

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'B' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
MONDAY JUNE 2, 2015
7:00pm**

(WOMEN' INSTITUTE HALL)

Attendance Howard Houle, Director, RDN Board, Chair
Jacinthe Eastick
Randy Young
Megan Walker
Mark Wooley

Staff Elaine McCulloch, Park Planner

Regrets Sam Betts

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Houle called the meeting to order at 7.00 p.m.

AGENDA

MOVED M. Walker, SECONDED R. Young to adopt the agenda after adding "Business arising from Delegations" & "Business arising from Correspondence" after "New Business".

CARRIED

DELEGATION

MOVED J. Eastick, SECONDED R. Young to accept Jack Schick as a late delegation.

Doug Chalke, Mudge Island resident- re: Mudge Davidson Bay Parking Lot. Mr. Chalke contends that the existing parking at MI 15 is adequate even on busy long week-end & that the money should go towards a more worthy task like a barge access at Flat Fish for example.

Mr. Schick, Chair of the Mudge Island Land Trust Association, an organization who volunteered to help find water access ID pins, making trails, etc. They hope that the RDN will survey the "difficult" beach accesses. i.e. where homeowners may be confrontational, also where the ID pins are made of aluminium. The hope is to identify as many beach accesses as they can. A resident has volunteered to make signs. Consultation with neighbours prior to identifying the ID pins is the first step taken.

MINUTES

MOVED R. Young seconded M. Whooley to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Electoral Area 'B' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held March 16, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cox Park Community Signage

GALTT Cox Park Community Signage – GALTT is willing to install the signs with the expectation that the RDN will cover the cost of materials and the benches.

MOVED by R. Young, SECONDED J. Eastick that the RDN proceed with the Cox Community Park internal directional signage proposed by GALTT funded through the 2015 Electoral Area 'B' Community Park budget for Cox Community Park and to allocate funding in the 2016 Budget for the 'Welcome' sign and two benches for the park.

CARRIED

Note: Mr. Chalke will send photos of two benches he offered to donate to establish if they satisfy the required standard or could be used.

Davidson Bay Parking Lot Upgrade

After consideration of the high cost on account of the archeological status of the site (\$30,000+) and all other factors, Mudge Island Residents (straw polled) and the POSAC members came to the same conclusion. The remaining \$12,000 will go towards ongoing beach accesses identification instead. An Ad Hoc Committee may be created to work on that sole purpose and to keep their fingers on the pulse of the community in terms of priorities & managing volunteers. MOTI and RCMP are the entities to contact if someone encroaches or wishes to block the volunteers' work on beach accesses.

MOVED M. Wooley, SECONDED R. Young, that the RDN not to proceed with the Davidson Bay Parking Lot upgrade project.

CARRIED

- R. Young indicated that there is no encroachment in the Gravel Pit trail. MOTI has given a verbal approval to work on the trail and stated that no permit will be issued. A similar approval has yet to be received for Bells Landing.
- No 28 sign in 707 Community Park could use a side-marker to indicate the direction to Fisher Road
- It was suggested that directional Gertie icons could be put on applicable markers in community parks.
- Spring Beach Drive stairs repairs back on the Work Plan

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

M. Walker, POSAC to E. McCulloch, RDN **RE: Mobility Improvements**

Request for facilities for people with low mobility, for example a small looped trail and a truly accessible beach access. E. McCulloch suggested & it was agreed that this item be put on the Work Plan to discuss how to do that on an ongoing basis.

MOVED R. Young, SECONDED M. Woolley to receive the correspondence.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Monthly Update Regional and Community Parks and Trail Projects – Jan-Feb 2015

Monthly Update Regional and Community Parks and Trail Projects – March 2015

Monthly Update Regional and Community Parks and Trail Projects – April 2015

MOVED J. Eastick, SECONDED M. Walker to receive the Reports

CARRIED

The Village Trail is with the engineers at this time. Then it will go to MOTI.

NEW BUSINESS

2015-2019 Work Plan

The 2015-2019 WORK PLAN was reviewed:

- Remove Davidson Bay parking Lot development from the Work Plan
- RDN Board has approved the application for a \$100,000 grant for Huxley Park - Canada 150 Community Infra-structure Grant. If successful the RDN will have to match that from the Parks Reserve Fund. The scope of the application is the playground, Sports Court and Open performance Area.
- RDN has also applied for a \$60,000 Co-op Community Spaces Grant for the Huxley Park Playground - RDN would contribute \$25,000 and the Gabriola Lions \$5,000
- Skate Park concept design shelved unless grant applications are unsuccessful.
- RDN signed a 30 year lease with Provincial Government for Joyce Lockwood Park.
- Spring Beach stairs need to be repaired again. Derek Kilbourn mentioned that 6 stairs may be available at Madrona West. Randy will follow-up. Spring Beach is designated an archeological site on the map. This will need careful consideration
- Add "mobility issue" in the Medium Priorities; a looped trail and direct access to the water for mobility challenged individuals was mentioned. GALTT will discuss the possibilities.
- Add "welcome Sign and benches in Cox Park" 2016

Community Park Name changes (handout) – deferred to next meeting

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

- MI- 17 is a Regional District Park which could be fenced to delineate its boundaries
- Process to follow to site a picnic shelter on beach accesses and/or park
- Why surveying of MI-18? It is a huge area! The two side pins have been found recently.
- The RDN has passed a motion to ask staff to look into all aspects of building and operating a barge and boat launch facility at Flat Fish. Other projects took precedence so far. Maybe an expensive proposition because of the extensive blasting, an alternative may be to lease or rent space from Moonshine Cove Yatch Club.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

ROUND TABLE

Developing MI 20 would be an expense to be borne by Mudge Island residents

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED J. Eastick to adjourn 8.30.

CARRIED

Chairperson