

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, March 4, 2014 AT 12:00 PM IN THE RDN COMMITTEE ROOM

Attendance: Director Diane Brennan, Chair, City of Nanaimo
Director Howard Houle, Electoral Area 'B'
Director Maureen Young, Electoral Area 'C'
Director Leanne Salter, Electoral Area 'F' (Alternate)
Director Joe Stanhope, Electoral Area 'G'
Director Dave Willie, Town of Qualicum Beach
Director Jack de Jong, District of Lantzville
Director Chris Burger, City of Parksville (Alternate)

Staff: Tom Osborne, General Manager of Recreation and Parks
Paul Thorkelsson, Chief Administrative Officer
Wendy Marshall, Manager of Park Services
Kelsey Cramer, Regional Parks Planner
Wendy Idema, Director of Finance
Jenny Gibson, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Director Julian Fell, Electoral Area 'F'
Director Marc Lefebvre, City of Parksville

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brennan called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

DELEGATIONS

Friends of the Morden Mine Society

The Friend of Morden Mine spoke of the current state of the Morden Colliery tipple and requested financial support from the Regional District to assist in funding an engineering study for the remediation and restoration of the structure which they estimated the study would cost in the range of \$30,000.

MINUTES

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Young that the minutes of the Regular Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee meeting held December 3, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Salter that the following correspondence be received:

1. E. Ricker, Friends of the Morden Mine Society to J. Dompierre, Parks Canada, Re: Designation of Morden Colliery
2. T. Osborne, RDN to C. Simpson, Regional Planning Manager, Re: Gabriola Island Draft bylaws 271 and 272 Referral to Zone Parks

3. L. Webster, Islands Trust Canada Trail to TPAC, Re: TPAC Update
4. J. Murphy, Trans Canada Trail to TPAC, Re: TPAC Update
5. Province of BC - ORV Legislation

REPORTS

Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects June-December 2013 and January 2014

Ms. Marshall gave a verbal update on current Regional Parks and Trail Projects.

MOVED Director de Jong, SECONDED Director Young that the update be received.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

MOVED Director Young, SECONDED Director Houle that the Board to approve funding to the Friends of Morden Mine Society of up to \$15,000 towards the engineering study of the Morden Colliery Tipple subject to funding being provided by other partners in the project.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

E&N Rail Trail Project / Engineering and Design

Mr. Osborne gave an update on E&N Rail Trail Project which received the 2.6 million funding through the gas tax program. Proposals for engineering and design services are currently being reviewed by staff.

Morden Colliery Regional Trail / Nanaimo River Bridge Engineering and Design

An engineering and design study for the Morden Colliery Bridge over the Nanaimo River has begun, funded by the Community Works Funds for by Electoral Area A . Herold Engineering will be carrying out the work and updating the design and costs from a feasibility plan that was completed in 1999.

Islands Trust Park Rezoning Bylaw Referral Report

Mr. Osborne summarized the report to the committee.

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Young that the Island Trust Park Rezoning Bylaw Report be received.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Young that the Regional District Board recommends to the Islands Trust that Bylaw No. 272 be amended to include a new permitted use to specifically allow special events in all park zones.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Young that the Regional District Board recommends to the Islands Trust that Bylaw No. 272 be amended to provide Active Recreation Community Park (P3) zoning for Paisley Place Community Park.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

MOVED Director Slater, SECONDED Director Young, that pursuant to Section 90(1) (e) of the Community Charter the Committee proceed to an In Camera Committee meeting to consider items related to land issues.

Time: 1:05pm

CARRIED