

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting

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

Thursday, June 22, 2017
at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Andrew Jakubeit, Mayor
James Palanio, Vice-Chair
Doug Gorcak, Penticton School District Representative
Ezra Cremers, Organized Field Sport Representative
Roland Curnow, Organized Field Sport 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
Anthony Haddad, Director of Development Services
JoAnne Kleb, Communication Engagement Officer
Dana Schmidt, Corporate Officer
Lorraine Williston, Corporate Committee Secretary

Guest: Dale Anderson, Penticton Soccer Club Representative

1. Call to Order

The Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee was called to order by the Vice-Chair at 1:02 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 June 22, 2017 as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Correspondence

The Vice-Chair opened the floor to questions for the Penticton Soccer Club representative regarding the correspondence received from the Penticton Soccer Club & Pinnacles FC. The question was raised as to what is happening with capital spending and when will this topic be addressed by the committee. The Vice-Chair confirmed the allocation of capital funds will be added to the next agenda for discussion.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee receive for information the correspondence from the Penticton Soccer Club and Pinnacles FC as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion and questions followed on the status of the Penticton Arena Task Force options and recommendations. The Recreation & Culture Manager stated members of the Penticton Arena Task Force could be available to present information on their mandate and options to this group at the next meeting. The question was asked if there was any interest from this committee. The majority of the committee members agreed it would be beneficial to have the Penticton Arena Task Force to present information. Staff noted this will be scheduled for the next meeting in July.

4. Business Arising from Prior Meetings

4.1 Draft 2 Community Input Reports – Questions or Concerns?

The Draft 2 Community Input Reports were received for information and the Recreation & Culture Manager asked if members had any comments or questions. It was noted access to parks, beaches and trails should be added to the list of items to discuss.

4.2 Attendance Record

Between the February and March 2016, it was earlier noted Ezra Cremers was recorded at having missed three consecutive meetings. The Committee Secretary reported this was a clerical error stating Ezra Cremers did not miss three consecutive meetings and the correction reflecting that has been made.

4.3 Length of Meetings

Roundtable discussion on the length of meetings ensued.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee recommends that staff restrict meeting times to 3 hours and the length of workshops to be determined as the need arises.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.4 Parks & Recreation Master Plan Vision & Values – Confirm Process

The Recreation & Culture Manager stated two members from the committee and two individuals from interest groups have put their name forward to form a Vision & Values Statement sub-committee to work throughout the summer on developing draft statements to bring back to the committee for review. Discussion followed on if this process should be done through the sub-committee or not. One suggestion was to have all committee members submit their ideas to the sub-committee as a starting point. The Recreation & Culture Manager asked committee members to email their ideas directly to her noting they will then be provided to the sub-committee.

4.5 Definition of a Public Park

Gary Denton provided an overview of the rationale behind the definition of a Public Park.

Dana Schmidt arrived at the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

The following motion was presented and seconded.

Discussion followed. The Corporate Officer spoke to the definition of a Public Park noting she has obtained legal advice and there are concerns with the word 'unencumbered' and the foundational purpose of the definition. It was suggested that a solicitor be brought in to provide perspective from a legal standpoint. Further discussion and questions ensued. Staff noted the policy will define the uses in the parks and the definition would be a part of that. Staff confirmed there other items that have been identified as requiring legal advice and unencumbered and foundational purpose of the definition can be added to the list. The motion was put to a vote.

It was MOVED and SECONDED the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee confirms the amendment to the definition of Public Park as follows:

A Public Park means "an unencumbered tract of land wherein the land title is held by a public entity for the benefit, use, and enjoyment of the people and for the protection, conservation, and preservation of the natural, physical, historical, and cultural resources thereon, and wherein an encumbrance is a burden, obstruction, or impediment to the foundational purpose or purposes for which the park was established."

CARRIED

Doug Gorcak and James Palanio, Opposed

4.6 Park Dedication Bylaw 2002-42

Gary Denton reviewed the rationale for the motion as circulated for consideration to amend the Park Dedication Bylaw 2002-42. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. The Corporate Officer provided an overview of the bylaw and referendum process and stated the amendments have been reviewed by a lawyer. It was the lawyer's opinion that the amendments made in September 2002 allowed for non-commercial leases and licences to use but did not expand the ability of the City to lease or licence within dedicated parkland. The Corporate Officer confirmed that any changes will require Council approval and adoption.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee recommends:

That the Parks & Recreation Master Plan includes the following key recommendation:

City Council immediately implement the appropriate process to amend Park Dedication Bylaw 2002-42 as follows:

a) delete Clause 3 in its entirety:

"That for the purposes of this Bylaw "public park land" shall mean an area of land set aside to be used by the public as a place of rest, recreation, exhibitions, agriculture, exercise, pleasure, amusement, enjoyment and any other activity or use related or ancillary thereto and without limiting the foregoing, Council may from time to time lease or license all or part of the public park land for uses related to or ancillary to the uses specified herein."

b) replace Clause 3 with the definition of Public Park contained in the PRMP, namely:

“That for the purposes of this Bylaw “public park land” shall mean “an unencumbered tract of land wherein the land title is held by a public entity for the benefit, use, and enjoyment of the people and for the protection, conservation, and preservation of the natural, physical, historical, and cultural resources thereon, and wherein an encumbrance is a burden, obstruction, or impediment to the foundational purpose or purposes for which the park was established.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Corporate Officer left the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

4.7 Arena Task Force Open House

The Communication Engagement Officer reported there will be an Open House on June 28th from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. to share the results of the study and provide a more accurate view of the costs and condition of the arenas and provide opportunity for community input and feedback.

JoAnne Kleb left the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

The Vice-Chair recessed the meeting at 2:23p.m.

The Vice-Chair reconvened the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

5. Park Use Workshop (Continued)

5.1 Review of Draft Policy

The Director of Development Services reviewed what changes/processes were suggested at the June 8, 2017 meeting that require further work and discussion. New examples of proposed uses were presented. Discussion and questions followed. Mr. Dooling recommended to change the wording from ‘Park Protection & Use Policy’ to ‘Parkland Protection & Use Policy’.

The Director of Development Services continued with examples using the classifications submitted by Peter Dooling. Mr. Dooling stated he would like primary uses vs. accessory uses discussed and established. Item discussion to be continued at a future meeting.

6. Next Meeting

6.1 Summer Meeting Schedule

The Vice-Chair opened the discussion on whether to meet during the summer months. Staff suggested the master plan could be done section by section and address outstanding agenda items as they relate to each section and suggested meeting for three hours , twice a month for the months of July, August and September at a minimum. Discussion followed on member availability.

Anthony Haddad left the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Following the discussion, the committee generally agreed to continue meeting during the summer months with future dates to be determined.

6.2 Agenda Review

Roundtable discussion on outstanding and new agenda items ensued and included:

- grants from private donors
- sponsorship and donation policies
- access (to beaches, parks, trails, recreation facilities etc.)
- off leash dog areas
- safety in parks
- sports field vs. park
- primary vs. accessory

Discussion followed on suggested priority items for the next meeting and noted as follows:

- Arena Task Force Presentation
- allocation of capital funding

A recommendation was made that the Vision and Values be finalized before the continuation of the Park Use work. The sub-committee committee committed to providing examples for the committee to review for the second meeting in July.

7. Adjournment

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee adjourn the meeting held on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 4:05 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:



Lorraine Williston
Corporate Committee Secretary