

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE AREA 'G' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (POSAC)**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017**

**4:00 pm**

**OCEANSIDE PLACE**

**In Attendance:** Director J. Stanhope  
Rick Horte  
Duane Round  
James Dean  
Brian Coath

**Staff:** E. McCulloch RDN Park Planner  
W. Marshall RDN Parks Manager  
A. Harvey Recording Secretary

**Regrets:** Ted Malyk  
Michael Foster

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Stanhope called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

**AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be amended to include 'French Creek Estuary Wetlands' under New Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Electoral Area 'G' Parks and Open space Advisory Committee (POSAC) dated March 1st, 2017 be adopted.

In the discussion D. Round felt the motion made from the Little Qualicum Hall report was done with too little information, especially for the newer members that they'd only received a few days prior to the meeting.

D. Round also questioned point of order for the motion: *That staff to look at options to provide a new hall for the Dashwood community*, which was defeated and the direction from the Chair directing a member of the Committee that they had to vote when, by Roberts Rules, a member can abstain from voting. Chair Stanhope noted that abstaining from voting is an affirmative vote. Ms. Marshall replied that the Committee is to follow the RDN bylaw for meeting process and she had checked with RDN Corporate Services staff after that meeting and the process was followed correctly. D. Round voiced his opinion that he doesn't feel that was appropriate for a Chair to direct a person that did not want to make a decision based on that they didn't have enough information and were forced to make a decision that resulted in a defeated resolution. D. Round requested those motions be brought back forward. Chair Stanhope said they will not be brought back forward but that his concerns will be noted in the minutes. D. Round asked if the point of order would be noted as well and Ms. Marshall said she would provide him with the RDN Bylaw that RDN Committees follow for order.

Opposed: D. Round

CARRIED

## **DELEGATION**

### **Karen Porter – Blue Water Road Community Park Planning**

Ms. Porter expressed concerns of the condition of Bluewater Community Park and the invasive plant and noxious weed that is thriving in the park. She is asking for the removal of the invasive and noxious weeds and cutting back of the blackberry. Also for 1-2 feet of vegetation clearing from each reforested tree and to develop a plan for future control of competing vegetation and weed near the replanted trees throughout the park.

### **Bill Reed – Dashwood Community Park Hall**

Mr. Reed gave a history of the hall and its uses and contributions to the community in the area. He asked for a postponement of the demolition of the hall and to allow the community use of the hall until a plan can be devised for funding its replacement.

Mr. Reed answered some questions from the Committee members.

Mr. Ralph Martin, treasurer of Dashwood Recreation answered some questions from Committee members and invited the Committee to tour the hall.

## **COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

It was moved and seconded that the following correspondence be received for information:

### **S. Bardati to RDN (and reply) RE: Park between Blue Water and Lowry's**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **REPORTS**

### **Parks Update Report – January – March 2017**

Ms. Cramer answered questions from the Committee about items in the report.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks Update Report – January – March 2017 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Blue Water Road Community Park Planning**

Ms. Marshall explained that Parks staff would be going to the park to do chipping and cleaning of debris. Staff will also meet on site to determine what can be done long term and to set out a work plan and budget. Staff will also work with the Coastal Invasive Plant Committee for removal of the invasive plants. Staff will also examine the drainage issue on the east side of the park and incorporate drainage into any new park plan. Staff will present back to the Committee on this plan in the fall.

### **Dashwood Community Park Hall**

R. Horte requested a copy of the previous report that was done on the Dashwood hall, noting it would be helpful for new members and would answer some of the questions they had today. Ms. Marshall said she would send out the two reports from 2013 and 2017 to the Committee.

D. Round did a visit to Qualicum and did a site evaluation. Being 73 years old, he sees it built well and solid. He noted the common issues a building of that age would have and doesn't see any reason to tear the building down. He finds the engineer report costs to be high for what needs to be done.

It was moved and seconded that the demolition of the Dashwood Community Park Hall be postponed until a review and consultation with the community can be done.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Picnic Shelter Example**

Ms. Cramer told the Committee this is an example of a recent picnic shelter installed in a RDN community park and it was included for information when considering the Dashwood Hall site.

#### **Five-Year Plan (2018-2022)**

Ms. Cramer noted that the Five-year plan was to review and re-evaluate priorities if need be based on budget and new potential projects and to assist staff with budgeting.

D. Round noted he finds it difficult to understand all of these projects and how the priorities are achieved and maybe having a presentation of the projects to become familiar with them. Chair Stanhope said that could be done, as well, he can contact staff at any time with questions about a project. Ms. Marshall noted that these projects were put on this list by the Committee ideas and community feedback. She also suggested that new members review the Community Parks and Trails Strategy found in the committee binder and for members to tour Area G parks.

#### **French Creek Wetlands**

D. Round informed the Committee that the 23 acre French Creek wetlands area that is full of wildlife, creeks and vegetation is for sale.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 4:51pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY