

**AGENDA FOR THE
SUMMERLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY DECEMBER 09th 2015 6:00pm**

1. Minutes and Adoption

Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Tuesday Oct 1, 2013 at 7:00 pm.
Appendix 1

2. Introductions

A. A brief introduction: including who you are & why you want to be part of the commission

3. Commission History

A. Brief history of the commission (Brenda Ingram – Manager of Recreation)

4. Review of by-law 2000-057 and committee structure

5. Next Meeting



DISTRICT OF SUMMERLAND

MINUTES OF
THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD AT DISTRICT OF SUMMERLAND
13211 HENRY AVENUE, SUMMERLAND, BC
ON TUESDAY OCT 1, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairperson Ted Pepperdine
Jenny Nemeth
Audie Yastremski
Dave Barron
Donna Eaton
Sandra Mah
Linda Beaven, School Board Representative

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Lloyd Christopherson

STAFF PRESENT:

Dale MacDonald, Director, Parks and Recreation
Nicole Lawrence, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ted Pepperdine (Chairperson) called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Sandra Mah, seconded by Dave Barron

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Parks and Recreation Commission on October 23, 2012 be adopted.

Carried

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Election of a new Chairman

Sandra Mah was elected by acclamation to be the new Chairman of the Summerland Parks and Recreation Commission

Carried

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Dogs at Beach Accesses

Repeated complaints have been received from a home owner on Stoner regarding dogs at the beach access. We currently have 5 beach accesses, two with "no dog" signs and three without signs currently. There are two areas where dogs are allowed off leash during the summer; located at Dog Beach and Sunoka Provincial Park, and during the winter Peach Orchard beach. There was no previous intent to make all beach accesses a no dog zone.

Through discussion it was decided that members feel that residents who have been utilizing this access with their animals have acted responsibly and are keeping the area clean of waste. It was noted that this access is small and dogs off leash can be intimidating. Members are aware the complaints are from one source and there are no other concerns that have arisen from this location. Members felt that we should not respond to the individual concerns of one resident. It is recommended that no action be taken at this time.

Moved by Linda Beaven, seconded by Ted Pepperdine

That the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend leaving beach access as is and allow dogs at this location.

Carried

Voted 5 in favor, 2 against

B. Sculpture Site Near New Oval-about

Members agreed that the North West corner of the new intersection at the corner of Victoria and Prairie Valley would make a fabulous place for future public art. Members feel that art in the community enriches the environment, citing examples of other local communities such as Kelowna and Penticton. It was discussed that this was municipal property and did not impede pedestrian traffic, private property or vehicle traffic. Concerns regarding the controversial quality of art that may be chosen were discussed but it was clarified that any public art would have to be approved by Municipal Council.

Moved by Audie Yastremski, seconded by Linda Beaven

That the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to Municipal Council that the North West corner of the new intersection at the corner of Victoria and Prairie Valley be set aside for a future site for public art.

Carried

C. No Smoking Signs at Beaches

It was suggested after the Healthy Community's workshop that Summerland look into a no smoking policy for the surrounding parks and beaches. The purpose of the members' discussion is to determine whether to recommend a no smoking policy or bylaw for Summerland's parks and beaches. A general discussion regarding the concern of a bylaw and enforcement abilities identified that Summerland does not have the needed resources to enforce a bylaw of this nature, it was noted that although other communities have a bylaw they do not quote the bylaw on the signs and have no enforcement plan in place. Members suggested the idea that policy allows Summerland to encourage no smoking but does not require the enforcement of a bylaw.

Moved by Audie Yastremski, seconded by Linda Beaven

That the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to Municipal Council the creation of a no smoking policy for Summerland beaches and that funding be placed in the 2014 operating budget for signs at Summerland's main beaches.

Carried

D. Curling Club Lease

The curling club lease expired at the end of the 2013 season and a new License of Occupation has been proposed for the 2014, 2015 & 2016 Curling season. The new lease supports the previous policy of a 3yr lease with a 3% increase per year. The members discussed whether 3% was a realistic increase given the rising costs of fuel and energy. It was noted that 3% was sufficient to cover the increase in annual costs, as well it was noted that the Curling Club association has contributed to capital improvements to the property providing 50% of the funding for new carpet in the curling club lobby.

Moved by Sandra Mah, seconded by Jenny Nemeth

That the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to Municipal Council a new 3 year License of Occupation for the Summerland Curling Club based on an increase of 3% per year.

Carried

E. Trail of the Okanagans

The Trail of the Okanagans is a trail system that is proposed to run from Kelowna to Penticton. The Trail of the Okanagans has now created a society including members from both Summerland and Penticton. The scope of this project will bring together the District of Summerland, the Ministry of Transportation and Ministry of Environment. The first phase of the trail is proposed to connect lower Summerland to Trout Creek. The Municipal Council has committed \$20,000 towards conceptual drawings of the first phase so that realistic budget value can be ascertained. It has been noted that none of the other communities that will be involved have yet committed any money to the project.

