

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'H' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2014

10:00 AM

(Lighthouse Community Centre, Qualicum Bay)

ATTENDANCE: Bill Veenhof, Chair, Director, RDN Board
Barry Ellis
Richard Leontowich
David Wiwchar
Valerie Weismiller

STAFF: Wendy Marshall, Manager of Park Services
Elaine McCulloch, Parks Planner

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Veenhof called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

Appointment of Secretary

MOVED R. Leontowich, SECONDED Barry Ellis, that Mr. David Wiwchar be nominated for the position of secretary. As there were no other nominations, B. Veenhof declared Mr. D. Wiwchar as Secretary.

DELEGATION

Sheena McCorquodale, Lighthouse Community Centre Society – Re: Funding for Maintenance Project

MOVED B. Veenhof, SECONDED B. Ellis that staff be directed to review potential funding sources to accommodate capital and maintenance projects requests for the Lighthouse Community Centre.

CARRIED

MOVED B. Veenhof, SECONDED V. Weismiller that staff review and make recommendations to reallocate funding in the 2014 Electoral Area 'H' Community Parks budget and Five Year Financial Plan to provide funding assistance to Lighthouse Community Centre Society for capital and maintenance projects at the Lighthouse Community Centre.

CARRIED

MINUTES

MOVED R. Leontowich, SECONDED Barry Ellis that the minutes of the regular Electoral Area 'H' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held December 4, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Beach Access Priorities

Ms. McCulloch provided a brief summary outlining the water access development priorities for 2014. Water Access signage will be installed at the following MOTI water access sites at which the RDN currently has MOTI permits or leases: #47(Deep Bay Dr.) ;#42 (Shoreline Dr.) ; #36 (Buccaneer Beach Rd.); #31 (Bowser Rd.) ; #24 (Nile Rd.); #23 (Crane Rd.); #18 (Sunny Beach Rd.); #17 (Baywater Rd.); #11 (Alert Rd.)

RDN staff is to investigate typical signage design for water access sites, apply for MOTI permits for all identified signage sites, investigate and confirm that the existing access trails/parking/improvements are not trespassing on private property and to install signs in the fall of 2014.

REPORTS

Monthly Update Regional and Community Parks and Trail Projects June – December 2013

Monthly Update Regional and Community Parks and Trail Projects – January 2014

Ms. McCulloch gave a summary of the Regional and Community Parks and Trail Projects reports.

- Willow tunnel at Henry Morgan Park needs to be replaced due to deer harvest.
- Oakdown Community Trails – staff preparing a signage plan, signage installation will follow in 2014. Crown property lease is due for renewal in 2015.
- Temporary Trail to Henry Morgan Park– staff will ribbon a trail route this spring and work with volunteers to develop a temporary trail.

2014 Parks Work Plan

Ms. McCulloch reviewed the Parks Work Plan items for Area 'H'.

MOVED V. Weismiller, SECONDED R. Leontowich that the reports be received.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Updated "Breath" Regional Parks and Trails Guide

New, updated copies of the updated "Breath" Regional Parks and Trails Guide were provided to Committee members.

Community Parks and Trails Strategy – Final

Handouts of Community Parks and Trails Strategies Plan and Regional Parks and Trails Guide were provided to Committee members.

Discussion on:

- possible paved trail along 19A from Deep Bay to Shaw Hill with a possible rest stop
- possible rest stop on highway 19 near lights at Horne Lake turnoff
- more community involvement required re: Dunsmuir Park and what should be done?
- rail traffic on the island

- the need of a skate board park and dog park.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Valerie Weismiller that the meeting be adjourned at 11:52 am.

Chair