



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Peninsula Recreation Commission
Held Thursday, February 26, 2026, in the Panorama Boardroom
1885 Forest Park Drive, North Saanich BC**

PRESENT

COMMISSIONERS: N. Paltiel (Chair), K. Frost, S. Garnett, V. Kreiser, C. Rintoul (for C. McNeil-Smith)
STAFF: S. Meikle, Senior Manager; K. Beck, Manager, Program Services; S. Davis, Manager, Administrative Services; D. Toso, Administrative Secretary (Recorder)

REGRETS: Commissioners DiBattista, Jones, Murray and Windsor; L. Gregg, Manager, Facilities & Operations

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Paltiel provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Kreiser, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Garnett,
That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes of January 22, 2026

MOVED by Commissioner Frost, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Garnett,
That the minutes of the January 22, 2026, meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks: There were none.

5. Presentations/Delegations: There were none.

6. Commission Business

6.1 Impacts of Adjusting Panorama Recreation's User-Pay Ratio

S. Meikle spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Corporate sponsors refer to sponsorships of tournaments, etc. Policy work would be needed for broader sponsorship if there was appetite in the market.
- Weighing the benefit of new facilities with debt servicing costs.
- Professional athletes profiting from use of the facility are charged commercial rates unless they are invited by a group, such as minor figure skating, in which case the rates relating to the party reserving the facility would apply.
- Personal training and other private lessons could be charged premium fees. Trainers not affiliated with Panorama are not permitted to generate a profit while accessing public facilities.

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- Reception has discretion when applying family admission rates.
- The rationale in the report is appreciated.
- Staff was advised to bring forward mitigating options such as sponsorship opportunities and targeted fee increases ahead of the fees and charges discussion next year to provide valuable context to the next term of this Commission.

The report was received for information.

6.2 BCRPA Symposium 2026 - Verbal

S. Meikle spoke to Item 6.2.

An email with registration details for the RFABC and BCRPA conferences will follow the meeting for any Commission members interested in attending.

The report was received for information.

6.3 Recreation Facility in Central Saanich Progress Report - Verbal

S. Meikle reported the following:

- Staff is awaiting schematic design along with Class C estimates.
- More information including the loan authorization bylaw and elector approval process will be reported at the March 26 Commission meeting.
- An agreement with Central Saanich is progressing and a Memorandum of Understanding may be ready for Commission review at the March meeting.
- At this moment the project is on track; the situation is still developing.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Initial project budget of \$15.2 million may change once Class C estimates are received.
- The report on the elector approval process will include an explanation of the options and will allow the Commission to refer the preferred option to the CRD Board for decision. CRD Legislative Services staff will be invited to the March meeting.
- The MOU will set a pathway for the agreement, which will include more detailed information.

The report was received for information.

7. New Business: There was none.

8. Adjournment

MOVED by Commissioner Rintoul , **SECONDED** by Commissioner Garnett,
That the meeting be adjourned at 6:40 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER