

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'B' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, July 24, 2017**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Gabriola Arts Centre**

In Attendance:	Director H. Houle	Chair
	D. Kilbourn	Member, Gabriola Recreation Society
	K. Clifford	Member at Large
	G. Borsuk	Member at Large
Regrets:	A. Johnston	Member at Large
	R. Brockley	Member at Large
Also in Attendance:	E. McCulloch	RDN Parks Planner

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

**ELECTION OF SECRETARY**

D. Kilbourn volunteered for position of secretary for the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended to include Election of Secretary.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Electoral Area 'B' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting - January 23, 2017**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Electoral Area 'B' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held January 23, 2017, be adopted as amended, to change the seconder of the March 2, 2016, Electoral Area 'B' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee minutes to K. Clifford.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Feasibility of Lions Club Building on Rollo McClay**

Staff reported that putting a building at Rollo for the Lions is not feasible. H. Houle said the zoning of the park (Islands Trust jurisdiction) does not allow it.

### **Feasibility of Boat Launch and Parking at Bells Landing**

Staff explained that Bells Landing launch is on the long term work plan.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Bylaw Referral Park Implications Gabriola Local Trust Committee Bylaw Nos. 289 and 290 (Potlatch Density Transfer)**

It was moved and seconded that the Board advise the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee that the Regional District of Nanaimo will accept the proposed 16.4-hectare parkland dedication through subdivision under Section 510 of the *Local Government Act* following adoption of Bylaws 289 and 290 by the Islands Trust.

Opposed (2): K. Clifford, and G. Borsuk

DEFEATED

It was requested that the discussion on the above matter be noted in the minutes.

K. Clifford said he could not support Recommendation 1 (as per the agenda) without the developer bearing some of the park development costs.

It was moved and seconded that the Board advise the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee that the Regional District of Nanaimo will accept proposed SRW #1, #2, #3 and #4 as public trail connections through subdivision following adoption of Bylaws 289 and 290 by the Islands Trust.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved and seconded that the following matter be brought back for reconsideration:

That the Board advise the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee that the Regional District of Nanaimo will accept the proposed 16.4-hectare parkland dedication through subdivision under Section 510 of the *Local Government Act* following adoption of Bylaws 289 and 290 by the Islands Trust.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair called the vote on the matter being reconsidered:

That the Board advise the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee that the Regional District of Nanaimo will accept the proposed 16.4-hectare parkland dedication through subdivision under Section 510 of the *Local Government Act* following adoption of Bylaws 289 and 290 by the Islands Trust.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was requested that the discussion on the above matter be noted in the minutes.

D. Kilbourn said if POSAC members were willing to accept the undeveloped statutory right of way trail corridors, then it did not make sense to oppose accepting the park land based on the fact that the developer is not helping cover the cost of developing the park. H. Houle said the change being requested by K. Clifford did not sit with the POSAC or RDN, but with the Islands Trust as the government in control of the Official Community Plan. Both H. Houle and D. Kilbourn pointed out the proposed 16.4-hectare dedication of park land is well over the 4-hectare provincial requirement. K. Clifford said he believed his

point had been heard, and wanted to make sure his concerns were noted so it can go to the Islands Trust and not become a question for every park referral.

It was moved and seconded that the Board direct staff to include planning and development of the parkland dedication and trails in the Electoral Area 'B' Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee work planning session for prioritization and \$186,000 be included in the long term Financial Plan.

Opposed (1): K. Clifford

CARRIED

### **Parks Quarterly Update Report Jan - Mar 2017**

#### **Huxley Park**

E. McCulloch reported the Huxley Park Skatepark Design had been received from the consultants, and community information meetings would be held in the fall of 2017 to prepare a shelf-ready project. This would allow the Regional District of Nanaimo to seek out grants for actual construction of the skatepark. Queried by K. Clifford on if ground would be broken before 2019, McCulloch said if the funding is found ground could be broken in 2018.

Requests for Proposals for Huxley Park Tennis Court have gone out; as have Request for Proposals for the dasher board replacements for the Huxley Sport Court. K. Clifford said there are concerns from the tennis players the new surface being considered for the court may not be the most appropriate.

A tender for construction for the Tot Lot at Huxley Park closes the day after the POSAC meeting. Ground is expected to be broken on the playground this fall.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks Quarterly Update for January to March 2017 be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Whalebone Water Access (Handout)**

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) has temporarily closed the Bluewhale, Hummingbird and Joyce Lockwood beach access stairs located in the Whalebone Community Parks due to safety concerns owing to erosion, damage, and other site challenges. E. McCulloch reported the drainage improvements are complete at the beach access stairs at Queequeg Community Park and they have been re-opened. The stairs at Bluewhale Community Park remain closed; the drainage work and surfacing are complete and new aluminum stairs have been ordered and will be installed this fall (2017). The stairs at Hummingbird Community Park will remain closed; the 2017 Community Parks budget will not allow replacement this year. The stairs at Joyce Lockwood Community Park also remain closed; construction requires a new bottom landing which requires Department of Fisheries and Oceans permission for Foreshore work including footings for new landing and stairs. This fall staff will proceed with site assessments, design, and costing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 8:20 PM

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CHAIR