

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'B' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY  
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
TUESDAY, March 4, 2014  
7:00pm**

**(GABRIOLA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HALL)**

**Attendance:** Howard Houle, Director, RDN Board, Chair  
Jacinthe Eastick  
Randy Young  
Sam Betts  
Megan Dickinson  
Mark Woolley  
Ivan Bulic

**Staff:** Elaine McCulloch, Park Planner

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Houle called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Introduction of New Members:** Mark Woolley from Mudge & Ivan Bulic.

**Election of Secretary**

MOVED R. Young, SECONDED M. Dickinson to appoint J Eastick as secretary.

CARRIED

**Adoption of the Agenda**

MOVED J. Eastick, SECONDED S. Betts to adopt the Agenda after adding "POSAC Projects List" in Unfinished Business and adding a letter from Mudge Island Land Trust Association in Correspondence /Communication.

CARRIED

**MINUTES**

MOVED M. Woolley, SECONDED J. Eastick that the Minutes of the Regular Electoral Area 'B' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held November 5, 2013 be approved with the following amendment: change the mover's name on the second motion in the section titled Island Trust Park Re-Zoning Bylaw report (page 4) from J. Eastick to M. Dickinson.

CARRIED

## **CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

MOVED S. Betts, SECONDED M. Woolley to receive the following correspondence:

L. Webster, Islands Trust to T. Osborne, RDN, Re: **Bylaw Referral Package – GB BL 271 and 272 – Gabriola Island Trust Committee**

A. Vestraete, Hope Centre to T. Osborne, RDN Re: **Skateboard park project on Gabriola Island**

Mudge Island Land Trust Association Re: **Beach access priorities and request for amendments.**

CARRIED

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

MOVED J. Eastick, SECONDED S. Betts to mark MI 23 instead of MI 27 on the Mudge Island Beach Accesses priority list.

CARRIED

## **REPORTS**

**Monthly Update Regional and Community Parks and Trails Projects - June to December 2013 and January 2014.**

**Monthly Update Regional and Community Parks and Trails Projects - January 2014.**

### **Village Trail Concept Report (verbal)**

Topographics, a local Landscape Architectural design firm, has been retained by the RDN to develop a design and cost estimates for proposed Village Trail. Megan Walker, Topographics representative, presented a brief summary of the concept plan for the Village Trail. The 6.6 feet (2m) wide, multi-use, bi-directional pathway will be sited on the North side of North Road from the Ferry Hill fork to Tin Can Alley. Survey work has been completed and conceptual design work is underway in preparation for a public open house which is scheduled for March 29, 2014. Funding for this project comes from the Community Works Fund which is financed by Federal Gas Tax Revenue. Director Houle stated that the estimated cost of the project is likely to be a maximum of \$400,000. Final approval for the project will come through MOTI as the proposed walkway will be located within the road right-of-way.

### **Huxley Park Master Plan – Conceptual Plans (verbal)**

Topographics, a local Landscape Architectural design firm, has been retained by the RDN to develop a master plan for Huxley Park. Cameron Murray from Topographics, presented a brief summary of two concept plans for Huxley Park. The Open House is scheduled for March 29, 2014. Time and place to be announced.

CARRIED

### **Mudge Island Davidson Bay Parking Lot Improvements**

E. McCulloch provided a verbal update on the progress of the parking lot improvements. A site meeting and preliminary design has been completed for the site. Staff are working towards completing the works in the spring of this year.

### **Gabriola Island Parks Rezoning Bylaw Referral Report**

E. McCulloch summarized the latest staff report and recommendations regarding the Gabriola Island Parks Rezoning Referral – Island Trust Draft Bylaws.

MOVED R. Young, SECONDED M. Dickinson that Bylaw No. 272 be amended to include a new permitted use to specifically allow special events in all park zones and that Bylaw No 272 be amended to provide Active Recreation Community Park (P3) zoning for Paisley Place Community Park.

CARRIED

### **Community Parks and Trails Work Plan 2014**

E. McCulloch distributed as information a list of community parks and trails projects for 2014. All Gabriola applicable projects were highlighted.

### **POSAC Projects List**

Randy Young submitted a GaLTT projects list dated February 27, 2014 which identified a number of projects which GaLTT is working on. RDN support has been requested on a few of the projects.

MOVED S. Betts, SECONDED I. Bulic to receive the reports.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED M. Dickinson to adjourn at 9:35pm.

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Chairperson