

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO
MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'B' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 4, 2019
10:30 A.M.
Gabriola Arts Centre

In Attendance:	Director V. Craig	Chair
	D. Kilbourn	Member, Gabriola Recreation Society
	K. Clifford	Member at Large
	T. Gambrill	Member at Large
	C. McMahon	Member at Large
	T. Wojcik	Member at Large
Regrets:	R. Brockley	Member at Large
Also in Attendance:	E. McCulloch	RDN Parks Planner

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.

COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS AND ORIENTATION

Committee members introduced themselves and E. McCulloch provided a brief orientation regarding the Committee Terms of Reference and the role of Community Parks on Gabriola Island.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY

D. Kilbourn was nominated to be Secretary. He accepted and with no other nominations was acclaimed as Secretary.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended to add:

Invited Presentation - K. Langereis, Island Trust Local Trust Area Trustee

Late Delegation - G. Manson, re: Application for EA B Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Electoral Area B Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting - September 17, 2018

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Electoral Area B Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held September 17, 2018, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

K. Langereis, Islands Trust Gabriola Island Local Trust Area Trustee

Islands Trust Gabriola Island Local Trust Area Trustee, Kees Langereis provided a verbal update on LTC activities related to parks including the Regional Conservation Plan (2018-2027); recent approval to undertake a project to create a new Ecological Protection Zone; preliminary discussions regarding the Islands Trust Strategic Plan; and a review of the Islands Trust Policy Statement.

DELEGATIONS

J. Henigman, re: Spring Beach Rd Water Access Closure - Stair Replacement Request

J. Henigman and others provided a verbal presentation requesting that the wooden stairs located at the Spring Beach Road water access be repaired as soon as possible as this water access provides the local residents much valued access to the beach for both recreational and emergency evacuation purposes. The stairs were damaged during the winter storms in December 2018. Four additional letters and a petition were submitted in support of the stair repair request.

G. Manson, re: Application for Area B Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee

Snuneymuxw First Nation representative, G. Manson provided a verbal presentation regarding her request to become a member of the Electoral Area B Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

L. Milman, Re Spring Beach Stairs

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Parks Update Report - July-September 2018

It was moved and seconded that the Parks Update Report - July - September 2018 be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Parks Update Report – October-December 2018

It was moved and seconded that the Parks Update Report – October-December 2018 be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

J. Henigman, re: Spring Beach Rd Water Access Closure - Stair Replacement Request

Staff will continue working on this issue through the operations plan.

G. Manson, re: Application for Area B Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee

The Committee discussed their support of having a representative from the Snuneymuxw First Nation on the Electoral Area B Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee. RDN staff are currently looking into this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal for a Public Area B Park Map at Huxley Community Park - D. Kilbourn

Staff will continue working on this issue through the operations plan.

POSAC Meeting Times

The Committee discussed the meeting times for 2019 and expressed concern that scheduling meetings during the day might limit the opportunity for committee and community members to attend. Committee members requested that the RDN consider alternating meeting times between 6:00pm and 10:30am throughout the year.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 12:00 PM

CHAIR