

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2015 AT 12:00 PM IN THE RDN COMMITTEE ROOM

Attendance: Director Colin Haime, Chair, District of Lantzville
Director Maureen Young, Electoral Area 'C'
Director Alec McPherson, Electoral Area 'A'
Director Julian Fell, Electoral Area 'F'
Director Bob Rogers, Electoral Area 'E'
Director Ian Thorpe, City of Nanaimo
Director Teunis Westbroek, Town of Qualicum Beach
Director Marc Lefebvre, City of Parksville

Staff: Tom Osborne, General Manager of Recreation and Parks
Paul Thorkelsson, Chief Administrative Officer
Ann-Marie Harvey, Recording Secretary

Also in Attendance: Director Joe Stanhope, RDN Board Chair

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Haime called the meeting to order at 12:03pm.

MINUTES

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director McPherson that the minutes of the Regular Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee meeting held October 21, 2014 be approved.

CARRIED

ORIENTATION

Mr. Osborne gave a summary of the contents of the Regional Parks & Trails Select Committee binder. He gave a presentation to the committee that summarized information about all the regional parks within the RDN.

REPORTS

Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects - October 2014
Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects - Nov-Dec 2014

Mr. Osborne gave an update of the monthly Community and Regional Parks and Trails Reports.

E & N Rail Trail Project Update

Mr. Osborne updated the committee on the status of the E&N Trail project. The trail is at the engineering stage and at about 70% completed design of the trail will look like. Mr. Osborne noted 3 areas of challenge that are mostly to do with private land matters and sourcing the best route within or adjacent to the ICF corridor. Staff also met with the ALC on routing options are waiting for a formal response from the Commission.

Little Qualicum River Regional Park Bridge Assessment Report

MOVED Director Westbroek, SECONDED Director Fell that the bridge at Little Qualicum River Regional Park be upgraded for pedestrian, cyclist, service vehicle and emergency use, but not seismic upgrades funded by the Regional Parks Capital Budget following dissolution of the easement over the structure.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED Director Westbroek that the Regional District not explore the full replacement of the bridge at Little Qualicum River Regional Park and related land use agreements in order for the bridge to be used as an emergency evacuation route as there are other more viable routes to consider.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Rogers, SECONDED Director McPherson that the reports be received.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Friends of Morden Mine - Eric Ricker/Chris Sholberg Presentation - RJC Preliminary Evaluation Report

Mr. Ricker gave an overview of the RJC Preliminary Evaluation Report and requested grant application support from the RDN for the costs associated with the restoration of the tipple. The probable cost for the report's recommended approach is \$2,858,000.

Island Trust – Density Banking for Lots Rezoned as Parks

Mr. Osborne spoke to the Island Trust's staff report on density banking on lands zoned as parks on Gabriola Island and summarized the background to this report and the next steps for the rezoning bylaws.

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Westbroek that the update be received.

CARRIED

Benson Creek Park Parking Lot

Mr. Osborne gave an update to the Committee on the parking issues, enforcement and towing of illegally parks cars at Benson Creek Falls Regional Park at the Jameson Road staging area.

MOVED Director Young, SECONDED Director Lefebvre that the update be received.

CARRIED

Appointments to Regional Park Management Plan Committee for Fairwinds

MOVED Director Westbroek, SECONDED Director Lefebvre that Director Rogers and Director Young be appointed to the Regional Park Management Plan Committee for Fairwinds.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Westbroek, SECONDED Director Fell that Director Lefebvre be appointed as an Alternate committee member to the Regional Park Management Plan Committee for Fairwinds.

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS, COMMUNICATION OR PRESENTATIONS

MOVED Director Westbrook, SECONDED Director Lefebvre that the Regional District lobby the Province of British Columbia to undertake the restoration of the tipple at Morden Colliery Historic Provincial Park and that Regional District staff investigate grant funding opportunities to assist with the restoration project.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Westbrook, 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: 2:50pm

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Director Lefebvre, that the meeting be adjourned at 3:15pm.

CARRIED

Chairperson