



TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee

Tuesday, March 19th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

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INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS (if applicable)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) (i) 75th Birthday Celebration for Town of Lake Cowichan in 2019 – Update.

(ii) River access at Prospect – Councillor Austin’s update.

(b) **Ongoing Items Still Being Addressed:**

(i) Riverfront Walkway and Trail Connections – Update.

4. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Linda Blatchford re: Summer Bonspiel Returning to Lake Cowichan

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(b) Bee Greenway, Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society re:
Gerald Thom Memorial Native Plant Garden at Saywell Park

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6. VERBAL COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC ON A SUBSEQUENT ITEM ON THE AGENDA– (maximum 3 minutes per speaker and maximum time allotted 15 minutes).

7. REPORTS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Trans Canada Trail – Glenora to Pine not maintained.

(b) Gnome of Nanoose Bay needs a new home.

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9. NOTICES OF MOTION

10. PUBLIC RELATIONS ITEMS

11. QUESTION PERIOD (maximum 3 minutes per speaker and maximum time allotted 15 minutes)

- Limited to items on the agenda

12. ADJOURNMENT

Joseph Fernandez

From: Linda Blatchford <Linda.Blatchford@cvr.bc.ca>
Sent: March 14, 2019 8:16 AM
To: Joseph Fernandez
Subject: Summer Bonspiel Returning to LC

Importance: High

Hello Joe,

Cowichan Rocks in partnership with Cowichan Lake Recreation would like to bring the Summer Bonspiel back to our community. Our date this year is September 20 – 22. We may start with local teams on the 21st depending on how many teams register for this event.

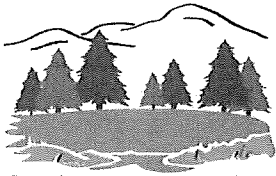
I would like to apply for permission to allow our curlers to camp in our lower parking lot for this event. My goal would be to not allow campers down by the skate board park, or in the north west corner of the parking lot so that we keep them snuggled closer to the side of the curling rink to avoid problems with the neighbors.

Is an email enough of an application or would you like something more from us on this topic.

We hope to hear back from you really soon so we can get this event into the Regional Recreation Guide and deadlines are around March 22.

Thanks so much...

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**Cowichan Lake & River
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CLRSS Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society

Mayor and Council
Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee
Town of Lake Cowichan
39 South Shore Road
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July 23, 2018
Your Honour and Esteemed Councillors:

Re: Proposed Gerald Thom Memorial Native Plant Garden, Saywell Park

We wish to thank you for the opportunity for input for a fitting memorial to Gerald Thom, the initiator of our Society, who unstintingly gave of his time, energy and environmental knowledge to enlighten others and improve our area.

Our Society has debated numerous options, however we hope that you will approve and support our enthusiastic selection of naming the Native Plant Garden at the south-west end of Saywell Park in honour of Gerald.

We would like to propose the following:

Phase 1: summer 2018:

- a) CLRSS Volunteer work parties to tidy up the existing garden:
 - i) water the area morning and evening for a few days for ease of working;
 - ii) remove all weeds and invasive species, trim any deadwood;
 - iii) under direction of Dave Polster and Christine Brophy, environmental consultants, reposition several of the plants so they will prosper or require less maintenance;
- b) We would ask the Town to remove the dead tree on the lakeside of the path by the native garden as it is a hazard;

Phase 2: autumn 2018:

Proposal to the Town of Lake Cowichan for the Gerald Thom Memorial Native Garden

- a) CLRSS and volunteers to:
 - i) under direction of Christine Brophy, pay for and add more plants, to complement the existing ones and fill in blank areas;
 - ii) collect and then spread alder or maple leaf mulch (which is nature's complement to native plants) to add nutrients to the soil, control weeds, and to maintain moisture near the plants;
 - iii) continue maintenance (weeding, removing deadwood) of the garden;
 - iv) pay for and install individual signs in the garden near the various plants, for the enjoyment and learning experience of visitors, and to encourage them to plant similar plants in their own gardens.
- b) We would ask the Town to pay for signage near the parking area, and directional signage to the Gerald Thom Memorial Plant Garden;
- c) We would ask the Town to incorporate occasional watering of this garden in its regular maintenance of Saywell Park. *Councillor Carlene Austin*

Phase 3: potentially, at some time in the future, if the Committee is comfortable with the work done to that point,

- a) CLRSS Volunteers, under the direction of an environmental consultant, expand the garden by approximately one-third, eastward. There is no date in view for this third and final phase, and it would be dependent upon availability and enthusiasm of volunteers in a future year.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Bee Greenway,
On behalf of
Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society

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CBC Victoria

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Howard the Gnome of Nanoose Bay has to find a new home. Do you have fond memories of the gnome and the old amusement park? Do you think he should remain on the island?

Photos: Bridget Matewish/Facebook

