

CITY OF LANGFORD

MINUTES OF THE PARKS, RECREATION, CULTURE AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

**Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 5:00 pm**

**Due to COVID-19 Council Chambers is Closed  
Meeting by Teleconference**

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**PRESENT**

Councilors: L. Seaton (Chair) and R. Wade (Vice-Chair), Members: G. Harrison, R. Prettie, K. Reece, M. Stearns, A. Sturgeon, and J. Whitehouse.

**ATTENDING**

Manager of Parks and Recreation, C. Manton, Director of Planning and Subdivision, M. Baldwin and Administrative Clerk, M. Treleaven.

**ABSENT**

Member: N. Arden.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOVED BY: R. WADE

SECONDED: A. STURGEON

That the Parks, Recreation, Culture and Beautification Committee approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED.

**3. PRESENTATION**

- a) **Rob Thomas, President, South Island Disc Golf Society**  
**RE: South Island Disc Golf Society**

Rob Thomas, President of the South Island Disc Golf Society provided a PowerPoint presentation on the growing popularity and benefits of disc golf. The game is scored the same as golf and is an activity that can be enjoyed by people of a variety of ages and physical abilities. Currently there is a pay-to-play course in Metchosin and a 9-hole course at Layritz Park in Saanich. Unsanctioned courses are full and they are looking to build a new course on underutilized land or in existing parks. High quality courses

can also generate tourism by hosting events and tournaments. Total cost of creating a new course is relatively low, approximately \$15 thousand dollars. They have identified potential locations in Langford that would be ideal, and they would be happy to share after the meeting. They have some access to funding but are looking for financial support and they would cover the labour and maintenance. The distance between the baskets would be anywhere from 150 to 300 feet depending on the landscape.

**b) Chris Bhopalsingh, President, West Shore Arts Council**

**RE: West Shore Arts Council: The Year in Review and New Projects**

Chris Bhopalsingh, President of the West Shore Arts Council provided a PowerPoint presentation on past and upcoming projects. They changed their mission statement this year to highlight that they are a hub where local artists can showcase their endeavors. Successful past events included "Light up the Hills" at Westhills last September and the Mother's Day Paint-In. Their newsletter is now quarterly instead of monthly. COVID-19 has affected their events, however they are planning some online performances and a Concert Series at a care facility on Goldstream where they will play in the courtyard so seniors can listen from their windows. They are seeking a treasurer and secretary but are not looking for rent as they will be a virtual organization until COVID-19 ends. Stefan from the West Shore Arts Council mentioned that they are looking to support The Rising, a local circus group, who are looking for space for an outdoor performance in October, and if there was any contacts at the stadium to talk to. Cory Manton, Manager of Parks and Recreation will be in touch to help to facilitate with the operators of the stadium.

**c) Cory Manton, Manager of Parks and Recreation**

**RE: Proposal for Archery Range at Willing Park**

Cory Manton, Manager of Parks and Recreation provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposal for the Archery Range at Willing Park. The City of Langford has identified Willing Park as a potential location as it has a large flat, underutilized space. They would have to construct burms, fence in the site, add a small gravel parking lot and re-locate one section of trail. Council gave the direction for community consultation; an Open House will be held September 30<sup>th</sup> with nearby residents of the park. Archery is a safe sport and the Victoria Bowman Association has strict guidelines for shooting. Community feedback will be compiled and presented to Council following the Open House. Member R. Prettie inquired about the direction they will be facing and if it will cause sun to be in their eyes. Cory Manton said the sun will be behind them during the day. Member M. Stearns wondered what the main objections are from neighbours. Cory Manton said parking and safety, both of which will be addressed at Open House.

**4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**a) Parks, Recreation, Culture & Beautification Committee Meeting –  
July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

MOVED BY: R. PRETTIE

SECONDED: M. STEARNS

That the Parks, Recreation, Culture and Beautification Committee approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 23, 2020.

CARRIED.

## 5. VERBAL UPDATES

### a) **Parks and Recreation Projects Underway**

#### - **Verbal Update (Cory Manton, Manager of Parks and Recreation)**

##### Jordie Lunn Bike Park

Cory Manton, Manager of Parks and Recreation provided a verbal update on the Jordie Lunn Bike Park. Renderings were shared of the design of the proposed Jordie Lunn Clubhouse. Last Council meeting it was approved to apply for the Canada Infrastructure Program grant to help fund the Clubhouse, the grant is due October 1. The Bike Park assets are nearing completion with final landscaping, signage and railings being installed. Potential opening date of late October or early November.

##### Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Needs Assessment

Cory Manton, Manager of Parks and Recreation provided a verbal update on the status of the Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Needs assessment. Consultation has been done and they are considering what land do we need as the City grows. They are hoping to bring to Council in December or January to feed into the 2021-2026 Capital budget.

##### Southpoint Park

Cory Manton, Manager of Parks and Recreation provided a verbal update on the new Southpoint Park. The developer has installed a new natural wood playground and there is a new walking trail out to a lookout. A new micro bike park is being developed with a skills area for young riders.

##### Boardwalks

Cory Manton, Manager of Parks and Recreation shared that they will be releasing an RFP for improving and/or replacing a number of boardwalks.

##### 3680 Trans-Canada Highway

Cory Manton, Manager of Parks and Recreation shared an update on the property at 3680 Trans-Canada Highway. They are doing a geotechnical assessment with rock scaling and de-vegetation. The long-term plan is to increase safety of the area.

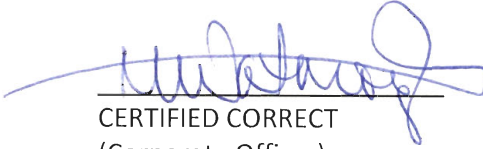
##### Boxing BC

Cory Manton, Manager of Parks and Recreation shared an update on the Boxing BC building. They are looking to return to Council with a revised budget and timeline.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

  
CHAIR

  
CERTIFIED CORRECT  
(Corporate Officer)

**Marie Watmough**  
Deputy Corporate Officer