The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Parks & Leisure Services Commission, held in the Meadows Room at the Pitt Meadows Municipal Hall, 12007 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows, British Columbia, on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT
Commissioner Ian Brown, Chair Member at Large, Maple Ridge
Commissioner Don MacLean City of Pitt Meadows, Mayor
Commissioner Doug Bing City of Pitt Meadows, Councilor
Commissioner Gwen O’Connell City of Pitt Meadows, Councilor
Commissioner Judy Dueck District of Maple Ridge, Councilor
Commissioner Ernie Daykin District of Maple Ridge, Mayor
Commissioner Craig Speirs District of Maple Ridge, Councilor
Commissioner Eleanor Palis School District No. 42, Trustee
Commissioner Mandeep Bhuller Member at Large, Maple Ridge
Commissioner Christine Smith Member at Large, Pitt Meadows
Commissioner Terri Smith Member at Large, Pitt Meadows

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
Kelly Swift General Manager, Community Development, Parks & Recreation
David Boag Director of Parks & Facilities
Sue Wheeler Director of Community Services
Shelley Jorde Recreation Manager, Community Connections
Christa Balatti Recreation Manager, Health & Wellness
Don Cramb A/Director, Recreation
Bruce McLeod Manager Parks and Open Spaces
Michael Millward Facilities Operations Manager
Glen Minaker Parks Superintendent
Diane Chamberlain Administration Coordinator
Kathryn Baird Recreation Coordinator, Volunteer/Special Events
Ingrid Kraus Executive Assistant

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT
Commissioner Ken Clarkson School District No. 42, Chair
Commissioner Mike Huber School District No. 42, Trustee

There being a quorum present, the Chair Ian Brown called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**

R10-061 It was moved and seconded

That the Agenda for October 14, 2010 be adopted with the following amendments
• Add Item 3.1 North Bonson Dog Off Leash Park Delegation  CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Parks & Leisure Services Commission Regular Meeting  
R10-062  It was moved and seconded

That the Minutes of the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Parks & Leisure Services Commission Regular Meeting of September 9, 2010 be adopted as circulated.  CARRIED

3. Delegations

3.1 North Bonson Dog off Leash Park

Correspondence has been received by Pitt Meadows Council from two of the residents who reside across the street from the dog off leash area located at North Bonson Park. The residents have requested that:

(a) the gate to the off leash park that is adjacent to their homes be removed, and
(b) that an off street gravel parking lot be established within the off leash area so that cars will no longer need to park across the street from their residence, so that parking along the street would largely be limited to overflow parking in the future.

Mr. Bill Dingwall and Ryley & Dayna Dingwall attended the meeting to speak to the concerns raised in their letter. Mr. Bill Dingwall addressed the Commission and outlined the problems residents living across from the park are now experiencing since the dog park opened.

The level of noise, amount of traffic, parking, barking, car alarms and car locks beeping, car doors slamming, dogs running across the road into yards and onto lawns without a leash, vehicles turning around in private driveways, and conversations being held as people congregate have all impacted the quality of life and tranquility of what was once a quiet residential street. This carries on from dawn to dusk.

The residents are not opposed to the dog park and appreciate that one is needed in the community however, the impact on the residents has been significant and they are looking for a solution to minimize the disruption to the neighborhood. The residents offered a proposed solution that a gate be installed at the north end and include a small parking lot and eliminate the gate at Blakely. They also suggested that a gravel lot could be added as a temporary measure and pave in the future as part of the Pitt Meadows business plan.

4. Decision Items

Please note that Item 4.2 was dealt with prior to Item 4.1
4.1 Albion Planning Charette Process

Kelly Swift provided information on the public meetings on October 21 and 22 and invited the Commission members to attend. Commissioner Bhuller expressed an interest and Ms. Swift will forward the details of the meetings to him.

Please note that Item 4.2 was dealt with prior to Item 4.1

4.2 North Bonson off Leash Park

Mr. David Boag spoke to the staff recommendation and expressed concern that by simply moving the gate to another location will create a problem for residents that live in that area and walk to the park and would prefer to work towards a compromise for all residents. A discussion followed.

R10-063 It was moved and seconded

That staff be directed to install an additional double gate entrance at the north end of Blakely Road to reduce the number of vehicles that are likely to park adjacent to the residents who have expressed a concern in this regard.

MOTION TABLED

The motion was amended as follows:

R10-064 It was moved and seconded

That this item be tabled and staff directed to organize a meeting with all residents living in the neighborhood of the park to discuss the issues and options and find suitable solutions that will meet the needs of all residents living by the park and visitors to the park.

CARRIED

4.3 2011 Business Plans – Community Development, Parks & Recreation (CDPR)

Kelly Swift introduced the draft plans and indicated that the vision and goals of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Master Plan are now spread throughout the plans. The Administration, Recreation, Parks, Facilities & Open Space, and Community Services department plans were reviewed by the Directors using a PowerPoint presentation. A discussion followed and questions by the Commissioners addressed.

R10-065 It was moved and seconded

That the draft 2011-2015 Parks and Leisure Services Business Plan be endorsed noting that finalization of the plan is subject to adoption by Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Municipal Councils.

CARRIED
5. Discussion Items – none

6. Information Items

6.1 Golden Harvest Event
Kelly Swift invited the Commission to attend the event on Oct. 15.

6.2 Commission Evaluation
Each year the Commission is asked to complete the evaluation and a copy of the form was circulated with the agenda package. Commission members were asked to complete the form and return them to Ms. Swift.

6.3 Newspaper Ad Commission-At-Large Vacancies
Kelly Swift reported that there were three Citizen-At-Large vacancies for Maple Ridge. A newspaper ad has been placed and the information is on the municipal website. Applications will be accepted until October 25 and interviews will then be scheduled with Maple Ridge Council members on the Commission.

R10-066 It was moved and seconded

That the above information items be received

CARRIED

7. Commission Liaison Reports

Terri Smith
Terrie noted that she is coordinating a fundraiser on February 26, 2011 for the Asante Centre for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome at the PM Family Recreation Centre. This will be a spin-a-thon and four teams have already entered. A number of other fun events and displays will be part of the event and she is looking for team captains from the Municipality and the School District. Each team will be asked to raise a minimum of $1,000.

Gwen O’Connell
Gwen noted that she received an email from a resident inquiring into whether, if it is even viable, has consideration ever been given to level an uneven playing field in the South Bonson area to make better use of the field. The inquiry will be directed to the Parks staff for follow up and response.

Craig Speirs
Craig noted that Mr. Don Merkley has passed away.

8. Staff Liaison Reports
Sue Wheeler  
Sue noted that this is Homelessness Awareness week and the Caring Place is hosting a Spa Day on October 15 and there will be a Chilli lunch from 11:30-1:30 at the Arts Centre. Both events are to raise awareness of homelessness in our community.

Bruce McLeod  
Bruce noted that the Pitt Meadows Community Sports Field grand opening is on Saturday, October 16 from 10:00-10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend and the program will include speeches, the unveiling of the plaque, ribbon cutting, demonstrations by the sports organizations and refreshments.

Christine Smith  
Christine noted that the Chamber is holding their Business Excellence Awards on November 4 which conflicts with the next Commission meeting. Commissioners MacLean and Bing indicated they would not be able to attend on November 4. Ingrid Kraus will poll the members to confirm that there will be a quorum for the November meeting.

9. Question Period  - Nil

10. Adjourned

R10-067 It was moved and seconded

That the regular meeting of the Parks and Leisure Services Commission be adjourned.  

CARRIED

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Chairperson

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