

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE AREA F PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (POSAC)  
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015  
7:00PM  
AT THE ARROWSMITH HALL, COOMBS**

**ATTENDANCE:** Julian Fell, Director RDN Board, Chair  
Alfred Jablonski  
Barbara Smith  
David Edgeley  
Reg Nosworthy

**STAFF:** Wendy Marshall  
Elaine McCulloch

**REGRETS:** Earl Billingsley  
Colin Anderson

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Fell called the meeting to order 7:05 p.m.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS/INTRODUCTION**

It was noted that R. Nosworthy has replaced D. Edgeley as the Recreational Commissioner for Area F and that D. Edgeley and C. Anderson reappointed as members of Area F POSAC.

**DELEGATION**

None

**MINUTES**

MOVED R. Nosworthy, SECONDED A. Jablonski that the Minutes of the Electoral Area F Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC) dated November 17, 2014 be approved, as amended, to note that B Smith also met with Chair Fell and Joan Michel on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, RDN Parks and Trails Coordinator, to walk the Carrothers and Price trail corridors.

CARRIED

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

It was noted that the subcommittee struck at the last meeting to provide direction on trail development has not needed to meet as yet.

## **COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED R. Nosworthy, SECONDED B. Smith to receive the following correspondence:

E. McCulloch, RDN to J. McKierahan, Ministry of Forests, Lands & NRO, **RE: Silver Spurs S.57 Application – Little Mountain Trails FCBC File: ATA 117776**

T. Osborne, RDN to E. Bailey, School District 69, **RE: French Creek School Land**

T. Osborne, RDN to E. Bailey, School District 69, **RE: Meadowood Property**

J. Diewold, Errington Elementary School to E. McCulloch, RDN, **RE: Errington School Trails**

CARRIED

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE**

B. Smith advised that she had contacted the Nanoose Band Manager in January with the information on the Silver Spur Riding Club's s.57 application and the application is ongoing, slowly.

E. McCulloch reviewed the information about the Letter of Understanding (LOU) agreement with School District 69. This is a license of occupation for 10 years less 2 days on the land only, not buildings. W. Marshall advised that the land will be operated as a community park, but future planning is required. E McCulloch will provide the members with more specific information and the diagram/map of the lands involved. The question was raised whether or not there was an option to purchase the lands, without an answer given.

J. Diewold at Errington School has contacted E. McCulloch, J. Fell, and B. Smith regarding a photo op to announce the recent Grant from BC Nature to cover the cost of informational trail signs along the Errington School Trail. The date for this meeting is not yet determined.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **REPORTS**

### **Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trail Projects**

E. McCulloch referred to the Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects report for November and December 2014, provided to the committee.

A. Jablonski advised that there was work done on the Meadowood Community Park to divert pooling water. The pavilion and picnic tables have been completed and grass is growing. There has been some vandalism from motorbike use and a discussion ensued how to prevent that traffic and encourage strollers and walkers.

E. McCulloch advised that the RDN Parks and Trails Department would be moving from the Oceanside Place to Springhill Road in Parksville.

### **Malcolm Community Park Trail Signage**

E. McCulloch advised that fire crews would be in Malcolm Park at the end of March to remove hazard trees and install signs and maps. It was decided that the trail would be named after Steve Cross, who constructed the original trail.

### **Arrowsmith Community Trail (ACT) Update – Price Rd**

E. McCulloch provided information on the Arrowsmith Community Trails (ACT) 4 Price Road Trail development plan. The total cost will be no more than \$15,000 for culverts, surfacing, signage, and barriers.

### **Meadowood Community Park Portable Update**

E. McCulloch advised on the Meadowood Community Park Portables plus washroom and electrical buildings have been purchased for \$1 each. These will be relocated onto School District vacant lands next to Meadowood Park. The funding for the project which included upgrading the portables for community recreation centre use was obtained from the Community Works Infrastructure Fund for Electoral Area 'F'. There is a 10 year License of Use the vacant school lands. Occupancy is expected by October 2015.

MOVED A. Jablonski, SECONDED D. Edgeley that the Reports be received.

CARRIED

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2015 Accomplishments**

## **2015 Work Plan**

The Park Service's Work Plan Project and Activities worksheet was reviewed. Of note was the proposed upgrading of the bridge over Little Qualicum River adjacent to the Regional Park. It will be repaired for utility vehicle and pedestrian use. It will not be rated as an emergency route because the repair will not be up to seismic standards.

Chair Fell discussed the issue of funding for the Area F projects. More money is needed as the RDN has taken on more parks and the additional expenses of maintenance, grass cutting, and electricity etc. There is also a concern that there is not enough staff to oversee these projects.

The next project is ACT 3 Cranswick trail. This winter the Grafton/Cranswick Road area has experienced considerable flooding. The Ministry of Transportation is looking into the situation and has hired an engineer to determine elevation and impact on roads. A report is due in April.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED B. Smith to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

CARRIED

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Chairperson