

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017

12:00 PM

RDN COMMITTEE ROOM

In Attendance:	Director H. Houle	Chair ,Electoral Area B
	Director A. McPherson	Electoral Area A
	Director M. Young	Electoral Area C
	Director B. Rogers	Electoral Area E
	Director J. Fell	Electoral Area F
	Director W. Veenhof	Electoral Area H
	Alternate Director N. Horner	Town of Qualicum Beach
	Director B. Yoachim	City of Nanaimo
	Director I. Thorpe	City of Nanaimo
	Director B. Colclough	District of Lantzville
Also in Attendance:	P. Carlyle	Chief Administrative Officer
	T. Osborne	General Manager, Recreation & Parks
	W. Marshall	Manager of Park Services
	A. Harvey	Recording Secretary
Regrets:	Director T. Westbroek	Town of Qualicum Beach
	Director J. Hong	City of Nanaimo
	Director G. Fuller	City of Nanaimo
	Director M. Lefebvre	City of Parksville
	Director J. Stanhope	Electoral Area G

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Houle called the meeting to order at 12:00pm and respectfully acknowledged the Coast Salish Nations on whose traditional territory the meeting took place.

The Chair welcomed Alternate Director Horner to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee meeting held February 7, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

It was moved and seconded to receive the delegation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Kathy Rowe - Silver Spur Riding Club – Re: Horses on Coombs to Parksville Rail Trail

Ms. Rowe provided the committee with a hand out of her presentation. She addressed the concerns of the riding community of the two month ban of horses on the Parksville to Coombs Rail Trail and the need for immediate equestrian access to horses at Station Rd along the trail to Virginia Rd., as well as, Shearme Rd. to the entrance to Woodlot 31.

Questions from the committee were answered.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Barb Baker, ACCVI, RE: Public Access to Parks on Private Lands

It was moved and seconded that the correspondence from Barb Baker, ACCVI regarding Public Access to Parks on Private Lands be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Dave Peterson, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, RE: BC Rural Dividend Program Grant – Horne Lake Regional Trail

It was moved and seconded that the correspondence from Dave Peterson, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations regarding the BC Rural Dividend Program Grant for Horne Lake Regional Trail be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Dave Peterson, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, RE: BC Rural Dividend Program Grant – Trans Canada Trail – Timberlands Rd.

It was moved and seconded that the correspondence from Dave Peterson, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations regarding BC Rural Dividend Program Grant for the Trans Canada Trail – Timberlands Rd be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alfred Jablonski, Corcan-Meadowood Residents Association, RE: Bridge Repair – LQRP

It was moved and seconded that the correspondence from Alfred Jablonski, Corcan-Meadowood Residents Association regarding the Bridge Repair at Little Qualicum Regional Park be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tom Osborne, RDN, RE: Little Qualicum River Regional Park Bridge

It was moved and seconded that the correspondence from Tom Osborne, RDN regarding Little Qualicum River Regional Park Bridge be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

David Borth, Province of BC, BC Rural Dividend Results – Little Qualicum River Regional Park Bridge Repair and Rehabilitation

It was moved and seconded that the correspondence from David Borth, Province of BC regarding BC Rural Dividend Results for Little Qualicum River Regional Park Bridge Repair and Rehabilitation be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jocelyn Wood, Nature Conservancy of Canada, RE: Moorecroft Regional Park Monitoring

It was moved and seconded that the correspondence from Jocelyn Wood, Nature Conservancy of Canada regarding Moorecroft Regional Park Monitoring be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Parks Quarterly Update Report Jan- Mar 2017

Ms. Marshall gave a summary of the Regional Parks projects from the Parks Update Report.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks Quarterly Update Report Jan- Mar 2017 be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Accommodation for Equestrians on Regional Trails

Ms. Marshall gave an overview of the handouts she provided to the Committee summarizing Multi-use trail use and equestrian use.

The Committee discussed granting horses early access to the sites requested by the riding club. Mr. Osborne noted that they are already a month into the ban and two months to get the compacting to where it needs to be is already a tight deadline. Staff informed the Committee the need for proper compacting for the long term preservation of the trail. Staff will endeavour to work with the local equestrian community and the contractor on providing access to segments of the trail should they be ready prior to the lifting of the overall ban.

Committee members discussed their support for horse usage on the Coombs to Parksville trail and the need for education and signage.

Official Opening of Parksville to Coombs Rail Trail – October 14, 2017

Mr. Osborne gave an update of revised date for the opening plans.

IN CAMERA

It was moved and seconded 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: 1:00pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 1:50pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chairperson