

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF ELECTORAL AREA 'E' PARKS AND OPEN SPACES ADVISORY  
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
MONDAY JUNE 4, 2012  
AT NANOOSE PLACE**

Attendance: Director George Holme - Chair  
Peter Law  
Gabrielle Cartlidge  
Gordon Wiebe  
Robert Rogers  
Glenn Thornton

Staff: Elaine McCulloch, Parks Planner

Regrets: Randy Orr

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Director Holme called the meeting to order at 7:00

**MINUTES**

Moved G. Wiebe, Seconded G. Cartlidge that the Minutes of the Electoral Area 'E' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee held March 5, 2012 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

**REPORTS**

**Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects**

Ms. McCulloch provided a brief summary of the Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects for Area E - March and April 2012.

Mr. Law had a question about the successful park "grants" received for Community Park projects in the RDN over the past 6 months. What is the process, and can Area E apply for "grants" in the future?

Ms. McCulloch explained that three Community Recreation Grants were received from the Province and that the funds will go towards local Park construction projects. The grants funds will supplement the existing funding the RDN has already committed to the projects. She explained that typically in order to be eligible for grants such as these, a specific project (such as the Blueback CP park development) often has to be "shovel ready"; meaning that a public

consultation process has been completed and that detailed plans and cost estimates have been developed.

Ms. McCulloch indicated that the RDN was successful in receiving funding for a "Community Parks and Trail Plan" for District 69. This project will have implications for Area E.

Dave Palidwor should be asked to attend the next Area E meeting to brief the committee on this project.

### **Park Benches**

Mr. Law asked about why a new park bench that has recently been installed in the Schooner Ridge Park, at Foxrun Place was not forwarded to the POSAC? Ms. McCulloch explained that the Fairwinds development has a "Park Bench" dedication program on their private properties. In this case Fairwinds worked with RDN Operations staff to locate the bench in a community park adjacent to the golf course property. If not, then this bench placement should have been referred to the POSAC.

MOVED R. Rogers, SECONDED G. Wiebe that future park benches, placed on RDN Community Park property, should be referred to the Area E POSAC for review and approval.

CARRIED

Moved G. Cartlidge, Seconded B. Rogers that the reports be received.

CARRIED

### **Electoral Area E Budget Review**

Ms McCulloch provided a review of the May 28<sup>th</sup> memo "2012 budget Highlights". She noted that the \$10K estimate would be for a contract to hire a Landscape Architect who will flesh out some concepts and costs for the Blueback CP. This work will begin after a questionnaire of local residents (and Divers who use the park) has been undertaken.

Logistics of the survey was discussed. Ms. McCulloch suggested that an "Open House" is a good method to encourage feedback from local residents. G. Holme suggested that both (survey and Open House) be implemented this summer in a defined area of residents along Blueback, Grilse, Tyee, Perch and Coho bordered by Schooner Drive in the east and Coho Lane in the west.

Ms McCulloch will develop a draft questionnaire for residents and send to the Committee for comment and a potential date for the Open House will also be provided.

P. Law asked whether RDN Parks staff have finalized cost sharing of the retaining wall restoration project at Jack Bagley Park. Ms. McCulloch will update this committee when she finds out the status of cost sharing discussions with the School District.

G. Holme requested clarification on the garbage allowance for Jack Bagley Park. He indicated that SD 69 is the lease holder of this Park, and that garbage collection is part of this lease. Ms. McCulloch will request maintenance staff to cease routine maintenance at Bagley Park and inform SD 69 of the issue.

### **Five Year Project Plan and Detailed Plan - May 2012 version (2012-2016)**

Ms McCulloch provided a brief review of the latest version of the Plan.

Projects for 2012:

- a. Boat Launch: Ms McCulloch indicated that she has a short report to provide to the Committee on the results of the September 2011 "investigation" into suitable sites. Upon submission of the short report; No further work will be undertaken this year.
- b. Fairwinds Rezoning: A Comprehensive Development Plan is expected from Fairwinds in the coming number of months. Ms McCulloch provides input on this Land Development Application.
- c. Schooner Ridge Trail: A Legal Survey of the park access from Rockhampton Place was completed. A legal agreement with the local Strata was unsuccessful. The POSAC members agreed (March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting) to table this project until further land acquisitions come forward with the phased development of Fairwinds. The Project is deferred.
- d. Blueback Community Park (E-04): This is a priority Park Project for 2012.

### **Update on Schooner Ridge Footpath Trail (Rockhampton Place)**

Ms. McCulloch provided a brief summary of a phone conversation she had with Mr. Montgomery, President of the Schooner Ridge Strata Corporation to confirm their position regarding the possibility of allowing a new access trail off of Rockhampton Place to cross a small portion of their common property by way of a Trail Access Agreement. According to Mr. Montgomery, there is no support for seeking an agreement with the RDN for various reasons; this issue will not be pursued at this time.

### **Update on Community Garden Development at Nanoose Place.**

George Holme received a request from a local group of gardeners to establish a community vegetable garden on the Nanoose Place property. The produce will be distributed to the local food bank. George informed the POSAC of this proposal, and his agreement with this proposal.

MOVED R. Rogers, SECONDED G. Thorton, that the reports be received.

CARRIED

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Invasive Broom**

P. Law indicated that invasive Broom removal was taking place throughout Nanoose, and suggested that the Committee send a public message of support to the groups involved.

The committee agreed that P. Law will draft a thank-you notice to all volunteers working on Broom Removal in Nanoose. The draft will be reviewed by Ms. McCulloch and the notice will be posted in the PQ News and the Nanoose Business Directory.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by G. Weibe, SECONDED by P.Law, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 pm.

CARRIED

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Chair