

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO
MINUTES OF ELECTORAL AREA F PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017
7:00 P.M.

(Coombs Fair Grounds, Annex Building)

ATTENDANCE: Julian Fell, RDN Area F Director, Chair
Reg Nosworthy, Area F Recreation Commissioner
Alfred Jablonski
Kurtis Kril
Robin Shackleton

ABSENT: Barbara Smith
Dorothy Roi

STAFF: Elaine McCulloch

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fell called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Chair Fell introduced Robin Schackleton as a new member to the AREA F POSAC. Robin lives in Errington and has accepted the vacant position on the POSAC.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Barbara Smith has indicated she will miss two of the three Area F POSAC meetings in 2017 and that elections for a replacement secretary should be held. Reg volunteered to take POSAC minutes for the next two meetings and it was agreed to postpone elections for a replacement secretary until further notice.

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations at this meeting.

MINUTES

MOVED R. Nosworthy, SECONDED A. Jablonski that the minutes of the Electoral Area F Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC) dated November 9, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Chair Fell explained that Robin Shackleton will act as an interface to the Errington War Memorial Hall Board for the POSAC. Robin is not a Hall Board member, but works closely with Hall Board members and is active in the Errington neighbourhood.

Elaine McCulloch explained that additional barriers will be installed along the ditch side of the Cranswick Trail in 2017.

Chair Fell explained that he had an informal meeting with Don and Bernice Fawthorpe regarding the status of the Palmer Road West trail request and that there are no outstanding issues regarding their petition.

COMMUNICATIONS and CORRESPONDENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS

Arrowsmith Community Trail (ACT) Update (*verbal*)

Elaine passed out two large copy maps for POSAC review and reference:

- Community Parks and Trails Strategy, Final Concept Plan Map 2: Electoral Area F East
- Community Parks and Trails Strategy, Final Concept Plan Map 3: Electoral Area F West

The POSAC spent some time reviewing the trail concept for the Area F West map and again agreed that the focus will remain on trails development in the more highly populated Area F East map. The POSAC will continue forward with the priority developments as identified in the minutes of the Area F POSAC Sub-Committee meeting of Thursday, November 3, 2016.

Parks Update Report – Fall 2016

Elaine reviewed the new format for the Parks Work Plan January 2017 Update for all electoral areas in the RDN with focus on the Area F section. The plan regarding trail work for 2017 in Area F is minimal. The 2017 trail project development work plan for 2017 was clarified as follows:

- A decision has been made to keep the Carrothers Trail within the existing road allowance. This may require a special tree cutting permit. It was agreed to target to complete the Carrothers Trail with a rough trail surface only in 2017.
- Elaine will continue to work with the Wood Lot owner on options to start clearing the Palmer Road East trail.
- Work to complete surfacing the balance of the David Lundine Trail from the Farmers Market to Veterans Road will be targeted for 2017.

MOVED R. Nosworthy, SECONDED R. Shackleton that the reports be received as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Elaine explained the rezoning process for the 5% parkland and amenity contribution for Area F regarding the property at the end of Springhill road. Several proposals have been put forward regarding possible trails to connect to the E&N Rail Trail and also to horse trails, including possible parking facilities. It is not clear if a final solution will be available for POSAC review before the next scheduled meeting for May 17, 2017.

COMMITTEE ROUND TABLE

The need for a courier copy prior to the POSAC meetings was discussed. Reg and Julian both requested that a courier copy continue to be provided to them. Elaine advised she will still bring copies to the meetings for all other POSAC members.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED A. Jablonski that the meeting adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Chairperson