

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'F' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY  
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2013**

**ATTENDANCE:** Julian Fell, Director RDN Board, Chair  
Reg Nosworthy  
Alfred Jablonski  
Steve Chomolok  
Colin Anderson  
Barbara Smith

**STAFF:** Elaine McCulloch, Parks Planner  
David Palidwor, Superintendent of Park Planning and Development  
Joan Michel, Parks and Trail Coordinator

**Regrets:** Skye Donald

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Fell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

New member, Colin Anderson, was welcomed and introduced to the committee.

**DELEGATION**

**Elaine Peligren, President of Corcan-Meadowood Residences Association (CMRA)** RE: Phase II & III of the Meadowood Community Park Process.

Ms. Peligren thanked staff of the RDN for making the “dream come true” for the Meadowood Community Park and its Phase 1. The grand opening of the Park will likely be in 2014. She made a formal request that the POSAC place Meadowood Park Phase 2 on its Agenda both in 2013 and 2014 and specifically requested consideration for more financial contribution. The CMRA is actively fund raising but needs to have funding in place to support their applications for gaming grants. She presented a design for a 3,000 square foot building for the purpose of a Community Hall.

Chair Fell responded that approximately \$97,000 is taxed for parks and trails in all of Area F including administration costs.

Jerry Anderson who is also with the CMRA spoke regarding the status of the Association: a nonprofit society since 2007 with at least 400 members. He stated that the Meadowood is the fastest growing neighborhood in Area F.

## **MINUTES**

MOVED R. Nosworthy, SECONDED S Chomolok that the Minutes of the Electoral Area F Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee November 19, 2012 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

## **REPORTS**

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

Ms. McCulloch reviewed the Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects reports for November, December and January, provided to the committee.

### **Arrowsmith Community Trail (ACT) Update**

Ms. Michel reviewed the Arrowsmith Community Trail (ACT) handout for Act 1 through 6 regarding the Errington School Trail; the Carrothers trail project, Cranswick, Ruffles, and, Price potential trails. The allocated cost for 2013 is \$5,000. In addition the timeline was reviewed. The final trail (Act 6) is the David Lundine trail, which is on private land, could proceed in 2014. She suggested that volunteers could be scoping out the proposed Cranswick trail provided no chain saws would be used to cut trail.

R. Nosworthy complemented Ms. Michel on the presentation format of the handout.

MOVED R. Nosworthy, SECONDED A. Jablonski to receive the Reports.

CARRIED

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Palidwor provided a handout titled "Community Parks Classifications and Land Suitability Criteria". Mr. Palidwor explained each "new" classification in detail. Mr. Palidwor handed out RDN Area F (Community) Park Classifications. He asked the POSAC if a subcommittee of members could provide a review of this Draft classification list. R. Nosworthy, B. Smith and Chair Fell were appointed to review the list and provide comments to Mr. Palidwor (and POSAC members) by April 1, 2013.

B. Smith questioned the listing of the parks, as there was not a reference to a previous numbered system. Ms. McCulloch will review the handout in order to co-ordinate previous listings with it. B. Smith also questioned whether a park could only have one designation, Ms. McCulloch said that they needed to designate the primary functions but appreciated that parks could have various descriptions within the specific designation.

REQUEST: Made by Chair Fell that the staff provide him, as soon as possible with information on the legal status of the Parks designated at F6 and F9 both near Coombs Station Road. These have been identified as possible sites for a new Fire Hall.

## **AJOURNMENT**

MOVED B, Smith to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED