

Minutes of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the **DISTRICT OF MISSION COUNCIL** held in the Conference Room of the Municipal Hall, 8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, British Columbia, on March 17, 2009 commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor James Atebe
Councillor Terry Gidda
Councillor Danny Plecas
Councillor Mike Scudder
Councillor Heather Stewart

Council Members Absent: Councillor Paul Horn
Councillor Jenny Stevens

Staff Members Present: Glen Robertson, chief administrative officer
Dennis Clark, director of corporate administration
Ken Bjorgaard, director of finance
Sharon Fletcher, director of planning
Ray Herman, director of parks, recreation, and culture
Wendy McCormick, deputy director of parks, recreation, and culture
Kelly Ridley, deputy director of corporate administration

1. PARKS, TRAILS, & BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Eric Lees and Ms. Catriona Hearn from LEES & Associates, and stated that the purpose of today's meeting was to review the final draft of the Parks, Trails, & Bicycle Master Plan.

Mr. Lees reviewed the process used to finalize the master plan, noting that the last of a series of meetings with council to review the plan was held on December 3, 2008. He stated that the comments provided by council at the December meeting were, for the most part, incorporated into the report.

Council discussed the plan and provided the following comments:

- (a) In order to create small 'pocket' parks in the area south of 7th Avenue, a strategy to determine the location of these parks needs to be identified and a strategy to acquire land for this purpose must be undertaken;
- (b) More information about field use needs to be compiled to determine the community's need for track & field, cricket, and tennis;
- (c) Shelters and tables for groups to meet, play cards, or picnic, would be a valued asset for Mission parks;
- (d) These shelters and tables should also be located along trails, especially where two or more trails meet;
- (e) An off leash dog park in the Fraser River Heritage Park is a priority; and
- (f) Bicycle and trail plans should be added as an appendix to the report.

Council thanked Mr. Lees and Ms. Hearn, and it was agreed that once the final version of the plan is complete it will be placed on a regular council meeting agenda for formal endorsement by council.

2. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Gidda, seconded by Councillor Plecas, and

RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.



MAYOR

JAMES ATEBE
MAYOR



DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

DENNIS G. CLARK
Director of
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