



Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting

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

Thursday, October 20, 2016
at 3:00 p.m.

- Present:** Andrew Jakubeit, Mayor
Judy Sentes, Councillor
Max Picton, Councillor
James Palanio, Vice-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
Sharon Devlin, Member at Large
Peter Dooling, Member at Large
Gary Denton, Member at Large
- Staff:** Jeff Lynka, Parks Supervisor
Lori Mullin, Recreation & Culture Manager
Chad Douglas, Sport and Events Project Manager
Lorraine Williston, Corporate Committee Secretary
- Guest:** Gabi Haas, Urban Systems Representative
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 Vice-Chair at 2:34 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 October 19, 2016 as amended (refer to Item 4.0).

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

Ezra Cremers brought forth concerns over what the role of this committee is and would like clarification specifically regarding incorporating financial considerations. Peter Dooling would like to see this master plan be what we ought to be regardless of what the current City's financial situation is. The mandate of this committee should be to prepare the best possible report to the community. Vice-Chair referred to the Terms of Reference and noted what it says regarding finances. We should not be determining what and what not will be too expensive. Discussion followed on statements in first part of master plan that state financially cannot achieve etc. comments on rewording those statements.

5. New Business

5.1 Master Plan – Draft 1 Review (Part 2)

The Urban Systems representative continued the review of the Master Plan – Draft 1. Committee input and feedback was noted as follows:

7.0 Outdoor Recreation Amenities

7.2 Sport Fields

- Issue of quality of sport fields needs to be addressed. City fields have more use due to the higher quality and are showing the wear.
- Add artificial turf fields - Discussion followed on maintenance costs of artificial vs grass fields. Staff noted a significant capital investment is required for artificial turf fields and maintenance is on par with grass fields. Life span for artificial turf is only 10-12 years. Discussion ensued on field quality. Staff stated the quality of a field includes the way fields are built, maintained, lighting and if there are available washroom facilities. The Penticton School District representative noted school fields were built for the age group they serve and safety and prefers the wording be amended to read 'age appropriate fields' rather than 'lower quality'.

Recommendation for Sports Fields and Ball Diamonds

- Review and update the outdoor sports field strategy. Urban Systems recommended moving this time up to get the ball rolling
- Add reference to regulation ball diamond to recommendation to upgrade sport fields

7.3 Recreation Amenities in Parks

- Footnote added to 7.8 Tennis Court Comparisons – noting that the Yacht Club tennis courts and school tennis courts are not included in number

8.0 Indoor Recreation Facilities

The Urban Systems representative requested any comments in the Description section only, to please forward to them through the Chair.

Analysis

8.1 Indoor Facility Comparison

Indoor Facility Gaps and Opportunities

- Lack of tennis bubble was discussed. The Urban Systems representative noted there is a reference in the recommendations as an opportunity.

Summary of Strengths and Challenges

- Soccer Bubble – Challenges – change wording to lack of multi-purpose facility

9.2 Recreation Programs and Services

- REACT program not listed in section for seniors. Urban Systems representative will add the REACT program in the aquatics description.

9.3 Special Events and Tournaments – Strengths and Challenges chart

- Add trees at Gyro Park under challenges.
- Recommendation for Special Events and Tournaments
- Events need to be coordinated to avoid conflicts

Councillor Picton left the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

10.0 Implementation Plan

Peter Dooling brought forth three visions for future park developments in the City. The first vision, in partnership with the Penticton Indian Band, to bring about a River Channel Parkway, a unique opportunity to establish an urban linear parkway between Skaha and Okanagan Lakes; 'Shining Waters to Shining Waters' the theme. The Gatineau Parkway of Ottawa & Hull; Quebec developed by the National Capital Commission and the Ribbons of Green Parkway in the North Saskatchewan River Valley of the City of Edmonton, and the Bow River Valley Parkway of the City Calgary are examples of such parkways that would be good to review on what land use strategies were employed. The second vision, in partnership with the RDOS and the Province of British Columbia, to bring about the linkage of Esplanade Park, Munson Mountain Park with Campbell Mountain (a proposed park) via a trails network linking all three; 'Waters Edge to Mountain Peak' the theme. The third vision, in partnership with the Penticton School Board, to bring about linking existing and future parks with existing and future school sites within the City; "Recreational Pathways for Kids, Youth & Adults" or Muscle Power Pathways for Kids, Youth & Adults...Replacement of Motor Power" the theme. Mr. Dooling also mentioned that there are opportunities for funding if solid partnerships are good plans are developed. There are also opportunities available regarding 'greening' of the City; a new urban forestry program has commenced at UBC in the Faculty of Forestry wherein collaborative relationships could be brought about.

Discussion followed. The Penticton School District 67 representative stated it would be beneficial to look at the trail system in more detail. The Urban Systems representative noted by adding graphic bubble boxes for examples to the Trails section, you will be able to capture more of the visionary ideas. Item 10.1 reworded to read 'Achieving Visions Through Partnerships'. Committee members were asked to send photos that are good examples to Urban Systems through the Chair.

10.2 Funding Strategies

Sharon Devlin excused herself from this discussion due to a conflict of interest. A question was raised over the definition of 'theoretical service life'. Staff explained it includes structures, amenities, infrastructure, irrigation, electrical systems and will be added for clarification. The figures noted represent capital expenses and replacement costs. Discussion and questions followed on maintenance and current capital costs. Staff noted numbers vary from year to year. Confirmation on how many years the average investment required to sustain infrastructure into the future was calculated on be provided. Urban Systems to provide that information. The Mayor noted there is currently no philanthropy, adopt a park program in place or a user pay system for the channel with proceeds going towards improvements and recommended adding this to the master plan. The Urban Systems representative stated a P3 can be added.

5.2 Next Steps

The Urban Systems representative stated the next steps will be to prepare an executive summary in graphic panel format for display at the open house to be combined with an online

survey. The potential date of the open house is Nov. 16. Staff to confirm the venue. Discussion followed on making the draft master plan available for the public online. Concerns were raised over the current section on commercialization in parks and if that needs to be addressed first. The Mayor noted the draft should be presented to allow for public feedback and determine if more time should be dedicated towards this process. Staff and Urban Systems will need time to gather all the feedback. Feedback will be presented to the committee for review. The third open house will be scheduled for the end of January.

By consensus the committee agreed to send out the draft master plan as presented with the minor wording amendments. Staff stated further discussion can happen before the second draft is completed. An additional meeting can be scheduled to discuss the section concerning commercialization in parks.

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 5:11 p.m.