

The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the District of Summerland was held in the Council Chamber, 13211 Henry Avenue, Summerland, B.C., on the 3rd day of May, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

Committee members in attendance were: Lloyd Christopherson (Councilor), Celia Burton, Dave Barron, Sandy Mah, Jenny Nemeth, Linda Van Alphen (School Board Representative)

Committee members absent: Ted Pepperdine (Chairperson)

Staff members in attendance were: Emma Hartwick (Secretary), Dale MacDonald (Director, Parks and Recreation).

Other:

1. CALL TO ORDER

School Trustee, Linda Van Alphen called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Dave Barron, Seconded by Jenny Nemeth

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Parks and Recreation Commission Committee on October 19th 2010 be adopted.

Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

A. Peach Orchard Historic Tree

The historic tree at the Peach Orchard Campsite has now been removed for safety reasons; the entire inside of the tree was rotten and posed very real safety concern to the public if it were to remain standing. Summerland Resident Bryan Adams has kept a 10 foot portion of the tree to refinish it and by counting the rings he has determined that this tree is at least 200+ years old. Cotters tree-service was chosen to do the removal as they have the correct equipment and they were also a cost effective choice. Firewood was given to a resident that lives across from the campground as he had requested it.

B. Peach Orchard Campground Operation

The operations of the Peach Orchard Campground have now been taken over by new Contract Holders Glenn Deceuleneer & Jayne Jackson . The Campground will officially open for the season on May long weekend. Glenn & Jayne have worked with the previous operators so they have a good understanding of what will be required of them during the Camping season. The contract was renewed with no cost increase to the Corporation of Summerland.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Disability Pass Proposal

Recently Summerland Resident Linda Galpin had approached the Director of Parks and Recreation about establishing a disability passes for users of our facility that are on disability pensions.

Other municipalities in the valley such as the City of Penticton and the City of Kelowna currently have a plan in place for persons with a permanent physical or mental disability.

The suggestion was that we could use the Kelowna Program as a guide to implement a similar program here in Summerland. Once the criteria are met the user would be able to purchase a swim pass or a health club pass at a 50% reduction of the regular fee structure. The program would not apply to seasonal fitness programs offered at Summerland facilities. A motion to council is needed. Members asked that the "Disability Pass" name be reconsidered and it was agreed to call the pass an "Access Pass"

Moved by Dave Barron, seconded by Audie Yastremski

That the previously mentioned "Disability Pass" be officially renamed "The Summerland Access Pass"

Carried

Moved by Sandy Mah, seconded by Jenny Nemeth

That the "Summerland Access pass" with its fee structure and approval criteria be presented to Municipal Council for approval

Carried

B. Fees and Charges Update

Historically the fees and charges rate structure has been reviewed every 2-3 years in the spring with any changes to the fee structure to be implemented in the fall. At this time the Director of Parks and Recreation recommends that we wait until 2011 to review the current rates.

Penticton has now opened their new Aquatic Facility with higher rates. The Director would like to wait and see what happens when Penticton reopens. Lloyd Christopherson would like to wait

until after the core services review is completed before we review the current fees and charges fee structure.

Moved by Jenny Nemeth, seconded by Audie Yastremski

That the review of the current fees and charges rate structure be deferred until spring of 2012.

Carried

C. BC Senior Games

The District of Summerland and SCEDT have been approached about the idea of Penticton and Summerland co-hosting the 2013 BC Senior Games. The Penticton City Chamber of Commerce has requested funding from Penticton city council to host the 2013 Games but were turned down. They are now looking at alternatives to see if joint funding would allow a Summerland Penticton partnership. There is a considerable volunteer commitment that would be required of the area holding the games, as well as a financial commitment. A member suggested that it is possible that schools could be used but could not interfere with any school functions. A member suggested that the Glenfir School grounds should be looked at as a possible location.

