

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

MINUTES OF THE ELECTRICAL AREA ' G ' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY  
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012  
OCEANSIDE PLACE

**Attendance:** Joe Stanhope, Director, RDN Board  
Brian Coath  
Minnie Corbett  
Jacqueline Thomson (late arrival)

**Staff:** Elaine McCulloch, Parks Planner

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Director Stanhope called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**DELEGATIONS:**

MOVED B. Coath SECONDED J. Stanhope to hear the late delegation of residents from Boulton Drive.

CARRIED

J.Thomson entered the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

The delegation raised concerns regarding thirteen (13) cottonwood trees surrounding Boulton Park. A petition of signatures from residents supporting the removal of the cottonwood trees and requesting replanting of trees more suitable for the park was presented.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of March 19, 2012 were circulated and there was one minor amendment under "Election of Secretary". It should read "Minnie Corbett is elected as Secretary".

MOVED B. Coath SECONDED J. Stanhope that the minutes of March 19, 2012 be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

B. Coath advised that Emcon (Primary Contractor for M.O.T.) has graded the area on Admiral Tyron Boulevard and they have also placed a small swale there. He also reported that Emcon is going to donate a small concrete bench for the site. Residents seem to be happy with the work.

## REPORTS

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

Ms. McCulloch provided a brief report on the Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects for March, April, and May 2012.

### **Budget Highlights**

Ms. McCulloch provided a copy of the 2012 Budget Highlights -Community Parks Electoral Area G.

### **Miller Road Update**

Ms. McCulloch reported that the project should start in mid-July 2012 with the British Columbia Conservation Foundation (BCCF) as the prime contractor.

Letters will be sent out to area residents advising of the scope of work and the dates of construction.

Excess gravel will be removed from the site and stockpiled or other works in RDN parks.

### **691 Wembley Road Rezoning**

Ms. McCulloch advised that this project is still at the rezoning stage. The POSAC will be asked to provide feedback on proposed parkland dedication when a subdivision application is received.

### **San Paniel Boardwalk Update**

Ms. McCulloch reported that this project needs approval from both the Federal and Provincial governments. An application has been submitted to DFO and an acknowledgement letter from them has been received. A biologist has been hired by the RDN to work on this project along with other projects. A meeting is being scheduled with the Provincial government staff and design sketches are being developed.

MOVED B. Coath SECONDED J. Thomson to receive the reports.

CARRIED

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. McCulloch will follow up with Parks staff regarding the request for removal of the cottonwood trees surrounding Boulton Parks and the replanting with trees more suitable for the park.

MOVED M. Corbett SECONDED B. Coath that the thirteen cottonwood trees surrounding Boulton Park be removed as per the delegation's request and to replant with trees more suitable to the park.

CARRIED

MOVED M. Corbett SECONDED B. Coath that we recommend to the RDN that cottonwood trees not be planted in RDN parks in the future.

CARRIED

## **COMMITTEE ROUND TABLE**

J. Thomson raised a concern on Lee Road adjacent to the Sewage Treatment Plant. A sign stating "No Dumping" should be placed there. Another concern was expressed regarding the rapid spread of the Lamium plant in the area. Ms. McCulloch will follow up on both points.

J. Thomson raised a question on the protocol and process for the RDN to receive a strip of land adjacent to waterways or creeks as parkland. Ms. McCulloch provided a brief general outline and listed some of the criteria for accepting land as parkland.

Director Stanhope advised that the Lighthouse Community Regional Trail was opened recently. This trail has a "tapping rail" for the visually impaired persons. It is the second accessible trail following the trail in Cathedral Grove.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED B. Coath SECONDED J. Thomson that the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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CHAIR