

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

Minutes of the **PARKS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE** Meeting  
Monday, February 28, 2005 at 10:06 pm  
Central Saanich Municipal Council Chamber

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Rhonda Korol, Acting Chair  
Mayor Allison Habkirk  
Councillors: Graham, King and Mason  
Gary C. Nason, Administrator  
Trish Flanders, Municipal Clerk  
Hope V. Burns, Director of Planning & Building Services  
Bonnie McKenzie, Manager of Community Services

**ABSENT:** Councillors Haddon and Thompson

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**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

309.05      MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MASON  
                 NO SECONDER  
                 *That the Agenda for the Parks & Facilities Committee Meeting held on February 28, 2005 be approved as circulated.*  
                 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**1. Alternative Locations for a Permanent Skate Park Within Centennial Park**

- a) Staff Memorandum dated February 21, 2005 from Bonnie McKenzie, Manager of Community Services Re: Alternative Locations for a Permanent Skate Park Within Centennial Park.

The Manager of Community Services, Ms. Bonnie McKenzie, gave a comprehensive overview of the Staff Memorandum pertaining to alternative locations for a permanent skate park within Centennial Park, and requested that consideration be given by Council to endorsing in-principle the use of the Oakes property (southeast corner of Wallace Drive at Hovey Road) for the future development of a community skate park, and responded to several questions from members of the Committee.

The Acting Chair opened the floor for input from the public in attendance at the meeting.

Ms. Val Hughes, 1334 Hovey Road, referred to the meeting that was held between the District's Ad Hoc Skate Park Committee and School District No. 63 in December 2004, and questioned why the District did not pursue an arrangement with the School District given the fact that both parties mutually agreed that a skate park within the community would be beneficial to local youth.

Mr. Bill Eastgate, representing the Central Saanich Lions Club, briefly commented on the meeting that was held between the District and the Central Saanich Lions Club, and reiterated the need to identify a specific location for a permanent skate park in order to achieve success with fundraising initiatives.

Ms. Gloria Johnson, 1439 Stelly's Cross Road, gave a lengthy overview of the attempts of the Central Saanich Horse Owners' Association's to secure an appropriate location for a riding ring or other equestrian facility either within Centennial Park or in the general vicinity of the park. She indicated that the Association previously approached Council with respect to the proposed use of the Oakes Property for this purpose, and questioned why their proposal was not under consideration. Ms. Johnson stated that in her opinion the skate park would be better located on the Stelly's Secondary School property.

Mr. Gordon Irving, 800 Brentwood Heights, advised that in his opinion the Oakes Property is a very suitable location for a community skate park for various reasons including high visibility, minimal impact on neighbourhood, a public payphone is nearby and the property is located on a direct bus route. Mr. Irving commended Council for considering the use of this site for the skate park.

Ms. Elizabeth Smith, 1520 Hovey Road, questioned the suitability of developing a skate park facility in a residential area, and questioned if the neighbouring residents on Hovey Road are agreeable to living next door to such a facility.

Mr. Terry Forsythe, 1511 Hovey Road, advised the Committee that the members of the Central Saanich Horse Owners' Association have not received a response from the District in regards to its request to develop a riding ring in the vicinity of Centennial Park.

Mayor Habkirk referred to the January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Committee motion which directed Councillor Haddon to consult with the Association and explore options that could potentially address the Association's concerns and need for additional equestrian facilities in this area.

310.05            MOVED BY MAYOR HABKIRK  
                      NO SECONDER  
                      *That It Be Recommended To Council:*

*That the Chair of the Parks & Facilities Committee be requested to contact the appropriate representatives from the Central Saanich Horse Owners' Association to advance the discussion on the exploration of other potential options for addressing the various issues and concerns expressed by the Association in its most recent correspondence to Council, including approaching the North and South Saanich Agricultural Society and other jurisdictions or agencies as deemed appropriate regarding potential utilization of existing riding rings and equestrian facilities.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Motion to Extend Meeting Past 10:30 pm**

311.05            MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KOROL  
                      SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MASON  
                      *That the Parks & Facilities Committee Meeting held on February 28, 2005 be authorized to extend past 10:30 pm.*  
                      CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Sean Kenny, 6680 Woodward Drive, advised that he has been working on the skate park initiative for over three years, and that he believes the Oakes Property is the most suitable site for a skate park facility. He introduced Mr. Jimmy Miller, an active member in the skateboarding community, who advised that the current user group has outgrown the existing temporary (tennis court) location and encouraged the Committee to proceed with the development of a skate park facility on the Oakes Property.

