

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

12:00 P.M.

Board Chambers

In Attendance:	Director H. Houle	Chair
	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 B. Veenhof	Electoral Area H
	Director G. Fuller	City of Nanaimo
	Director J. Hong	City of Nanaimo
	Director I. Thorpe	City of Nanaimo
	Director M. Lefebvre	City of Parksville
	Director B. Colclough	District of Lantzville
	Director T. Westbroek	Town of Qualicum Beach
Regrets:	Director J. Stanhope	Electoral Area G
	Director B. Yoachim	City of Nanaimo
Also in Attendance:	P. Carlyle	Chief Administrative Officer
	T. Osborne	Gen. Mgr. Recreation & Parks
	W. Marshall	Mgr. Parks Services
	A. Harvey	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order and respectfully acknowledged the Coast Salish Nations on whose traditional territory the meeting took place.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended with the addition of the addendum items to Delegations and Correspondence.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee Meeting - January 30, 2018**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee meeting held January 30, 2018, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

R. Stone, re: Erosion to Nanaimo River Park Grounds

R. Stone and C. Martin provided the Committee with information about the land erosion at Nanaimo River Regional Park and requested it needs attention to prevent the loss of more ground.

R. O'Donnell, Benson View Road Resident, re: Decommissioning of Witchcraft Lake Parking Area

R. O'Donnell told the Committee about his and his neighbors' concerns about the continued use of the current parking lot and floating boardwalk after the construction of the new parking lot on Benson View Road is complete. He also read a letter from L. Lemon, voicing his concerns and the impact on his property.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

R. O'Donnell, Benson View Resident to T. Osborne, Regional District of Nanaimo, re: Mt. Benson Parking Update (and replies)

L. & B. Lemmon, Benson View Resident to T. Osborne, Regional District of Nanaimo, re: Benson View Regional Park Issues (and reply)

N. Goeller, Ministry of Forest Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to K.Cramer, Parks Planner re: Nanaimo River Regional Park (and replies)

D. Gaudry, Nanaimo & Area Land Trust, re: Proposed Mount Benson Regional Park Trail Maintenance 2018-2019

S. Holmes, Benson View Road Resident, re: Trailhead Mt. Benson Affected Residents

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Parks Update Report – Winter 2018

It was moved and seconded that the Parks Update Report - Winter 2018 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Witchcraft Lake Regional Trail Improvement Partnership Agreement

It was moved and seconded that the Regional District of Nanaimo enter into a two year agreement with the Federation of Mountain Clubs of British Columbia for the restoration and improvement of the Witchcraft Lake Regional Trail and trails within Mount Benson Regional Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mount Benson Regional Park – Parking Lot Project Update

It was moved and seconded that upon completion of the new parking lot at 2761 Benson View Road, the floating boardwalk be removed or repurposed and the existing parking area be maintained to service the City of Nanaimo’s park at Witchcraft Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

R. Stone, re: Erosion to Nanaimo River Park Grounds

The Committee discussed the concerns about the Nanaimo River erosion.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 1:15 PM

CHAIR