



Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting

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

Wednesday, August 31, 2016
at 3:00 p.m.

- Present:** Andrew Jakubeit, Mayor
Judy Sentes, Councillor
Ron Ramsay, Chair
Ezra Cremers, Organized Field Sport Representative
Roland Curnow, Organized Field Sport 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
Tina Lee, Communications Officer
Lorraine Williston, Corporate Committee Secretary
- Guest:** Catherine Berris, Urban Systems Representative – Via Conference Call

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 31, 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 August 31, 2016 as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Business Arising from Prior Meetings

4.1 Vision and Values Statement Update

Following input from the previous meeting, Urban Systems provided a revised Vision and Values statement with two style options for review. Roundtable discussion followed on options. Concerns were expressed over present tense and it was noted they should contain more of a future aspect. By consensus the committee agreed to Option 2 as their preferred choice with the following amendments:

- Remove the word '*plays*' in first line
- Reword '*A City between two lakes*' to '*We are a City between two lakes*'
- Add the word '*forever*' after '*Play in Penticton*'
- Add the word '*scenic*' to the beginning of '*Beaches, parks, trails and lakes*'
- Reorder lines as follows:
 - 1st '*Penticton*'
 - 2nd '*We are a City between two lakes*'
 - Last line '*Play in Penticton Forever*'

Values

Urban Systems provided definitions for a value and principle statement and noted the term 'values' or 'principles' are interchangeable. Discussion followed and by consensus the committee agreed to stay with the term 'values'. All nine points were reviewed and suggestions made as follows:

1. Add '*and essential to the wellbeing of our citizens.*'
2. Amend wording to '*Abundant parks and greens spaces are needed to serve existing and future population; within these spaces we carefully manage the water resources and ecology.*'
3. Amend wording to '*Our parks and our recreation opportunities are based on inclusivity, accessibility and affordability.*'
4. Amend wording to '*Our amenities, practices, and services are based on a balance of high standards and sustainability.*'
5. No changes
6. Replace the words '*such as*' with '*through the*'
7. No changes
8. No changes – question was raised about the use of the term 'we'. The Urban Systems representative stated that term is used to refer to the City and can add a footnote with a definition.
9. No changes

5. New Business

5.1 Master Plan Background Documents

Parkland Supply and Analysis Document

The Urban Systems representative provided an overview of how information has been defined in the classification proponent of this document. Discussion followed and questions were asked regarding trees, riparian areas, ravines, dog parks and community gardens. The Urban Systems representative and staff confirmed all of these items will be addressed in the master plan.

Parkland Supply Chart

The Urban Systems representative provided an overview of the parkland supply summary and noted this type of analysis is beneficial in determining development cost charges.

In Figure 4.3: Population-Based Parkland Supply - it was noted the Provincial average is important. Current average is 2.51. Penticton is at 2.39. Numbers for Vernon still need to be confirmed. Increasing our standard above the current average would mean acquiring more parkland as our population increases. Discussion followed on the capacity of parks during events. Questions were asked regarding how the information was calculated and why Campbell Mountain was included. The Urban Systems representative noted that during the survey process, Campbell Mountain was identified as an important area and the master plan can recommend protection of this area. Discussion followed on the Three Blind Mice area. Staff noted that land was originally designated as future residential development and has recently been reverted back to parkland. Only the City owned portion has been included in the calculations.

In Figure 4.4: Area-Based Parkland Supply - it was noted only a couple of areas do not meet the distance criteria.

In summary Urban Systems feels Penticton is well supplied with an amazing array of parkland. Gaps are minor and minimal acquisition would be required. Upholding the standards we already have in new developments will be difficult.

Ezra Cremers left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

5.2 Project Timeline Update

The Recreation & Culture Manager reported more information still needs to be provided to the consultant for the draft master plan and staff are working on gathering additional information from the City's Finance Department on budgets, the City's strategic priorities, and Asset Management Plan. A draft master plan should be completed by the end of September or beginning of October. The open house will be pushed back to the end of October or beginning of November to allow the committee ample time to review the document and provide feedback. An updated timeline and scheduling will be provided once reviewed by Urban. Discussion and questions followed on the process of presenting the master plan to the public. The Urban Systems representative stated typically you would release an executive summary with high level findings and draft recommendations on presentation panels at open houses and online. Most communities do like to release a draft document. Discussion followed on also releasing the draft master plan to the public. It was agreed to discuss these options at a later date.

Mr. Dooling brought forth concerns about the lands that are not city controlled. The Mayor noted the City is working with the RDOS and PIB. Discussions followed on how long to leave survey open for. The Communications Officer stated the survey will be closed down around the first week in October.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee to be determined.

7. **Adjournment**

The Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.