Ms. Jill Yonge, 1600 White Road, commented on the practicality of placing a skate park facility on the Oakes Property, and questioned whether any research had been undertaken to determine the best use of the property (i.e. skateboarding vs. equestrian).

312.05            MOVED BY MAYOR HABKIRK  
                      NO SECONDER  
                      *That It Be Recommended To Council:*

*That the Staff Memorandum dated February 21, 2005 entitled "Alternative Locations for a Permanent Skate Park within Centennial Park" be received, and Council endorse in principle the use of the Oakes Property (southeast corner of Wallace Drive at Hovey Road) for future development of a community skate park, and Staff be requested to consult further with neighbouring property owners in regards to layout and design considerations for the proposed skate park, with a view to addressing expressed concerns associated with this proposed project in this location.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. "Newman Farm" Park**

- a) Staff Memorandum dated February 23, 2005 from Bonnie McKenzie, Manager of Community Services Re: "Newman Farm" Park.

313.05 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM  
NO SECONDER  
*That It Be Recommended To Council:*

*That the Staff Memorandum dated February 23, 2005 entitled "Newman Farm Park" be received for information, and further consideration of this matter be postponed until Council's review of the Supplementary Budget Requests which will be undertaken in conjunction with the 2005-2009 Financial Plan deliberations.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Inclusion of Additional Late Items Re: Sandown Raceway Gaming; and March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 Rally In Regards to Victoria Land Title Office/ALR Mapping Changes and Impact to First Nations**

314.05 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KING  
*That the Agenda for the Parks & Facilities Committee Meeting held on February 28, 2005 be amended to include discussions related to the Sandown Raceway Gaming and the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 Rally Re: Victoria Land Title Office/ALR Mapping Changes and Impact to First Nations.*  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a) Sandown Raceway Gaming

- Copy of Revenue Sharing Agreement between Town of View Royal and the Province, and between Town of View Royal and the District of Langford and City of Colwood.

315.05 MOVED BY MAYOR HABKIRK  
NO SECONDER  
*That It Be Recommended To Council:*

*That further consideration of the materials provided by the Administrator in regards to the Western Communities (Proceeds from Gaming Revenue Sharing) Agreements for the Great Canadian Casino located in View Royal be postponed until such time as the District of North Saanich is further along in its process and deliberations related to the Sandown Raceway Gaming matter.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b) March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 Rally Re: Victoria Land Title Office/ALR Mapping Changes and Impact to First Nations

- Informational background materials from Councillor King including correspondence dated February 24, 2005 from Kevin Doyle, Solicitor Re: Rally at Legislature on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004.

316.05 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KOROL  
NO SECONDER  
*That It Be Recommended To Council:*

*That the materials provided by Councillor King in regards to the changes to the Agricultural Land Reserve maps located in the Victoria Land Title Office and the impact of these changes on First Nations be received, and Councillor King be authorized to attend the rally to be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 and to speak to an appropriate letter to be forwarded from the District to the Provincial Premier and to the Minister of Sustainable Resource Management requesting that the Provincial Government take the necessary steps to re-examine this issue and address the various concerns which have been expressed.*

CARRIED  
OPPOSED: MAYOR HABKIRK

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*On motion, the Parks & Facilities Committee Meeting held on February 28, 2005 adjourned at 11:03 pm.*

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Councillor Rhonda Korol, Acting Chair

Recorded By: Trish Flanders  
Municipal Clerk