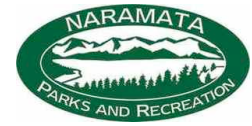




Minutes



Naramata Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting of January 23, 2023, 6:45 p.m.

Naramata Fire Hall,
1095 Lower Debeck Road, Naramata, BC

Present:	Adrienne Fedrigo, Director, Electoral Area "E"
Members:	Dennis Smith (Chair), Maureen Balcaen, Cynthia Enns via WebEx, Vince Boutilier, Eileen Meehan
Absent:	Kim Hoath, Richard Blackwell
Staff:	None
Guests:	None
Recording Secretary:	Heather Lemieux (Recording Secretary)
Delegates:	None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m. Quorum present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Added 6.3 Support for Indoor Pickleball at the Naramata Centre

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded that the Agenda for the Naramata Parks and Recreation Meeting of January 23, 2023 be adopted as amended and all presentations and reports be received as amended.

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded that the Minutes for Naramata Parks and Recreation Commission of November 28, 2022 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. CORRESPONDENCE / DELEGATIONS

- 3.1 Discover Naramata** — C. Enns requested a letter of support from the RDOS and the Naramata Parks and Recreation Commission for a proposed Audio Tour Project to support Discover Naramata's BC Destination Development Grant application.

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded THAT a letter of support be provided from the RDOS and the Naramata Parks and Recreation Commission in support of Discover Naramata's BC Destination Development Grant application.

CARRIED

4. RDOS STAFF REPORTS — RDOS Staff Absent

None

The Naramata Parks and Recreation Commission requests that staff attend the next meeting to discuss and provide updates to the budget.

5. RDOS DIRECTOR REPORT — A. Fedrigo, Director, Electoral Area "E"

- 5.1 Naramata Slow** — Provided and update on the Centre Beach sculpture project.
- 5.2 May Day** — The 2023 annual May Day will be the 100th annual celebration. Event planning is underway. Volunteers can sign up with A. Fedrigo (Director, Electoral Area "E"). Discussed the future of the event.
- 5.3 Manitou Park** - An update was provided on the hand sculpture relocation project.
- 5.4 Adra Tunnel** - Work continues on planning the restoration of the Adra Tunnel on the KVR.
- 5.5 Budget** — Discussed offsets based on gas tax funds and reserves.

A RDOS Budget 2023 Area "E" public information meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2023 - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Naramata Fire Hall.

Discussed that the RDOS Recreation Coordinator position for Area "E" has been increased by 1 day per week.

6. COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

- 6.1 Budget** — Project List and Priorities. Discussed the 1st Street closure and land tenure has been completed with MOTi. Wharf Park was noted as the Naramata Parks and Recreation Commission's top priority.
- 6.2 Destination Development Grant** — Discussed that the Naramata Parks and Recreation BC Destination Development Expression of Interest (EOI) is for a different funding stream than the Discover Naramata EOI.

ONGOING

6.3 Support for Indoor Pickleball at the Naramata Centre — V. Boutilier presented on a recent contract cancellation.

In November 2022, the RDOS negotiated an agreement with the Naramata Center to allow for the use of the gym in Columbia Hall for indoor Pickleball and/or other activities.

Recently staff requested the expansion of the hours of the Naramata Recreation Coordinator from 2 days to 4 days a week. The RDOS Board has approved an expansion but only to 3 days a week. Staff at the RDOS have advised that in consideration of the unsuccessful attempt to expand the Recreation Coordinators hours to 4 days a week, they would no longer provide administrative support for the use of the gym at the Naramata Center.

This decision was made unilaterally by RDOS Staff without consultation with the Naramata Pickleball Club or the Naramata Parks and Recreation Commission. Unfortunately, this decision to cease support for a popular program has been made at a point in time where no additional administrative support is anticipated, and is being viewed as very short-sighted given the popularity of Pickleball within the community.

The Pickleball Club will be assisting in running a school based Pickleball program over spring break.

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded THAT the Naramata Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the RDOS Board:

- i. Direct that RDOS Staff reverse its decision to cease administrative support for indoor Pickleball at the Naramata Center.
- ii. Direct staff that any other termination or substantial curtailment of any community program only be undertaken after consultation with stakeholders and the Naramata Parks and Recreation Commission.

CARRIED

6.4 Working Relationship between the Naramata Parks and Recreation Commission and the RDOS Community Services Department — It is becoming apparent that the relationship between the Naramata Parks and Recreation Commission, the Managers, and RDOS Staff is growing increasingly dysfunctional. This is not a new development and was the subject of discussions during the last fiscal year under “Communications”. The arbitrary and non-consultative decision to cancel support for indoor Pickleball is a symptom of this disconnect.

It is the sincere hope of the Naramata Parks and Recreation Commission that a more collaborative and mutually respectful path can be discovered through a process of dialogue.

Both RDOS Staff and Managers as well as the volunteer members of the Naramata Parks and Recreation Commission share a common interest in community parks and recreation. The Naramata Parks and Recreation Commission are fully committed to improving the working relationship with RDOS Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded THAT the RDOS Managers and staff of the Community Services Department and the Naramata Recreation Commission have dedicated meeting(s) to discuss the working relationship between the two groups and efforts be made to discover a respectful, collaborative, and mutually supportive path forward.

CARRIED

ACTION — A. Fedrigo (Director, Electoral Area “E”) with the assistance of V. Boutilier to follow up on the communication resolution with M. Woods (RDOS, General Manager of Community Services) and B. Newell (RDOS, Chief Administrative Officer).

7. BUSINESS ARISING

7.1 New NPR Member — New member, Richard Blackwell, has joined the Naramata Parks and Recreation Commission.

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded THAT the meeting of the Naramata Parks and Recreation Commission be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. — Naramata Fire Hall



Chair, Dennis Smith, Naramata Parks and Recreation Commission – Electoral Area “E”



Recording Secretary, Heather Lemieux