

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'H' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING
February 27th, 2013**

Attendance: Bill Veenhoff, Chair, Director, RDN Board
Barry Ellis
Richard Leontowich
Valerie Weismiller
David Wiwchar
Nancy Robertson
Dagmar Seydel

Staff: Elaine McCulloch, Parks Planner
Wendy Marshall, Manager of Parks Services
David Palidwor, Superintendent of Park Planning and Development

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Veenhoff called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm

MINUTES

MOVED V. Weismiller, SECONDED D. Seydel that the minutes of the November 28, 2012 be approved.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trail Projects – November, December 2012

Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trail Projects – January 2013

Ms. Marshall gave a summary of the Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects Report for November/December 2012 and January 2013 for Electoral Area 'H'.

Water Access Update

V. Weismiller and N. Robertson completed a desk-top review of all 49 water accesses in Electoral Area 'H' from Shaw Hill to Deep Bay and shortlisted those at which development seems most achievable. V. Weismiller, N. Robertson, R. Leontowich and B. Veenhoff will walk these on Saturday, March 2, 2013 and they will meet at the Lighthouse Community Hall at 9:00am. They will look at which are easiest to upgrade and prioritize those which are the most feasible. Staff will review the list and build it into the 5 year project plan.

R. Leontowich would like to know who puts the large logs up at Sunny Beach when this is supposed to be an access. Ms. Marshall noted she will look into this.

Henry Morgan CP Phase 1 Construction-Project Update

Ms. McCulloch provided an update on the Henry Morgan Community Park Construction Project. The public tender for Henry Morgan Park closed on November 30, 2012 and by January 2013 the tendering was completed. IWC from Nanaimo was the successful contractor and J. Hoots from the Lower Mainland was the successful contractor for the pump track. She noted that the playhouse will not be built by the Ballenas woodworking shop as previously hoped but by Jonker Building and Construction at a competitive price. The contractors are confident that the work can be completed in 6 weeks, weather permitting. A sod turning event will be held for the public on March 8th.

MOVED N. Robertson, SECONDED R. Leontowich that the reports be received.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Dunsmuir Community Park Porta-Potty

Limbing of trees near the entrance of the park has been completed in order to improve visibility into the park. A discussion regarding the ongoing vandalism of the porta-potty at Dunsmuir Community Park resulted in the suggestion that the porta-potty be removed at this time. It may be re-installed once the community consultation regarding the park re-design is completed in 2014.

MOVED B. Ellis, SECONDED N. Robertson that staff contact the tennis club about removing the porta-potty.

CARRIED

Parkland Classification

Mr. Palidwor provided a summary of the RDN Community Parks and Trails Strategy which is now underway. The project is expected to be completed by September 2013.

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. V. Weismiller, N. Robertson, B. Ellis, D. Wiwchar and D. Segal were appointed to review the list and provide comments to Mr. Palidwor (and POSAC members) by April 1, 2013.

ADJOURN

MOVED N. Robertson, SECONDED D. Seydel that the meeting be adjourned at 5:35pm.

CARRIED