

## Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

held via Zoom

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

at 9:30 a.m.

- Present:** John Archer, Chair  
Sue Fraser, Vice-Chair  
Juliana Buitenhuis  
Joanne Grimaldi  
Don Mulhall  
Marc Tougas
- Council Liaison:** Isaac Gilbert, Councillor
- Staff:** Kristen Dixon, General Manager of Infrastructure  
Kelsey Johnson, Director of Community Services  
Joanne Malar, Manager of Recreation, Arts & Culture  
Ysabel Contreras, Parks Planner  
Sheri Raposo, Land Administrator  
Hayley Anderson, Legislative Assistant
- Regrets:** Cameron Baughen  
Brenda Clark  
Victoria Jaenig

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to order at 9:33 a.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee adopt the agenda of January 22, 2025 as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the October 23, 2024 meeting as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 4. **New Business**

##### 4.1 License to Use Agreement: Penticton Safety Village Society (500 Edmonton Ave)

Main Motion:

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommend that Council direct staff to renew a five (5) year nominal rate License to Use Agreement to the Penticton Safety Village Society for the use of 500 Edmonton Avenue; for the purpose of the operation of a Children's Safety Village and equipment storage.

Amendment:

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT five (5) year License to Use Agreement be changed to ten (10) years.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Main Motion as amended:

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommend that Council direct staff to renew a ten (10) year nominal rate License to Use Agreement to the Penticton Safety Village Society for the use of 500 Edmonton Avenue; for the purpose of the operation of a Children's Safety Village and equipment storage.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

##### 4.2 Sports & Recreation Needs Assessment Update – Key Findings & Prioritization Framework - For Information Only

The Manager of Recreation, Arts and Culture and Steven Slawuta of RC Strategies, provided the Committee with an update on the Sports and Recreation Needs Assessment. The presentation discussed key engagement finding in the areas of resident, community organization, and youth. The Committee heard a summary of the research methods used and the prioritization framework of sport and recreation facility needs.

##### 4.3 Lakawanna Park Upgrade – Final Concept Design

The Parks Planner provided the Committee with an update on the Lakawanna Park Upgrade final concept design, including key engagement findings as well as the different design elements proposed for the playground, spray park, and the possible playground expansion.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receive into the record the report dated January 22, 2025 titled "Lakawanna Park Upgrade – Final Concept Design".

AND THAT the Committee recommend Council to endorse the Final Concept Design for implementation.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4.4 UBCM Disaster Risk Reduction - Climate Adaptation Grant – Proposed Cooling Infrastructures at Gyro Park

The Parks Planner provided the Committee with a presentation on the UBCM Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation Grant – Proposed Cooling Infrastructure at Gyro Park.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receive into the record the report dated January 22, 2025 titled “UBCM Disaster Risk Reduction - Climate Adaptation Grant – Proposed Cooling Infrastructures”.

AND THAT the Committee endorse the concept design for the permanent cooling infrastructure proposed at Gyro Park, including the selected location and the recommended landscape changes to the park.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4.5 Update on Dog Park Upgrades and Dog “Leash-Optional” Pilot Project & Recommendations

The General Manager of Infrastructure and Manger of Communications and Engagement provided the Committee with an update on the Dog Park Upgrades and Dog “Leash-Optional” Pilot Project.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Committee receive into the record the report dated January 22, 2025 titled “Update on Dog Park Upgrades and Dog “Leash-Optional” Pilot Project and Recommendations”;

AND THAT Committee recommend to Council that the City continue with “leash-optional” areas at the following locations:

- Riverside Park – 187 Riverside Drive
- Skaha Lake Park – Main – 3661 Parkview Street
- Skaha Lake Park – East – 3895 Lakeside Road
- Water Treatment Plant Entrance – 1900 Penticton Ave

**CARRIED**

Opposed: Don Mulhall

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommend that Council expand the dog beach and fencing located at Okanagan Lake Park.

**DEFEATED**

Opposed: Don Mulhall, Marc Tougas, John Archer

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

AND THAT Committee recommend to Council that no changes be made to the existing fenced dog beach located at Okanagan Lake Park, and that an alternative location be explored.

**CARRIED**

Opposed: Don Mulhall

4.6 Park Land Protection and Use Policy Review

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee recommend that Council direct staff to undertake a review of the Park Land Protection and Use Policy with the objective to streamline and enhance the efficiency of processes related to parkland protection, allocation and use.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. **Next Meeting**

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on April 23, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

6. **Adjournment**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee adjourn the meeting held on January 22, 2025 at 11:35 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Certified Correct:



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Hayley Anderson  
Legislative Assistant