TOWN OF LADYSMITH

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 7:02pm Frank Jameson Community Centre

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynda Baker

Colleen Butcher

Geoff Dean

Gordon Filewych Bruce Mason Kim Nakahara Jane Nettleton

Councillor Duck Paterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Barfoot, Lead

Kim Cheang, Minute Taker

REGRETS:

Jacqueline Huard Pamela Walker

Terri Merritt-Worden

CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02pm and acknowledged with gratitude that the meeting was taking place on the unceded territory of the

Stz'uminus First Nation.

AGENDA

2024-05:

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee approve the agenda

for the meeting as presented.

Motion Carried.

MINUTES

2024-06:

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee approve the minutes

of the February 21, 2024 meeting as presented.

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Invitation for Sport Tourism Event (STEGS) representative

- G. Dean provided overview and commitment to STEGS.
- C. Barfoot provided background about STEGS.

2024-07:

That the Parks Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee select K. Nakahara as representative and C. Butcher as alternate representative for the Sport Tourism Event Grant Sub-Committee.

Motion Carried

Heart of the Hub phase 2 project update

C. Barfoot provided an update on Heart of the Hub:

• The eastern portion of the Machine Shop has been reactivated, and the tender for a Project Construction Manager has been issued and is closing March 28. The project includes public facing spaces (i.e., classroom and meeting space for rental, 2 artist studio)

The goal of this project is to complete construction by December 2025.

Regional Recreation update

C. Barfoot provided an update on Regional Recreation as we continue to transition to the Regional Recreation model:

 FJCC has now fully transitioned to this model, under the responsibility of the Regional Recreation Commission (Cowichan North). This transition includes the approval of the operational and supplemental capital for FJCC.

OLD BUSINESS

Rutti Park Plan Public Engagement survey update

The Committee reviewed the revised draft survey.

2024-08:

That the Parks Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee support the survey as presented and direct staff to proceed.

Motion Carried

PRC DEPARTMENT UPDATE

PRC Department Update

In addition to the printed department update, C. Barfoot provided the following verbal update:

- SaddleSpan Tent's purchase, made possible from the Island Economic Trust project grant for \$50,000.00.
- Grant received for the revitalization of the downtown core, which
 includes hanging lights on 1st Ave, resetting the pavers, wayfinding
 signs, and an information kiosk.
- Brown Drive Park and Kinsmen Playground

NEXT MEETING

7:00pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at FJCC

ADJOURNMENT

2024-09:

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee adjourn this meeting at 8:15pm.

Motion Carried

Co-Chair (J. Huard)

Corporate Officer (S. Bouma)