The railway bed from Penticton to Summerland is also subject to future hopes that this would link up with the Trail of the Okanagans and become a circular route. This will require a partnership with the Penticton Indian Band.

F. Centennial Trail Washout

The trail section just below the bridge on Centennial trail has completely washed away due to spring rains. The washed out section of the trail has been bypassed but the new trail is steep and slippery. The washout was significant and has led to concerns in regards to the stability of the slope surrounding the area. It has been identified that the repair to the path and the stabilization of the slope will cost over \$200,000 to fix it. There were concerns raised regarding the water washing down off the connecting streets and that a drainage redesign should be discussed with Ministry of Transportation and Department of Highways.

G. Disc Golf Course Proposal

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The members had a general discussion of the concept and it was noted that this was a great concept for Summerland. The members discussed what was required to make this course usable and what impact there would be to the Rodeo Grounds site. It was noted that the course will need minimal maintenance other than building Tee platforms and installing the baskets. The benefits of using the Rodeo Grounds are that the infrastructure such as water and washrooms are already in place and will not have to be constructed as part of the process. It was also noted that the lack of traffic is a bonus as this is a sport based on skill and beginners may not have developed accuracy so this would remove the concern of injury to the general public.

Moved by Linda Beaven, second by Ted Pepperdine

That the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to the Municipal Council to support the Disc Golf proposal at the Summerland Rodeo Grounds.

Carried

5. PROJECTS AND EVENTS

A. Julia Street Playground

Updates to the Julia Street Park were completed in July with a total cost of \$20,000, plus labour which was donated by the Summerland Kinsman. The project was more difficult than expected due to the quantity of boulders found on site.

B. Rodeo Grounds Bull-Riding Event

The Bull-Riding event at the Summerland Rodeo Grounds was attended by an overwhelming 4000 plus people. The event organizers did not anticipate such a crowd but it is noted that the event was a success and people who attended had a good time. There were other events held between bull-riding and this was when there was one incident. While performing trick shooting a rider's stirrup broke and rather than stopping the event the rider chose to continue. When approaching the target the rider fell off her horse and upon impact fired her pellet gun. A girl in the crowd was struck with the pellet and had to seek first aid. The pellet connected with her hip and left a small abrasion. She was treated on scene and then returned to her seat. Organizers of the event and the performer contacted the family after the event to apologize and to ensure the girls health. A review with the RCMP concluded the event went very well considering the unexpected crowds. The event is already booked for next year and will include a pre-event review with the Director of Parks and Recreation and Summerland RCMP.

6. OTHER

A. Trans Canada Trail

The Trans Canada Trail has a new executive. The trail is below Conkle Mountain continues to have problems with the material covering the trail from Fyfe Road to the Rodeo Grounds. Parks and Recreation are scheduled to work with the TCT next year to look at resurfacing this section of the trail.

B. Giants Head Park

A member of the commission raised concerns about erosion and washouts on Giants Head Mountain due to mountain bike users cutting new trails in the mountain. It was also discussed that people were camping and having fires up on the mountain during the spring and summer. It was noted that all campers and fires are to be reported to Gary Ellis the Summerland Bylaw officer. Members discussed the need for a Giants Head Mountain action plan for future concerns of erosion and environmental damage due to bikes and weather. A meeting will be scheduled with Scott Weatherhead to address the most pressing issues.

C. Summerland Steam

The Summerland Steam has been concerned regarding the allocation of ice time at the Summerland Arena. The ongoing challenge for the Parks and Recreation department has been to accommodate the teams practice time demands. Any more changes to the current ice schedule to accommodate the Steam would result in time being taken away from Summerland Minor Hockey. A practice time on Wednesday nights has been taken from Minor Hockey and given to the Steam, as well a daily practice from 1-2pm has been provided. During discussion it was noted that the original practice time of 8-9:30am has not been used by the Steam in the most recent years. The purpose of this discussion is just to inform the Commission of the concern should they hear differently within the community.

D. The Cartwright Flume Trail

Members raised concerns regarding the unofficial Cartwright Flume Trail and the fact that this trail is primarily on private property. It was suggested that a property acquisition plan might be needed for this area should any of the property become available for purchase. Improvements are restricted due to the issue of ownership as well as the ability to put up signage.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be in the spring of 2014

8. VOLUNTEER BANQUET

The annual Volunteer Banquet will be held Tuesday Nov 5, 2013 at the Arena banquet room. Please RSVP to Karen Jones at kjones@summerland.ca

9. TERMINATION

The meeting terminated at 8:30pm

Certified Correct:

Sandra Mah
Chairman
Sandra Mah

Nicole Lawrence
Recording Secretary
Nicole Lawrence