The Director of Parks and Recreation has recommended that we wait until 2014 in order to take the time to do our due diligence regarding cost and planning, he will be meeting with the chamber and Don Degagne regarding the feasibility in the near future.

D. Summerland Steam

The Summerland Steam has now been accepted into the KIJHL and the franchise is now a reality. They have held their first training camp on April 8-10th and have another camp scheduled for August 21st – 28th 2011. Their inaugural season will begin in September 2011. The Sting trailer had been purchased by the District and now will be used by the Steam for their dressing room.

The Coach for the Summerland Steam, Gordon Gamble was born and raised in Edmonton but has resided in Texas for the past 23 years. The assistant Coach for the Summerland Steam is Summerland resident Gregg Willson.

The addition of The Summerland Steam will have some impact on the current ice schedule for existing users but by meeting with the Steam ahead of time and offering them Friday nights which is currently underutilized, 2 Saturdays and 2 Sundays the impact should be minimized.

E. SSS Gym Proposal

The existing Gym at SSS is becoming very aged and soon will no longer be able to meet the needs of the high school or the community. The current gymnasium is in need of being replaced in the very near future. The Director of Parks and Recreation has offered to sit on a committee to work towards obtaining a new gymnasium for SSS. The Director has stated that a plan must be put in place in order to obtain funding from government sources to replace the existing gym. Members suggest a gym that is at least 15% larger than existing gym with the possibility of integrated community usage as there is a need for a community center in Summerland.

4. PROJECTS AND EVENTS

A. Powel Beach Playground Project

Powel beach had the first phase of the \$25,000 playground equipment installed over this year. The project was a partnership between the Lions club, who donated 50% of the cost of the playground equipment, and the District of Summerland. The park will be completed in phases by the spring of 2012.

B. Dale Meadows Playground Project

Plans are under works to install a new playground at Dale Meadows Park. The playground to be installed will be 75% accessible and surrounded by a 6ft tall chain link fence with netting on the top to protect the children from being hit with softballs.

The project total cost will be approx. \$45,000 and will be a collaborative project with partnerships from the local Radio Station (\$15,000) & the Summerland Kinsman (15,000). The Director will make a presentation to Council seeking the remainder of the funding required to complete the project.

Provided that funding can be obtained the project will begin construction next year. The Director will provide updates to the committee at future meetings.

C. Move for Health Day

This year's Move for Health Day will be held on Tues May 10th 2011 at Spirit Square on Peach Orchard Beach from 11:00am-1:00pm. There will be an Outdoor fitness class for adults, a children's dance party and a lakeshore pathway Family walk. This is an international event created by the World Health Organization to promote the benefits of physical activity.

D. Action Festival

There are 56 teams registered already for the ball tournament to be held Action Fest weekend June 3-5th 2011. Slo-pitch has made KidSport their charity this year and will donate \$750.00 from the proceeds of the Beer Gardens from the Action Festival Weekend.

5. OTHER

Summerland KidSport has received a donation from Summerland Resident Karen Hooper in the amount of \$1000.00. The Forzani group (Sport Chek) has also made a donation to KidSport Summerland in the form of Vouchers totaling \$1000.00 to be used to purchase Soccer equipment. The Summerland KidSport Committee will work with the minor soccer association to identify families in need of financial assistance that would most benefit from receiving these equipment vouchers.

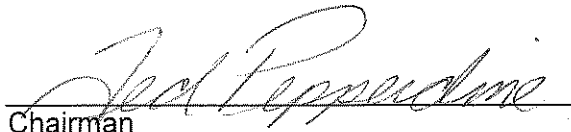
6. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be in the Fall of 2011 with the date to be confirmed in October.

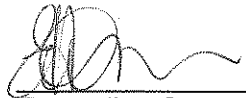
7. TERMINATION

The meeting terminated at 8:10pm

Certified Correct:



Chairman
Ted Pepperdine



Recording Secretary
Emma Hartwick