

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF ELECTORAL AREA 'E' PARKS AND OPEN SPACES ADVISORY
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12, 2016
6:30 PM
(Nanoose Place)

Attendance: Director Bob Rogers - Chair
Peter Law – Secretary
Gordon Wiebe
Vicki Voros
Debbie Mitchell
Diana Young
Marlene Caskey

Staff: Wendy Marshall, RDN Parks Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Director Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED V. Voros, SECONDED P. Law that the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

MOVED G. Wiebe, SECONDED D. Young to receive late delegations:

Mark Stephens - Nanoose FN Council - Input into Area E Community Parks

CARRIED

Mr. Stephens attended the meeting at the request of Director Rogers to provide input on the following subjects:

1. **Oakleaf Park** – renaming this new park using Coast Salish language.
Mr. Stephens indicated that Katie Bob has been to the Park and reviewed the park's plans. She will look into generating a more appropriate name before the end of November.
2. **Wallis Point** - the Nanoose FN have submitted a request to the Federal Government (owner of the Wallis Point lands) to dedicate the area as a Park.

MOVED P. Law, SECONDED G. Wiebe that the Electoral Area E Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee fully support the proposal by the Nanoose First Nations to the Federal Government, to designate Wallis Point (currently within the **Canadian Forces** Maritime Experimental and Test Ranges (CFMETR) as a Park.

CARRIED

Rowland Road Park – Vicki Voros provided Mr. Stephens with a summary about how Area E POSAC members had recommended a future “partnership” in redeveloping an existing park at the end of Rowland Road. The site is adjacent to the Nanoose Bay estuary and has potential archeological significance.

MINUTES

MOVED G. Wiebe, SECONDED D. Mitchell that the Minutes of the Electoral Area “E” Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee meeting held on May 11, 2016 be adopted as amended with the correct spelling of Davenham Rd.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Marshall summarized each of these items:

- Letter sent to Fairwinds Community Assoc. re: Illegal Tree Cutting in the Fairwinds Community.
- A planting plan was sent to Fairwinds Golf Course for replanting the area of tree removal.
- Letter received re: Proposed field upgrades
- Letter received about proposed gate at Jack Bagley field.

MOVED D. Young, SECONDED M. Caskey to receive the correspondence.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Beach Access Public Meeting held May 2016

Director Rogers reviewed the issues he heard during this meeting. He noted that he continues to get calls from residents about seeking local solutions. He suggested that the subject of “Road End/Beach Access improvements be discussed at the next POSAC meeting (Feb 2017).

MOVED M. Caskey, SECONDED V. Voros. that the subject of “Road Ends and Beach Access Improvements” be discussed at the next (February 2017) Area E POSAC meeting

CARRIED

Oakleaf Community Park

Ms. Marshall provided an update on the park developments. A new sign will include a Coast Salish name (as proposed by Nanoose FN).

Blueback Community Park

Ms. Marshall provided an update on the ongoing construction of the park. A wall is being constructed along the top path and it will include benches. Hydro seeding will be done in the coming weeks.

REPORTS

Monthly Update Regional and Community Parks and Trails Projects (June. 2016 to Aug. 2016):

Ms. Marshall provided members with a summary of a proposal called "Salish Sea Marine Trail Network" where the BC Marine Trails Network Association is proposing a number of RDN waterfront Parks as part of a marine kayak "drop-in" site. Discussion focused on the fact that (Area E's) Blueback Park is on the list as a stop-over.

MOVED D. Young, SECONDED G. Wiebe that staff be directed to work with the BC Marine Trails Network Association on the identification of Blueback Park as a Salish Sea Marine Trail day use area recognizing that this park has limited day-use facilities, with no overnight parking or camping.

CARRIED

Recreation Commission Report

G. Wiebe provided an excellent summary of the discussions he is party to as a member of the Commission, concerning Ravensong Pool upgrades and Sportsfield expansion.

Directors Report

Director Rogers noted that an "Area E Update" brochure will be delivered to households in the coming days, which will summarize a number of local projects he has been involved in, including:

- Nanoose Place upgrades
- A "share the road" initiative will be launched by improved signage on the Nanoose Peninsula road network. The goal of the project is to encourage cars to share the road with bikes.
- UBCM – Director Rogers had a meeting with Minister (local MLA) Stillwell about the "Share the Road" project, and the need for the Ministry of Transportation and Highways to allow development of trails in the road "right of way" for pedestrians.

MOVED G. Wiebe, SECONDED D. Mitchell that the reports be received.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Nanoose Bay Parks and Open Space Plan (2001)

Director Rogers asked POSAC members to review the 15 year old - 2001 Nanoose Bay Parks and Open Spaces Plan and the recently adopted (2015) Community Parks and Trails Strategy to ensure the issues and policies found in these documents are current. This will be discussed at the February 2017 POSAC meeting.

5 Year Plan Parks Plan (2017-2021)

The Area E Planning worksheet was discussed. Some of the discussion included the following:

- The “high priority” park projects currently on the list will be completed within the next few months. This means the “medium priority” projects will move to “high priority” in 2017.
- Solving the parking issues (in the summer season) at Brickyard Park will be a priority. The local property owners in the area will have to be consulted.
- Director Rogers requested that the playground at the Nanoose Road Park be assessed for its condition.

POSAC Meeting Time

6:30 is a good time for the meeting.

Committee Members Term Expires: Law, Voros, Young.

Director Rogers encouraged members to re-apply to serve on the Committee for another 2 year term.

Committee Roundtable

P. Law – requested an update on a new issue of Milfoil in Dolphin Lake. His concern is about the possible transference of milfoil to Enos Lake. Ms. Marshall indicated that the RDN’s Planning Dept. and Seaclyff Properties were looking into possibly involving VIU.

M.Caskey – requested a better map of Area E Parks for her file. Ms. Marshall said she could look in to securing a better map.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by D. Young, SECONDED G.Wiebe, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40pm.

CARRIED

Chairperson