

ENDERBY AND DISTRICT SERVICES COMMISSION

MINUTES of a regular meeting of the **ENDERBY AND DISTRICT SERVICES COMMISSION** held on February 7, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Enderby City Hall.

<u>Members:</u>	Tundra Baird	City of Enderby
	Shawn Shishido	City of Enderby
	Allysa Hopkins	Electoral Area F
	Denis Delisle	Electoral Area F

Staff: Tate Bengtson – Chief Administrative Officer, City of Enderby
 Jennifer Bellamy – Chief Financial Officer, City of Enderby
 Andraya Holmes – Clerk Secretary, City of Enderby
 Sheryl Hay – Recreation Services

Other: Press and Public

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Denis Delisle, seconded by Tundra Baird
“THAT the February 7, 2023 Enderby and District Services Commission agenda be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Enderby & District Services Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2023

Moved by Shawn Shishido, seconded by Denis Delisle
“THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2023 be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

BYLAWS

Cemetery Fees Bylaw

Moved by Denis Delisle, seconded by Shawn Shishido
“THAT the Commission recommends that Council enacts the attached bylaw cited as the “Enderby & District Cemetery Regulation Bylaw No. 1702, 2020 Amendment Bylaw No. 1733.”

CARRIED

Parks, Recreation and Culture Fees Bylaw

Moved by Tundra Baird, seconded by Denis Delisle
“THAT the Commission recommends that Council enacts the attached bylaw cited as “The Corporation of the City of Enderby Parks, Recreation and Culture Fees Imposition Bylaw No. 1693, 2020 Amendment Bylaw No. 1762, 2023.”

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Budget – Animal Control

Moved by Denis Delisle, seconded by Tundra Baird

“THAT the Enderby and District Services Commission approves the Animal Control – 2023 Draft Budget.”

CARRIED

2023 Budget – Cemetery

Denis Delisle expressed that moving the difference between last year’s request for funds from the Mara Cemetery to this year’s reserves is a good idea.

Moved by Denis Delisle, seconded by Shawn Shishido

“THAT the Enderby and District Services Commission approves the Cemetery – 2023 Draft Budget.”

CARRIED

2023 Budget – Parks, Recreation & Culture

Moved by Denis Delisle, seconded by Tundra Baird

“THAT the Enderby and District Services Commission approves the Parks, Recreation & Culture – 2023 Draft Budget.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Dave Lancaster

Mr. Lancaster voiced concern over the aging facilities in Enderby. Explained that there is a changing demographic in Enderby as more families move to the area that has increased the demand for recreation facilities.

Would like to see lights installed on Diamond #4 at Riverside Park and for additional ball diamonds to be constructed. Suggested that just a backstop and dugouts could be constructed at Diamond #5 to make it a viable practice space, with the remainder of the field being built over time. Supported building a fenced dog park at Diamond #5. Explained that another ball diamond would bring in more revenue that would pay for the cost of construction.

Also suggested that the skate park should be demolished this year and the ground prepared, so that it is ready for pool installation. Added that issues with the fourth lane of ice at the curling club makes it unusable for curling, so it should be eliminated.

Tundra Baird asked what the cost estimate was for lights in 2017.

Mr. Lancaster responded that the cost in 2017 was between 164,000 and 169,000 dollars.

Tundra Baird asked if there would be liability associated with only partially building Diamond #5.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that there may be, but it depends on whether there is a risk of injury. When a person gets injured and files a claim for damages, they will typically use any argument available regardless of its accuracy. Noted that Diamond #5 will be a tight fit in

the space available and that there will need to be consideration for surrounding usage such as the Riverwalk and residences.

Also noted that a phased approach to building Diamond #5 will likely cost more. Explained that this kind of infrastructure is valuable, but that it never pays for itself through user fees.

Also explained that staff capacity for project management is a concern, and adding more projects without increasing capacity is problematic. Explained that the new pool project will take even more staff time as the project progresses.

Denis Delisle noted that there have been conversations about building a ball diamond in Grindrod that could help take some of the pressure off of the Enderby diamonds.

Allysa Hopkins explained that there was some public consultation in Grindrod that suggested that the residents do not want adults playing in Grindrod, but that some youth baseball could be moved there.

Councillor Shishido asked if the staff capacity for a ball diamond in Grindrod would come from RDNO Staff.

Denis Delisle confirmed this.

Sheryl Hay of Recreation Services reported that she is receiving usage requests for the upcoming baseball season. Explained that so far she has received requests for more than 20 youth teams and 24 adult teams. There is far more demand than supply. Sheryl explained that even if Diamond #4 was lit, Diamond #5 built, and a diamond built in Grindrod, there likely would still not be enough diamond space to meet the demand.

There has been immense growth in the community over the past 8 years and the pandemic has highlighted the importance of recreation not only for physical health, but also for the mental and social health of the community. Explained that the community will continue to grow and that recreation opportunities need to grow with it. Asked that solutions be found to these issues.

Tundra Baird asked about fundraising opportunities.

Sheryl Hay responded that there are opportunities for community events and partnerships with businesses.

Tundra Baird noted that the event coordinator could be used to reach out to businesses. Explained that businesses in town are eager to contribute to the community.

Allysa Hopkins asked for some more detail about the events coordinator.

Chief Administrative Officer explained that the event coordinator is a new position as of 2022 that is funded through Riverside RV Park revenue. The position has been a great success so far and there is opportunity for it to grow provided more hours can be funded.

Allysa Hopkins expressed that corporate sponsorships should be searched for and suggested that she would be interested helping secure those sponsorships.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Brian Schreiner noted that the lights are very expensive, asked if they would be a worthwhile investment.

Sheryl Hay responded that the lights would extend play time later into the evening, making more time slots available to teams to relieve some of the pressure of the demand for diamond space.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Tundra Baird, seconded by Denis Delisle

“THAT the February 7, 2023 regular meeting of the Enderby and District Services Commission be adjourned at 2:29 p.m.”

CARRIED

CHAIR

CORPORATE OFFICER