



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Peninsula Recreation Commission
Held Thursday, April 23, 2026, in the Panorama Boardroom
1885 Forest Park Drive, North Saanich BC**

PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS: N. Paltiel (Chair), P. DiBattista (Vice Chair), K. Frost; S. Garnett, V. Kreiser, P. Murray

STAFF: S. Meikle, Senior Manager; K. Beck, Manager, Program Services; S. Davis, Manager, Administrative Services; L. Gregg, Manager, Facilities & Operations (EP); D. Toso, Administrative Secretary (Recorder)

EP – Electronic Participation

Regrets: Commissioner Jones; Commissioner McNeil-Smith; Commissioner Windsor

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Commissioner Garnett provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Commissioner DiBattista, SECONDED by Commissioner Murray
That the agenda be approved.
CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Minutes of March 26, 2026

**MOVED by Commissioner Murray, SECONDED by Commissioner DiBattista,
That the minutes of the March 26, 2026 meeting be adopted.
CARRIED**

4. Chair's Remarks:

Following the last meeting's discussion about visiting municipal councils to present the loan authorization bylaw for the DCS recreation facility project, CRD staff did an excellent job presenting to Sidney Council on Monday, April 20. A presentation to North Saanich is planned for Monday, April 27 and to Central Saanich Monday, May 4. If councils wish to have someone from the DCS to represent the project for information, Chair Paltiel is available.

5. Presentations/Delegations: There were none.

6. Commission Business

6.1 Panorama Recreation Services – 2026-2027 Fees and Charges

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K. Beck spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Panorama is the only centre in the region to offer a single-adult family pass.
- The LIFE program and other options provide flexibility for families in need of financial assistance.
- Panorama passes include a greater volume and number of services with a pass compared to centres in the region, in part because there are fewer private options on the Peninsula, so the value per use is very high.
- A range of affordable options are available. If an increase of families outside of the LICO becomes apparent, staff will bring this to Commission's attention.

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

That the proposed fees and charges be approved for inclusion in the 2026-2027 Fees and Charges Bylaw for Panorama Recreation Services.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- The user-pay ratio is likely to be maintained but remains to be confirmed.
- Consider renaming "playing fields/ball diamond (GG)" to "playing field (GG)" on page 5 of the bylaw for clarity.
- Add veteran to military rate.
- Extend military rate to include single admissions as well as passes.

Motion Arising:

**MOVED by Commissioner Kreiser, SECONDED by Commissioner Garnett,
That staff explore amending military rates to include veterans and single admissions and report back prior to adoption of 2026-2027 fees and charges by the CRD Board.
CARRIED**

Discussion ensued regarding:

- NSF fees exist as a deterrent and a support for staff to discuss alternative arrangements with the patron if it becomes a recurring issue.
- Dialogue with Peninsula Lacrosse for Sport Box advertising is ongoing. A sponsorship policy is in development.
- Outdoor Pickleball court rate.

Motion Arising:

**MOVED by Commissioner DiBattista, SECONDED by Commissioner Garnett,
That the Outdoor Pickleball Court rate be amended to \$16 per hour from \$12 per hour.
CARRIED**

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Comparison of courts and availability in the region.
- Opportunities for recreation and social interaction for adults.
- Cost per player.
- Comparison with tennis courts and fees.
- Matching the current highest rate in the region.

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The question was called on the main motion as amended:

**MOVED by Commissioner Garnett, SECONDED by Commissioner Murray,
The Peninsula Recreation Commission Recommends to the Capital Regional District
Board:
That the proposed fees and charges, as amended, be approved for inclusion in the
2026-2027 Fees and Charges Bylaw for Panorama Recreation Services.
CARRIED**

6.2 Panorama Recreation 2025 Annual Report

K. Beck spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Sport Box dry floor training – staff are monitoring wear and tear, and lifecycle plans may need adjusting as usage changes.
- Balance of users over next 6 to 12 months.
- Insurance on facility rentals.
- Blind hockey program was a comprehensive effort.
- Summer hiring is showing better and more candidates. Attrition of lifeguard staff is not an issue.
- First Nations artwork for Sport Box. Efforts are being made to open the field for artists from each of the four local nations and make the procurement process as accessible as possible. An unveiling will be planned.
- The grounds of Panorama look stunning.

The report was received for information.

7. **New Business:** There was none.

8. **Adjournment**

**MOVED by Commissioner Garnett, SECONDED by Commissioner DiBattista,
That the meeting be adjourned at 7:08 pm.
CARRIED**

CHAIR

RECORDER