

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

Minutes of the **PARKS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE** Meeting
Monday, January 25, 2010, at 7:53 p.m.
Central Saanich Municipal Council Chamber

PRESENT: Councillor Ron Kubek, Chair
Mayor Jack Mar
Councillors Garrison, Mason, Olsen, and Siklenka
Gary C. Nason, Administrator
Susan Brown, Municipal Clerk
Hope V. Burns, Director of Planning & Building Services
Bonnie McKenzie, Manager of Community Services

ABSENT: Councillor Bryson

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

54.10 **MOVED AND SECONDED**
That the Agenda for the Parks & Facilities Committee Meeting held on January 25, 2010, be approved as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Staff Memorandum

- a) Staff Memorandum dated January 18, 2010, from the Manager of Community Services entitled "Centennial Park Tennis Court Replacement"
- b) Correspondence Addressed to Council Previously Received Pertaining to this Matter:
 - i) D&D Hill, November 2, 2009
 - ii) J Oakes, November 3, 2009
 - iii) K Harris, November 7, 2009
 - iv) N&S Parsons, November 9, 2009
 - v) N Tomlin, November 9, 2009
 - vi) P Crane-Wall, November 10, 2009
 - vii) L Frauenfelder, November 15, 2009
 - viii) B Tomlin, November 12, 2009
 - ix) D Thomson, President, District A Farmers Institutes, November 12, 2009
 - x) C Anderson, November 13, 2009
 - xi) J Richardt, November 13, 2009
 - xii) E Johnson, November 11, 2009
 - xiii) J Richardt, November 27 and December 1, 2009

The Administrator provided brief introductory remarks and the Director of Planning & Building Services gave a brief overview of the issues involved.

The Manager of Community Services provided an overview of the Staff Memorandum, noted the numerous submissions received through the process, and with the assistance of the consultant, Carole Rossell of Small & Rossell Landscape Architects, referenced visual panels while outlining the options considered. Ms. Rossell responded to questions from members of the Committee.

In response to an invitation from the Chair to the authors of the correspondence listed on the agenda, the following individuals rose to speak:

- D&D Hill, Residents, voiced concerns regarding the impact of Option C on their property/farm, including issues of noise, trespass and buffering.
- N&S Parsons, Residents, voiced concerns regarding the consultation process and the impact of Option C on their property/farm, including noise, errant balls, liability and trespass.
- J Richardt, Resident, voiced the opinion that any development for Centennial Park should take place as part of larger planning process.

In response to an invitation from the Chair, the following members of the public rose to speak:

- C Gillis, Resident, voiced concerns, as a tennis and pickle ball player, regarding the Option C locale.
- M Stokkeland, Resident, voiced the opinion, as a tennis player, that new tennis courts are long overdue and the Option C location appeared to be the best site.
- D Shnitka, Resident, voiced concerns about the consultation process in regard to residents of Prosser Rd., Hovey Rd. & Sigmar Rd., the trees on the former Oakes property and other Centennial Park issues.
- S Parsons queried whether the tennis court should be adjacent to private property. Ms. Parsons responded to questions from Committee members.
- J Ireland, Resident, voiced concerns about the longstanding need for adequate tennis courts in the District.
- N Sealey, Resident, voiced the opinion that the Hovey Road location should remain park and concerns regarding consultation in relation to what, in her opinion, is a reconfiguration of Centennial Park.

The Manager of Community Services and the consultant responded to questions from Committee members. The Municipal Engineer responded to a question concerning drainage. The City Administrator and the Director of Planning and Building Services also responded to questions.

55.10 ***WITHDRAWN***
 MOVED AND SECONDED
 That it be recommended to Council:

That the matter of the Centennial Park tennis court replacement be referred to a further consultation process including a charette, to look at tennis court use in conjunction with other uses of Centennial Park, with full notification of stakeholder groups, neighbourhood residents and the public.
WITHDRAWN by Mover and Seconder

56.10 ***DEFEATED***
 MOVED AND SECONDED
 That it be recommended to Council:

That staff investigate further the existing location for the reconstruction of the Centennial Park tennis court, and report back to Committee.

DEFEATED
Opposed: Four Members

57.10 MOVED AND SECONDED
 That it be recommended to Council:

That the Staff Memorandum dated January 18, 2010, from the Manager of Community Services entitled "Centennial Park Tennis Court Replacement" be received, and Council:
a) *endorse in principle the conceptual plan identified as 'Option C';*
b) *Instruct staff to proceed with preliminary design of three double tennis courts and associated support amenities at 1859 Hovey Road in Centennial Park for presentation at a future meeting of the Parks & Facilities Committee, with an approved scope of work to be finalized upon Council's consideration of refined project costs; and*
c) *Instruct Staff to review the issues raised by property owners in close proximity to the site, identify mitigation measures and order of magnitude costs to address those issues and include this information with the report to Committee.*

CARRIED
Opposed: Councillor Mason

The Manager of Community Services responded to questions from members of Committee.

58.10 MOVED AND SECONDED
That it be recommended to Council:

That staff also be directed to provide advice on an appropriate process for further public consultation and input, which would include park stakeholders and neighbouring residents, in regard to the other competing uses and issues which have been raised in relation to the Centennial Park property.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, the Parks & Facilities Committee Meeting held on January 25, 2010, adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Councillor Ron Kubek
Chair

Recorded By: Susan Brown
 Municipal Clerk