



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Peninsula Recreation Commission
Held Thursday, May 28, 2026, in the Panorama Boardroom
1885 Forest Park Drive, North Saanich BC**

PRESENT:

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

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

EP – Electronic Participation

Regrets: Commissioner Jones

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

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Commissioner Frost provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner McNeil-Smith, SECONDED by Commissioner Frost

That a Notice of Motion be added under New Business and the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes of April 23, 2026

MOVED by Commissioner Garnett, SECONDED by Commissioner Murray,

That the minutes of the April 23, 2026 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks: There were none.

5. Presentations/Delegations: There were none.

6. Commission Business

6.1 Financial Statement of Operations – First Quarter of 2026

S. Davis and L. Gregg spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Increased revenue is not likely to correlate to increased wear and tear. Equipment replacement forecasts are conservative and tracked through maintenance programs.

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The report was received for information.

6.2 2026-2027 Fees and Charges - Verbal

K. Beck spoke to Item 6.2.

- Staff recommends maintaining the current approach of discounting the military annual pass only. This offering already exceeds what municipal counterparts are offering in the region.
- Extending the military pass rate to include veterans increases the eligible population significantly, which has budget impacts that would warrant further analysis before implementation.
- The senior/youth discounted single admission rate could be expanded to include military as part of the 2026-2027 fees and charges with a motion from the Commission tonight.
- The LIFE program is available to all individuals experiencing financial hardship.

Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Military pass use is minimal.
- During Accessibility Week, free access has been extended from one day to the full week on a trial basis for anyone needing support and their assistant.

The report was received for information.

6.3 Arena Improvement Project Update - Verbal

S. Meikle spoke to Item 6.2.

- The request for proposals for the next stage of design has been published and will close in the third week of June.
- A site visit for proponents is scheduled for next week.
- Options to be brought back to the Commission as early as September.

The report was received for information.

7. New Business:

**a. Notice of Motion: Reduced-Scope Recreation Sub-Regional Facility Proposal
Hovey Road**

The motion was read into the record.

MOVED by Commissioner Windsor, SECONDED by Commissioner McNeil-Smith,
That same-day consideration of the motion with notice be approved.
CARRIED

Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- A pared down proposed service better reflects the needs stated in the assessments and annual reports and respects feedback from both the Commission and municipal councils.
- Donated land, demonstrated need, and the increased cost of waiting should be considered.

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- The project timeline urgency is associated with contractual obligations and alignment with municipal and regional budget cycles. If defeated, the District of Central Saanich would advance the Hovey Road project without recreation space.
- Procedurally, six months would have to pass before bringing the same bylaw forward. Reducing the scope and borrowing amount allows the project to be reconsidered sooner.
- If defeated, the regional cost sharing model should be revisited to address equity.
- Additional information was requested to be shared with municipal councils for their deliberation process, including: the supplemental information provided to the Commission with the Notice of Motion; the opening date, square footage, and first quarter usage figures of Greenglade; when and how the debt servicing costs per year would take effect; and a summary of capacity challenges at Panorama and Greenglade.

MOVED by Commissioner Paltiel, SECONDED by Commissioner Stock,

That the Peninsula Recreation Commission:

1. Endorse a reduced-scope recreation facility at the Hovey Road Civic Facility location in the District of Central Saanich, with a footprint of approximately 7,500 square feet, retaining the weight room and multi-purpose program space as core program elements, with reduced or eliminated pottery studio and/or reduced or eliminated meeting room components to be confirmed through detailed design;
2. Request that the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board give immediate consideration to an updated borrowing bylaw of up to \$9,114,000 to support the reduced-scope facility;
3. Confirm that any residual square footage from the originally proposed 10,000 sq. ft. footprint shall remain with the District of Central Saanich, with no further financial or operational obligation to the PRC; and
4. Affirm the Commission's continued commitment to equitable, evidence-based, and collaborative recreation service delivery across the Saanich Peninsula in partnership with member municipalities and the W̱SÁNEĆ Nations.

CARRIED

Opposed: Commissioner Kreiser

8. Adjournment

MOVED by Commissioner McNeil-Smith, SECONDED by Commissioner Frost,

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:58 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER