

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting

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

Thursday, November 3, 2016
at 3:30 p.m.

Present: Andrew Jakubeit, Mayor
Judy Sentes, 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
Ben Johnson, Special Projects Manager
Mark Parker, Communications Officer
Lorraine Williston, Corporate Committee Secretary

1. Call to Order

The Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee was called to order by the Vice-Chair at 3:33 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 November 3, 2016 as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Minutes of the October 19, 2016 Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee adopt the minutes of the October 19, 2016 meeting as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 Minutes of the October 20, 2016 Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting

The committee requested the information be corrected in item 5.0 in the paragraph referencing the 10.0 Implementation Plan. Item to be brought forward to the next meeting for adoption.

4. Business Arising from Prior Meetings

5. New Business

5.1 Review of Section – 7.1 Commercial Use in Parks - Discussion

Gary Denton open the discussion stating that commercial use in parks is the single most important issue that needs to be addressed regarding park planning and that commercial use needs to be defined. Mr. Denton expressed his concerns over the telephone survey results and recommendations 7.1.2, 7.1.3 and 7.1.4 as contained in the draft master plan and stated he would like to see those items revised. Discussion followed on commercial use definitions and recommendations. Peter Dooling stated before a policy can be developed as noted in 7.1.2 we need to define what a park is. Mr. Dooling asked the committee to consider the following definition:

'A Public Park is an unencumbered tract of land (natural, semi-natural, grassy lands, beach lands etc.) wherein the land title (surface rights, and perhaps sub-surface rights, above-surface rights) is held by a public entity (federal, provincial, territorial, regional district, city or village) for the benefit, use and enjoyment of the people and for the protection, conservation, preservation of the natural, physical, historical and cultural resources thereon.'

Mr. Dooling stated this is known as a park's dual mandate or basic purposes. This dual mandate (one basic purpose over the other basic purpose) will vary between park types and between public entities. Mr. Dooling noted the meaning of 'unencumbered' as to not hinder, hamper, trammel or thwart the benefits, use & enjoyment of the public and/or the protection, conservation and perseveration of park land resources. Mr. Dooling requested the committee to consider and affirm this definition at its next meeting.

Discussion followed. Questions were asked as follows:

- how does a ball field fit into that definition
- if the cemetery should be included in the parks classification
- whether each park should be classified individually
- how are we defining events over commercialization

Further discussion ensued and comments were added as follows:

- suggestion to classify commercial use into three categories:
 - pop-up (temporary)
 - medium sized
 - large (longer term)
- more research or supportive documentation needed to support findings in master plan
- need to revisit the relationship between the City and 'For Profit' organizations
- need a policy in place to help guide the city as that will also assist in finalizing the master plan
- recommendation to Council to develop a policy

- develop a framework and procedure for commercialization in parks

Ben Johnson left the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Discussion on developing a policy followed. The Mayor stated that we need to start working towards something we can bring forward for endorsement by the community and Council. Gary Denton suggested a description for commercial uses for consideration by the committee. The Recreation and Culture Manager stated that the master plan is still in draft form and recommendations can be forwarded to the consultant for another 1-2 months. One option could be to create a policy in tandem with the master plan. The Mayor stated helping define what triggers large commercial, ancillary, non-ancillary use will help the consultant develop the policy and see what other communities are doing. The level of commercialization needs to be defined and a process to gauge electoral assent. A decision making process can be put into a commercial use policy.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee recommends:
That Council direct staff to develop a Commercial Use Policy in conjunction with Parks & Recreation Master Plan.**

DEFEATED

**James Palanio, Doug Gorcak, Ezra Cremers, Roland Curnow, Adolph Steffen,
Sharon Devlin, Peter Dooling, Gary Denton, Opposed**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee recommends:
That Council direct staff to investigate the timing and cost of developing a policy for commercial uses in parks and the Terms of Reference for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan be expanded and included in the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee's mandate.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Draft 1 Master Plan – Website and Open House Update

The Recreation & Culture Manager provided an update. The next open house is happening on Nov. 16 from 4:30-7:30 pm at the PTCC and all committee members are encouraged to attend. The Executive Summary and draft Master Plan will be made available to the public at www.shapeyourcitypenticton.ca on Nov. 4 and people will be able to submit comments. People will also be able to provide comments at the open house. The tourist survey has been completed and members were provided a copy.

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 5:33 p.m.