



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

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**PRESENT**

COMMISSIONERS: N. Paltiel (Chair), P. DiBattista (Vice-Chair), K. Frost, S. Garnett, V. Kreiser, C. McNeil-Smith, P. Murray, R. Windsor

STAFF: S. Meikle, Senior Manager; K. Beck, Manager, Program Services; S. Davis, Manager, Administrative Services; L. Gregg, Manager, Facilities & Operations; L. Jones, General Manager, Parks Rec and Environmental Services; M. Medland, Senior Financial Advisor (EP); K. Morley, General Manager Corporate Services; Q. Daly, Senior Manager, Real Estate and Facilities Mgmt (EP); V. Samosan, Senior Manager Financial Services / Deputy CFO (EP); D. Toso, Administrative Secretary (Recorder)

EP – Electronic Participation

Guests: F. Pimentel, Deputy Director, Finance Strategic Capital Planning Deputy Director, Finance Strategic Capital Planning, District of Central Saanich (EP); P. Johnson, Partner, Stewart McDonald Stuart

REGRETS: Commissioner P. Jones

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

**1. Territorial Acknowledgement**

Chair Paltiel provided a territorial acknowledgement.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Kreiser, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Murray,  
That a verbal update on the Peninsula Minor Lacrosse Association be added under new business and that the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

The Chair obtained unanimous consent to receive and ask questions on the reports for Item 6.1 and 6.2 before moving them in that order.

**3. Adoption of Minutes of February 26, 2026**

**MOVED** by Commissioner McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Garnett,  
That the minutes of the February 26, 2026, meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**4. Chair's Remarks:** There were none.

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**5. Presentations/Delegations:** There were none.

**6. Commission Business**

**6.1 Bylaw No. 4761 Saanich Peninsula Recreation Services (DCS Recreation Facility) Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2026**

L. Jones spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Consideration of options if 100% consent of councils is not achieved.
- Staff would be prepared to present to councils in April or early May.
- Estimated costs of referendum, including cost of project delay.
- Staff directed to include cost per household by municipality in presentation to councils.

By request, the Chair divided the motion.

**MOVED** by Commissioner DiBattista, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Murray, The Peninsula Recreation Commission recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That Bylaw No. 4761, "Saanich Peninsula Recreation Services (DCS Recreation Facility) Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2026", be introduced and read a first, second and third time.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Current global economic uncertainty.
- Concerns over impacts to taxpayers without a referendum.
- Cost of delaying the project.
- If the project fails, incumbent on commission to revisit strategic plan and explore other options.
- Fiduciary responsibility and mandate to support community wellness and arts.
- Estimated construction time.
- CRD's history of bringing projects in on budget inspires confidence.

**The question was called on part 1 of the main motion.**

1. That Bylaw No. 4761, "Saanich Peninsula Recreation Services (DCS Recreation Facility) Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2026", be introduced and read a first, second and third time.

**CARRIED**

Opposed: Garnett

**MOVED** by Commissioner Kreiser, **SECONDED** by Commissioner DiBattista, The Peninsula Recreation Commission recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

2. That participating area approval for Bylaw No. 4761 be obtained by way of the municipal consent on behalf of electors for Central Saanich, North Saanich, and Sidney, and if successful, be referred to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval;

Discussion ensued regarding:

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- Confidence that Councils speak for residents.
- Pros and cons of referendum.
- Costs of other projects planned, such as the Arena Improvement Project.
- Opportunity for constituents to speak to the project.

### **The question was called on part 2 of the main motion.**

2. That participating area approval for Bylaw No. 4761 be obtained by way of the municipal consent on behalf of electors for Central Saanich, North Saanich, and Sidney, and if successful, be referred to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval;

#### **CARRIED**

Opposed: Garnett and Frost

**MOVED** by Commissioner DiBattista, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Murray, The Peninsula Recreation Commission recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

3. That prior to the Capital Regional District Board adopting Bylaw No. 4761, “Saanich Peninsula Recreation Services (DCS Recreation Facility) Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2026”, the CRD through the Peninsula Recreation Commission enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the District of Central Saanich to establish mutually agreed-upon conditions for the planning, construction and long-term use of the DCS Recreation Facility.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- MOU vs. contract. Subsequent legal agreements would be binding and include approvals necessary for the project to go ahead.

### **The question was called on part 3 of the main motion.**

3. That prior to the Capital Regional District Board adopting Bylaw No. 4761, “Saanich Peninsula Recreation Services (DCS Recreation Facility) Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2026”, the CRD through the Peninsula Recreation Commission enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the District of Central Saanich to establish mutually agreed-upon conditions for the planning, construction and long-term use of the DCS Recreation Facility.

#### **CARRIED**

## **6.2 Proposed Peninsula Recreation Facility in Central Saanich—Memorandum of Understanding**

S. Meikle spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Lease renewal option language.
- Concerns regarding cost sharing of construction and operation.
- MOU vs. formal agreement at this stage of development.
- Control of contingency.
- Negotiations of capital replacement cost sharing would be future.
- Parking study and other strategies yet to be explored.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Windsor, **SECONDED** by Commissioner DiBattista,

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1. That the Memorandum of Understanding between the Capital Regional District and Attachment:  
the District of Central Saanich for the development, construction, lease and operation of a recreation facility within the District's Municipal Hall Complex at Hovey Road presented in the form attached hereto as Appendix A be approved; and
2. That staff report back on the results of the parking study and the development of the construction and lease agreements.

**CARRIED**

P. Johnson, L. Jones, K. Morley, F. Pimentel, and Q. Daly left the meeting at 7:52 pm

**6.3 Year-End Financial Report—December 2025**

S. Davis and L. Gregg spoke to Item 6.3.

N. Paltiel left the meeting at 7:53 pm and returned at 7:58 pm.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Operating revenues up 11% over 2024 and first quarter of 2026 shows an increase of 10%.
- Daktronics sign.
- Staff are meeting the challenge of refining processes to meet increasing demands.
- Wi-Fi and cellular upgrades.

The report was received for information.

**7. New Business:**

a.) Peninsula Minor Lacrosse Association

S. Meikle spoke to the following:

Staff met with Association representatives following their presentation at the January commission meeting and have met their needs for this season and will meet again later in the season to discuss meeting their off season needs.

**8. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Windsor, **SECONDED** by Commissioner McNeil-Smith,  
That the meeting be adjourned at 8:06 pm.

**CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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RECORDER