

**MINUTES**  
**SAANICH ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL MEETING**  
**Committee Room No. 2**  
**March 4, 2009 at 3:00 pm**

Present: T. Lee, Acting Chair; B. Forth (3:20 p.m.); L. Melchior; C. Rupp; I. Salo.

Staff: J. Chow, Planner; and A. Park, Senior Committee Clerk.

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**MINUTES**

**MOTION: MOVED by C. Rupp and Seconded by L. Melchior: "That the minutes of the Advisory Design Panel meeting of February 18, 2009 be adopted."**  
**CARRIED**

**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Ilkka Salo was elected Chair of the Advisory Design Panel for 2009 by acclamation. Stacy McGhee was elected Vice – Chair by acclamation.

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C. Rupp excused himself from the Panel as he is employed by Hughes Condon Marler Architects and is the applicant for the following Case.

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**CASE NO. 2009/002**

Application by Hughes Condon Marler Architects and the District of Saanich for the renovation and expansion of the Gordon Head Recreation Centre at 4135 Lambrick Way.

Mr. C. Rupp and Mr. B. Cotter, Hughes Condon Marler Architects and Mr. V. Bishop, Manager of Development and Municipal Facilities for the District of Saanich, attended to present the design plans for the proposed renovations to the Gordon Head Recreation Centre.

In response to questions from the Panel, the applicants stated:

- A Master Plan prepared in 2001 identified the need for additional space in the Centre.
- This municipal project is being funded in part by Federal and Provincial grants.
- Renovations to the changerooms and to the reception and administration areas, improved mechanical systems, new multipurpose and preschool spaces, and a new sprinkler system are included in the project.
- To create transparency between the functions within the centre, extensive glazing has been used which creates views to activities and the outdoors.
- Existing accessible changerooms and showers will be improved.
- Colour will be used to enhance different functional areas.
- A green roof is planned for the addition.
- Simple metal siding will be used on the exteriors with a new entrance canopy in a strong colour.
- The Friends of Mt. Doug Society are planning a demonstration raingarden on site.
- A grant application has been submitted for a solar hot water heating system.

Comments from Panel members:

- The proposed Handi Dart vehicle parking space may cause confusion since it is so close to the drop off and pick up area located at the front entrance to the Recreation Centre.
- The waiting area for Handi Dart customers in the lobby should be reassessed.
- The lack of landscaping is disappointing since plantings would enhance the new design features

- of the centre and integrate the building into the site.
- The extensive use of glazing to open up the building is attractive.
- The renovations proposed are logical and patrons will appreciate the new showers and amenities on the pool deck.

**MOTION:**      **MOVED by B. Forth and Seconded by T. Lee:**

- “1)      That it be recommended that the design of the proposed renovations to the Gordon Head Recreation Centre at 4135 Lambrick Way be accepted ;**
- 2)      That the applicant be requested to give careful consideration to all aspects of the operation of the Handi Dart service; and**
- 3)      That the Panel express its disappointment that a landscape plan was not presented as landscaping would enhance the design of the renovated Centre.”**

**CARRIED**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Advisory Design Panel meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2009.

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CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary