

# Summerland Parks and Recreation Commission

May 19<sup>th</sup> 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the District of Summerland were held in the Council Chambers, 13211 Henry Avenue, Summerland, B.C., on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

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

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

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ted Pepperdine called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

## 2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Celia Burton, Seconded by Linda VanAlphen

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Parks and Recreation Commission Committee on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be adopted.

Carried.

## 3. ADOPTON OF AGENDA

Moved by Celia Burton, Seconded by Dave Barron

THAT the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

### A. Communities in Bloom

The Director of Parks & Recreation stated that Judges from the Communities in Bloom National committee will be coming to Summerland on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2009.

### B. Sculpture Project

Nathan Smith, Artist & Creator of the Spirit Sundial project will be installing the sundial in early June. Parks staff will then complete the remaining landscaping for the official opening on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.

### C. Rodeo Grounds

The Director of Parks & Recreation reported that a new metal roof has now been ordered for the Rodeo Grounds and will be installed sometime this summer.

#### D. New Dog Bylaw

Signage is now in place at Peach Orchard Beach stating that Dogs are not permitted on the beach. Celia Burton raised concerns that dogs are still in town and on beaches, The Director of Parks & Recreation committed to look into obtaining additional signage for downtown area and Peach Orchard Beach.

#### E. Parks and Recreation commission Appointments.

The Director of Parks & Recreation has spoken with Mayor Janet Perrino regarding appointees staying on for an additional 3 year term if requested. Lloyd Christopherson reported that terms for appointees usually coincide with council terms. The Director of Parks & Recreation will meet with Gill Matthews & Mayor Perrino to discuss how to move forward with this issue.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. New Fees & charges recommendations

The Director of Parks & Recreation distributed an outline of proposed new fees and charges to committee members and reminded the board that although fees and charges are generally raised every two years it has in fact been three years since the last increase.

Brenda Ingram & Dale MacDonald have proposed a 5% increase on average in fees and charges which will come in to effect in September of 2009.

Arena Rates for youth will increase by 10% and the Adult rate will increase by 5%. This difference in rate increases is required as the gap between the youth rates and Adult rates have become disproportionate over the last few increases.

Dale reported that even though Summerland's Fees will be rising by an average of 5% our rates are still low compared to other facilities in the Okanagan Valley but that the rate increases are necessary to offset the increase in cost of operating our facilities.

Dave Barron questioned increase in Theatre for a Technical performance for local groups and suggested a two tier rate, one for local, one for outsiders. Dale MacDonald explained that the Theatre Technicians wage has to be increased and the cost of supplies has risen. Dale explained that the District of Summerland does not make any money on the rental of the theatre as all revenue collected goes back into the theatre to upgrade or repair equipment. The Director of Parks & Recreation said that local groups can always request that council waive their fees as in the case of Ozone Festival where council has donated \$500 to help with the cost of the Theatre rental for this group.

Moved by Dave Barron, Seconded by Sandy Mah

THAT the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to council to approve the proposed increase in fees & charges.

Carried.

### 6. PROJECTS & EVENTS

#### A. Spirit Square Sculpture

The Director of Parks & Recreation reports that the Sundial created for Spirit Square by Artist, Nathan Smith of Nelson, B.C. will be arriving for installation on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2009. Nathan Smith will be meeting with Dale to go over the installation of the sculpture. Landscaping around the

sculpture will follow soon after the installation is completed.

#### B. Earth Day

Over 100 people came out to Dale Meadows Park to take part in Summerland's Earth Day celebrations. Native plant species were planted by participants.

#### C. Memorial Park

New Playground equipment for Memorial Park is now on order. This playground equipment will be 70% handicapped accessible and is designed to encourage able as well as disabled children to play together.

#### D. Lakeshore Properties

Three park benches have been donated as well as two picnic tables. Suzie Kedge from the Parks Department is working on development of a landscaping plan for the area. This project will be cost shared between the District of Summerland and the Summerland Rotary Club.

#### E. Musical Ride

The Director of Parks & Recreation announces that the RCMP musical ride will be coming to the Summerland Rodeo Grounds on August 26<sup>th</sup> 2009. Bringing this event to Summerland has been a joint endeavor between the Shriners Club and the Summerland Rodeo ground users.

### 7. OTHER

#### A. Trails Map

Lloyd Christopherson mentions that the new trails map "Summerland Naturally" is very professional looking. Ted Pepperdine agrees that the map is very attractive but added that he would have liked to have seen more challenging trails added. Linda VanAlphen suggests that the brochure is appropriate for the audience for which it is intended. Dale MacDonald states that although there are other trails in the area the brochure is only featuring trails that are owned by the municipality.

Ted Pepperdine raised concerns about vehicles going off road on Giants Head Mountain and the danger of fires due to this activity. Ted also mentioned his concerns about erosion issues caused by bikes and off road vehicles. Dale committed to setting up a meeting with Scott Weatherhead, Parks Foreman after Action Festival is over to discuss the issues that Ted had raised and to obtain Scott's opinion on what can be done. Ted Pepperdine would like to see a network of trails developed on Giant's head Mountain in the future.

#### B. Blossom Run

Dale would like to set up a meeting with Campground Operators & Blossom Run Club members to have a postmortem on the Blossom Run this year. Dale MacDonald stated that he will not support the Car Club going to council with their issues unless the Car Club meets with the Parks & recreation department first to present a letter outlining their issues and concerns. Dale MacDonald will meet with the Campground Operators to request that they outline their issues and concerns as well.

Lloyd Christopherson raised his concerns over the issue stating that he feels that before the matter escalates any further there should be mediation between the two groups to improve the situation.

6. NEXT MEETING


Date to be announced.

7. TERMINATION

The meeting terminated at 8:40 pm.

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Chairman

  
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Recording Secretary

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