



DISTRICT OF SOOKE
Parks and Trails Advisory Committee
Meeting held February 2, 2016
at 1:00 pm
Council Chamber, 2225 Otter Point Road

Committee Members Present:

John Boquist, Chair
Councillor Brenda Parkinson
Debbie Clarkston
Ross Reid
Mark Ziegler

Staff:

Gabryel Joseph, Director of Corporate Services
Laura Hooper, Parks and Environmental Services Coordinator
Sarah Temple, Finance and Administration Assistant

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. **Approval of the Agenda:**

MOVED to approve the agenda as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

MOVED to approve the January 12, 2016 minutes with the addition of the following motion under Item 6:

MOVED to recommend that Council provide the Parks and Trails Advisory Committee with a projected budget for priority projects within John Phillips Memorial Park.
CARRIED

4. **John Phillips Memorial Park and Community Consultation Forum – February 10, 2016**

Committee Discussion:

- Discussion of various means of engaging the public during the Community Consultation Forum for John Phillips Memorial Park planned for February 10th. The Committee agreed by general consensus on the following:
 - To honour the history of public consultation and the work that has already been completed in planning for this park.
 - To allow members of the public to have multiple means of communicating their priorities, including voting stickers, space for written comments and discussion.
 - To support the “Park Philosophy” as stated in the 2006 JPMP Trust Committee’s Final report.
 - The Park Philosophy is stated as:
Community response has shown a strong desire for a park that:
 - ☐ Maintains our green space and preserves the natural areas.
 - ☐ Promotes an active, well used park

- ☐ Makes the best use of the park's greatest feature, the pond, while protecting the waterway and the environment.
 - ☐ Cares for the flora and the fauna that could find a home in the park.
 - ☐ Caters to the general public, rather than individual or small group ownership
 - ☐ Serve a wide range of community needs including those of seniors, families, youth, children and tourists.
 - ☐ Provides accessibility for those with special needs
 - ☐ Provide a meeting place, a central gathering area for family and neighbourhood groups, festivals, community markets, etc.
 - ☐ Act as a hub of safe corridors with pathways connecting to community trails and the downtown core
 - ☐ Provide adequate parking with additional access to be by pathways from other neighbouring areas
 - ☐ Allows for the phasing of development
- The Committee specifically discussed accessibility and wide ranging community needs over special interests.
- The Committee further discussed budgetary timelines and projected construction dates, dependent on the park features recommended.

6. **Development Department Referrals: Nil**

7. **Action Items – Strategic Plan / Official Community Plan: NIL**

8. **Next Scheduled Meeting:**

- Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 1:00 pm
- Meetings – The first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm.

9. **Adjournment:**

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 1:46 pm.

John Boquist
Chair

Tina Hansen
Acting Corporate Officer