

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee
Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 7:00pm
Frank Jameson Community Centre

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynda Baker
Jacqueline Huard
Bruce Mason
Kim Nakahara

Jane Nettleton
Councillor Duck Paterson
Pamela Walker
Terri Merritt-Worden

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Barfoot, Lead
Kim Cheang, Minute Taker

REGRETS:

Colleen Butcher
Geoff Dean
Gordon Filewych

**CALL TO ORDER AND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and acknowledged with gratitude that the meeting was taking place on the unceded territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

AGENDA

2024-10:

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee approve the agenda for the meeting as presented.

Motion Carried.

MINUTES

2024-11:

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the March 20, 2024 meeting as presented.

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Enhancing the Aesthetics of the Ladysmith Skatepark

K. Janzen presented the project proposal to enhance the aesthetics of the Ladysmith Skatepark, including:

- Paint the Skatepark to promote a more vibrant space conducive to gathering and active outdoor activity;
- Showcase artistic talent for both skatepark users and community members; and
- Engage skatepark users in enhancing the space.

Next steps are to submit the proposal in phases to School District 68 and the Public Arts Committee for review and feedback.

2024-12:

That the Parks Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee support enhancing the aesthetics of the Ladysmith Skatepark project in principle.

Motion Carried

Rutti Park Plan: In Person Engagement date selection

- Staff to send a poll with two Wednesday dates in mid-June to establish the committee in person engagement. Depending on turnout, a Saturday in September may be added; and
- Display multiple boards with QR codes at parks for input.

Public Art Committee (PAC) appointee

2024-13:

That the Parks Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee appoint G. Filewych as representative. In the event that he declines, the Committee's alternate choice is T. Merritt-Worden.

Motion Carried.

Proposed PRC Bylaw Fees & Charges

The committee discussed three options for changing the 30X Pass:

1. Realign to match the policy and have a 20% subsidy;
2. Keep the pass as is, and increase the rates as usual (3% Adult, 2% Child, 5.5% Youth/Senior and 5.5% Family); or
3. Remove the pass.

The majority selected option 3 - removing the 30X Pass.

Lot 108 – next step

C. Barfoot provided an update on funding for field house design which has been approved. Staff are investigating models used by other communities for similar projects.

OLD BUSINESS

Rutti Park Plan Public Engagement survey update

- The Committee reviewed and discussed the survey results.
- Some emerging components include: connecting the three entry points, seating, playground, picnic tables, community gardens, fenced area for dogs, bike racks, water tap, drainage, and native plants.

PRC DEPARTMENT UPDATE

PRC Department Update

C. Barfoot provided a verbal update on the Machine Shop:

- Looking at revitalizing the old design. Construction likely to begin towards the end of September with project completion estimated to be December 2025. Another funding announcement is anticipated to come soon.

NEXT MEETING

7:00pm on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at FJCC

ADJOURNMENT

2024-14:

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee adjourn this meeting at 8:25pm.

Motion Carried



Chair (K. Nakahara)



Corporate Officer (S. Bouma)