

Minutes of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the **DISTRICT OF MISSION COUNCIL** held in Room #4 of the Mission Leisure Centre, 7650 Grand St, Mission, British Columbia on Thursday, October 19, 2017 commencing at 7:03 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Randy Hawes  
Councillor Pam Alexis  
Councillor Carol Hamilton  
Councillor Jim Hinds  
Councillor Rhett Nicholson  
Councillor Danny Plecas  
Councillor Jenny Stevens

District of Mission  
Staff Members Present: Ron Poole, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mike Younie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Maureen Sinclair, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture  
Christine Brough, Executive Assistant

Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Committee  
Members Present: Paul Hockridge, Committee Chair  
Ed Hodson, Committee Member  
Bob Ingram, Committee Member  
Dan Schubert, Committee Member  
Danica Stene, Committee Member  
Rich Vigurs, Committee Member (joined the meeting at 7:09 p.m.)  
Laura Wilson, Committee Member

Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Committee  
Members Absent: Manpreet Brar, Committee Member

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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Moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor Alexis and

RESOLVED: That the October 19, 2017 Special Council Agenda (with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee) be adopted.

CARRIED

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

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#### **Meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

##### i. Introductions and Opening Remarks

Mayor Hawes welcomed the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

(Committee) to the meeting and expressed his and Council's appreciation for the time, effort and expertise that they expend on behalf of the municipality and the community.

Mr. Hockridge, the Committee Chair, thanked Council for the opportunity to meet and expressed his appreciation to the Committee members and the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture for the work that has been done to date.

ii. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Update

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture provided an overview of the work and accomplishments of the Committee in 2017, noting that the diversity at the table ensures that the overall interests of the community are represented.

Discussion ensued on Hatzic Park, the P.L.A.Y. Pass Program, the Cemetery Bylaw, the Joint Use Agreement with School District 75, and the proposed Multiuse Senior/Youth Centre.

In response to questions from Council, Ms. Sinclair identified the following as topics for the Committee's consideration going forward:

- review of the Parks Bylaw;
- review of a draft agreement with School District 75 for the Management of Heritage Park Centre and Clarke Theatre; and
- discussion around how to engage youth and how to address related behavioural issues that have arisen at the Mission Leisure Centre; and
- discussion related to the proposed creation of a *Friends of Mission Parks Society*.

iii. Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture Master Plan Update

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture provided a status update on the Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture Master Plan, noting that staff have just received the first draft and anticipate that a report will be brought to Council in late November or early December.

Discussion ensued on community engagement and the role of the plan as a living document that will inform decision-making going forward.

iv. Recommendations for Projects that Can Be Quickly Implemented

Mayor Hawes informed the Committee that there is some funding currently available for priority projects to be completed in the short-term. He also noted that possible changes related to the way developer contributions for parkland in lieu are collected, and can be utilized, may result in more funding for park infrastructure in the future.

At the request of Council, the Committee identified the following three priority projects that could be pursued prior to the completion of the Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture Master Plan:

1. Improvement to the Current Off-leash Area in Centennial Park
  - replace the existing fencing;
  - add a double gated main entrance and trail up from the parking lot;
  - create a small and a large dog area; and

- include a drinking fountain with a bottle filler for tennis and a dog dish and filler for pets.
2. Replace the Picnic Shelter at Griner Park
    - replace the existing picnic shelter with a larger shelter and picnic tables; and
    - move the existing shelter to Tunbridge Common.
  3. Old Skateboard Park
    - rehabilitate (remove, create a pump track - final decision TBD).

The Committee also identified the following projects but recommended that no action be taken on these items until after the Master Plan results are finalized.

A. Centennial Park

- Tennis Improvements - Develop a fourth tennis court at Centennial Park or repair the tennis courts at Heritage Park Centre or do both depending on the recommendations included in the Master Plan.
- Lacrosse Box Improvements – Put a roof over the Centennial Park Lacrosse Box (Note: This matter has been raised frequently in the community but no formal proposal has been presented to the Committee.)

B. Fraser River Heritage Park

- Interpretive Signs in Fraser River Heritage Park – Replace the interpretive signs in the park to correct the story related to the Residential School and bring all other signs up-to-date.
- Install Playground Equipment in Fraser River Heritage Park – This proposal has come from several different sources but has not been formally presented to the Committee.
- Renovation to the Flag Plaza at Fraser River Heritage Park – This project has not been discussed with the Committee but needs to be undertaken. Third party funding was sought but the application was not successful.

Discussion ensued about Lightburn Park, Tunbridge Common, other parks within the community, the repurposing of useful equipment from one park to another, and the importance of balancing the needs of the community at-large with the desires of small but vocal special interest groups.

Council expressed its support for the three priority projects identified by the Committee. In response to questions from Council, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture confirmed that work can begin shortly on Griner Park and the current off-leash area in Centennial Park but that more information is necessary related to the repurposing of the old skateboard park before work can begin. Council directed staff to prepare a news release to inform the public about the changes.

A brief discussion ensued related to the ammonia leak at an arena in Fernie, BC. The Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture outlined the protocols in place to prevent leaks at the Mission facility and Ms. Sinclair noted that she would be sending condolences to the recreation department at the City of Fernie in recognition of their loss.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

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Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Hamilton, and

RESOLVED: That the Special Council meeting be adjourned.

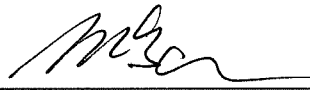
CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.



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RANDY HAWES  
MAYOR



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CORPORATE OFFICER