

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE AREA F PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (POSAC)

REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016

AT THE ARROWSMITH HALL, COOMBS

7:00pm

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

STAFF: Wendy Marshall
Elaine McCulloch

REGRETS: David Edgeley
Colin Anderson

CALL TO ORDER

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

ELECTION OF SECRETARY

R. Nosworthy nominated B. Smith for Secretary. There being no further nominations, Chair Fell declared B. Smith Secretary of the Electoral Area 'F' Parks and Open Space Committee for 2016.

DELEGATIONS

None

MINUTES

MOVED by A Jablonski, SECONDED by R. Nosworthy, that the Minutes of the Electoral Area F Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC) dated October 14th, 2015 be adopted, as amended as follows: The first sentence of the First Nations Land Acquisition paragraph on page 3 was deleted and replaced with: *Chair Fell reported that at this time some large Crown Land lots in the Errington Area, have recently been identified for potential acquisition by the Nanoose First Nation. This is subject to further negotiation.*

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Chair Fell advised that he had recently met with the new Nanoose First Nation Chief, Brent Edwards. There is no decision yet as to possible acquisition or use of identified or other lands in Errington. The treaty negotiations have been ongoing since 1992 and another 5 years in the process is expected.

COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS

Monthly Update of Community Parks & Regional Parks & Trail Projects – Oct 2015 to Jan 2016

Ms. McCulloch advised that there is an error on p. 7 in the October Area F Report and should refer to the newly constructed Cranswick Road trail rather than Price. This new trail was started in December and will need to be completed by fencing and signage later in the spring due to its still being too wet.

R. Nosworthy requested that there be clearer definitions for the acronyms in the Parks Reports.

Meadowood Community Park Community Centre Update (verbal)

Ms. McCulloch advised that the decision has been made not to use portable classrooms if a cost effective alternative can be found. The RDN is looking into an alternate building type, size and location. Several design options are now out to tender.

E&N Regional Trail update - (verbal)

Ms. Marshall advised that the E & N Rail Trail is proceeding; the RFQ process has concluded and design details are out for tender. R. Nosworthy referred to a recent article written by the Island Corridor foundation regarding the potential use of a "speeder car" to travel on the rail between Coombs and Port Alberni. The feasibility of this project is not yet determined.

Draft 2016 Work Plan

Ms. McCulloch reviewed the Planning Worksheet. The RDN Board has not yet approved the Budget for this. ACT Trails - Caruthers Road trail is on the work plan for 2016 and to finish, the landowner agreements need to be finalized and tree falling needs to be completed. There is \$8,500 budgeted for a new project. Price Road trail is finished. The Errington Community Park operator agreement has not been finalized. Malcolm Park signage has been completed.

R. Nosworthy referred to the written report of the Sub Group Meeting for the Arrowsmith Community Trails, which was held on November 26, 2015. Suggestions for priority of trail development were from highest to lowest: Cranswick Road Trail, Carrothers Rd Trail, Palmer Road Trail, David Lundine Memorial Trail, and finally the Bellevue Corridor for 2018/2019.

MOVED R. Nosworthy, SECONDED B. Smith to receive the Reports.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Springhill Road Rezoning

Ms. McCulloch referred to the potential trail dedication linking the end of Springhill Road to the E&N Regional Trail. B. Smith advised that the Silver Spur Riding Club is very keen to have a dedicated horse trailer parking area to access the rail trail and Crown woodlot and will provide whatever information necessary to assist in designing a suitable staging area.

There was discussion on the problems of ATV traffic on the trails at the end of Middlegate Road. Ms. Marshall advised that the Park Strategy will be rewritten in 2017 and public input will be sought.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED B. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson