Riverview Park and Zoo Advisory Committee Minutes

Doris Room

March 11, 2026

Present	Neil Hamilton Sacha Lai-Svirk Susan Ramey, Vice Chair
Regrets	Scott Baker Alan Ingram
Staff	Colton Ambrosio, Clerk and Council Support Specialist Josh Cutmore, Operations Facilitator Michelle House, Operations Manager, Recreation and Parks Services Rob McAulay, Director, Recreation Services Sean Nailer, Project Manager, Parks and Recreation Heather Stephens, Manager, Recreation Programs and Partnerships Mary Kate Whibbs, Operations Support Manager, Park & Zoo

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Election of Officers

The Clerk & Council Support Specialist called for nominations for the Chair position.

Chair

Moved by Neil Hamilton

That Scott Baker be appointed as Chair of the Riverview Park and Zoo Advisory Committee RPZAC for 2026.

Carried

Vice-Chair

Moved by Neil Hamilton

That Susan Ramey be nominated as Acting Vice Chair of the Riverview Park and Zoo Advisory Committee for March 11, 2026.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.

Presentations

Fundraising Update, Report RPZAC26-002

Moved by Neil Hamilton

That staff come back to the Committee with an update next month.

Carried

Moved by Neil Hamilton

That the Riverview Park and Zoo Advisory Committee approve the amended recommendations outlined in Report RPZAC26-002, dated March 11, 2026, of the Director, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services as follows:

a. That the presentation from the Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services be received for information.

b. That the members of the Riverview Park and Zoo Advisory Committee provide feedback on the proposed approach toward fundraising at Riverview Park and Zoo.

c. That staff come back to the Committee with an update next month.

Carried

Riverview Park and Zoo RFI Update, Report RPZAC26-003

Moved by Sacha Lai-Svirk

That staff proceed with an RFP, including an option to retrofit the train; and, that the fourth option (trackless train), be removed.

Carried

Moved by Sacha Lai-Svirk

That the Riverview Park and Zoo Advisory Committee approve the amended recommendations outlined in Report RPZAC26-003, dated March 11, 2026, of the Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services as follows:

a. That the presentation to provide an update on the Riverview Park and Zoo Train Request for Information (RFI) be received for information.

b. That the members of the Riverview Park and Zoo Advisory Committee provide feedback on the proposed approach towards options for the deployment of a train and associated maintenance.

c. That staff proceed with an RFP, including an option to retrofit the train; and, that the fourth option (trackless train), be removed.

Carried

Riverview Park and Zoo Accessible Playground, Report RPZAC26-004

Moved by Neil Hamilton

That the Riverview Park and Zoo Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report RPZAC26-004, dated March 11, 2026, of the Parks and Recreation Project Manager as follows:

That the presentation to provide an update on the Accessible Playground project be received for information.

Carried

Reports

Divisional Update, Report RPZAC26-001

Moved by Sacha Lai-Svirk

That the Riverview Park and Zoo Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report RPZAC26-001, dated March 11, 2026, of the Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services, as follows:

That report RPZAC26-001 be received for information.

Carried

Other Business

There were no items of other business.

Next Meeting - April 8, 2026

Adjournment

Moved by Neil Hamilton

That this meeting be adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Carried

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Colton Ambrosio

Clerk & Council Support Specialist

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Susan Ramey

Acting Vice-Chair