representative  
James Palanio, Member at Large  
Sharon Devlin, Member at Large  
Peter Dooling, Member at Large
- Staff:** Jeff Lynka, Parks Supervisor  
Lori Mullin, Recreation & Culture Manager  
Lorraine Williston, Corporate Committee Secretary
- Guest:** Denis O’Gorman

1. **Call to Order**

The Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee was called to order by the Chair at 3:00 p.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee adopt the agenda for the meeting held on August 10, 2016 as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee adopt the minutes of the July 27, 2016 meeting as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 4. Business Arising from Prior Meetings

### 4.1 Vision and Values Statement Update

Following the input from the previous committee meeting, Urban Systems provided a revised Vision and Values statement for further review. Roundtable discussion followed and comments were made as follows:

- Vision statement should reflect the future vs. present tense
- Definition of vision, values, goals, objectives, standards used by City staff would be helpful
- Specific wording is needed with more substance, common language and vision
- Focus on what we can strategically leverage and are doing well i.e. premier events or parks
- There should be a comment relating to partnerships, neighbours, (ie PIB, RDOS, etc)
- Amend last sentence in Vision to read 'We are a small City with big opportunities and we balance demands through sustainable parks and recreation services based on environmental, social and economic values and considerations. ' Remove ' triple bottom line'.

Committee requested this item be tabled to the next meeting to allow further discussion with Urban Systems.

### 4.2 Master Plan Documents

#### **Benchmarking**

A summary of the results of benchmarking were reviewed and comments made on the following:

#### Community Basics (Page 4)

- Noted other communities have an effective master plan except for Penticton
- Concerns over some of the communities chosen for comparison

#### Parkland and Trails (Page 5)

- Define metrics and categories for better understanding of calculations

The Parks Supervisor noted numbers include Campbell Mountain which it should not. Document is a collection of facts that was provided by each community and will be combined with the analysis at a later date. The Mayor stated not all trails/parks may be included in data for example those trails located on PIB lands. Discussion followed on the benefit/purpose of benchmarking.

#### Length of Trails (Page 6)

The Chair noted Penticton's average seems too low and the data concludes we are less than 50% compared to other communities. Staff to confirm information is correct for Penticton. Vernon trail data is questionably high, staff to confirm whether it is accurate or includes regional trails. Discussion followed on what trails are included or excluded in the calculations for Penticton and other communities.

#### Parks Operations Budget (Page 7)

The Parks Supervisor noted '\$ per hectare' for Penticton is inaccurate because Penticton's total acreage listed is incorrect. Information to be corrected.

#### Sports Fields Bookings (Page 9)

The Parks Supervisor stated Penticton fields are booked seven months out of the year not twelve and the information will be corrected. A question was raised as to the meaning of (cumulative Kings Park).

#### Arenas (Page 12)

The Chair stated this table indicated that Penticton's facilities are at, or above average for the benchmark communities. Question was asked if we can fill five arenas. One correction noted in footnote, should read Regional District of North Okanagan.

Doug Gorcak arrived at the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

#### Commercial Uses in Parks and Facilities (Page 15)

- Focuses on vendors and temporary services
- No precedents for large commercial developments
- Commercial uses are considered on a case by case basis
- Data for commercial uses in Parks and in facilities should be separated
- Data should be clarified as what type of commercial use i.e. golf course
- Useful to know how many proposals there have been over the years including proposals that were turned down in other cities

#### Special Events (Page 17)

The Recreation & Culture Manager noted the information will be updated with more Penticton events. Each community hosts different events which makes it difficult for comparisons. It was requested that data on when events are being held would be useful information.

#### Financial Considerations (Page 20)

The Parks Supervisor provided an explanation of DCC (Development Cost Charges) rates noting when anyone develops or subdivides property, a certain amount is charged per lot to the developer for park acquisition or park development. A spacial analysis map will be available soon. Discussion followed on whether the City takes land or money for new developments. The Parks Supervisor stated on some projects the developers will provide land for park space as part of their development plan. In the case of a strata development, each unit is charged the DCC rate.

#### Fees and charges for facilities, programs etc. (Page 21)

The Recreation & Culture Manager noted Penticton tracks high on aquatics, low on public skating and on track with all other categories.

#### Sports Fields – Hourly Rates (Page 24)

The Recreation & Culture Manager stated there are a lot of variables in this category. Questions arose regarding rental fee rates for non-profit groups. Staff noted rental rates for non-profit groups are subsidized and this is common in other communities.

Ezra Cremers left the meeting at 4:37 pm

#### Use of partnerships (Page 25)

The Chair stated partnerships is another issue that will need to be dealt with.

#### Park Amenities (Page 29)

The Chair noted this is clearly a work in progress.

### **Parks and Recreation Trends for Penticton**

- More outdoor related - could we use another pool?
- Nothing noted on youth leaving after graduation or declining school enrollment.

The Parks Supervisor noted this document relates to the overall current trends and is not specific to Penticton. The School District 67 representative stated in relation to school districts connecting with municipalities regarding sharing of lands for recreation, this trend is growing as school districts are large land owners.

**Penticton Event Listing (sports, special events)** - Tabled to next meeting

**City of Penticton Recreation Programs Inventory** - Tabled to next meeting

**Review of Bylaws, Policies, Procedures and Programs** - Tabled to next meeting

**City of Penticton Facilities Inventory** - Tabled to next meeting

4.3 Review of Public Feedback

Tabled to next meeting.

### 5. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee will be September 14, 2016.

### 6. **Adjournment**

The Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.