

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE AREA F PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (POSAC)  
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
MONDAY DECEMBER 2, 2013  
7:00PM**

***(ERRINGTON WAR MEMORIAL HALL, ERRINGTON)***

**ATTENDANCE:** Leanne Salter, alternate Area F director of the RDN board, Chair  
Alfred Jablonski  
David Edgeley  
Barbara Smith  
Skye Donald  
Steve Chomolok

**STAFF:** Wendy Marshall

**REGRETS:** Colin Anderson

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Salter called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**MINUTES:**

MOVED A. Jablonski, SECONDED S. Donald that the Minutes of the Electoral Area F Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting dated May 6, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Ms. Marshall advised that the hazard trees in Malcolm Park have been removed.

**REPORTS**

**Community Parks & Trails Strategic Plan – Final Draft Report**

Ms. Marshall reviewed the Draft Community Parks and Trails Strategy. Ms. Marshall reviewed Development Cost charges as a way to develop Parks. This method has not been used to date. She reviewed how the POSAC budgets are determined. Ms. Marshall discussed the difference between a linear park and a trail. She noted that the Project Recommendations listed on page 67 of the Report were suggestions made at the various Public meetings. She reviewed the 17 Project Implementation Summary recommendations.

S. Chomolok pointed out that a good example of active volunteer programs are the river and stream stewardships. He suggested that the RDN be prepared to encourage such groups to be motivated now, not in 2015 as recommended.

S. Edgeley pointed out the importance developing an active transportation plan, especially for the Englishman River subdivision.

S. Chomolok questioned the use of the word "streamline" in regards to the internal review of subdivision applications with the concern that might make it easier for subdivisions to be created. Ms. Marshall explained that the system now is quite complicated.

B. Smith advised that the Area E, F, G and H POSAC members involved in the making of the Report were impressed with its content and very satisfied with the Guidelines and Recommendations.

B. Smith noted that signage in Malcolm Park only notifies the Public when they are leaving the Park onto private land, and that there is no signage for entering the Park.

S. Donald suggested that the word "vibrant" was overused in describing the vision statement for each Electoral Area. B. Smith pointed out that the vision for Area F included an interconnected trail system.

Ms. Marshall gave an update on the Meadowood CP Phase 1 Construction and referred to the website at <http://www.rdn.bc.ca/cms.asp?wpID=2768>.

MOVED S. Donald, SECONDED A. Jablonski that Community Parks & Trails Strategic Plan be received.

CARRIED

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2014 Budget Schedule**

Ms. Marshall outlined the Proposed 2014 Budget Timeline with the adoption of the financial plan bylaw by March 25 2014.

### **2014 Advisory Committee Appointments**

Ms. Marshall reminded POSAC that 4 of the Board members' appointments terminate at the end of the year and that those members need to send in their applications very soon.

### **Volunteer Mileage Reimbursement Policy**

Ms. Marshall advised that there is volunteer mileage reimbursement for the Board members' attendance at the meetings payable only if submitted within 90 days of the month end in which they are incurred.

## **AJOURNMENT**

MOVED B. Smith that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED

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Chairperson