

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012
7:00 PM**

(RDN Board Chambers)

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. DELEGATIONS**

8 **Karen Hunter, Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Foundation, re Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Reserve UNESCO designation.**
- 3. BOARD MINUTES**

9-17 Minutes of the regular Board meeting held Tuesday, June 26, 2012.
- 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
- 5. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

18-19 **Laurie Gourlay, Mid Island Sustainability & Stewardship Initiative, re 'Green Gateway' proposal.**
- 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

BYLAWS

FOR ADOPTION

Amendment Bylaw No. 1285.17, 2012 - Zoning Amendment Application No. PL2009-040 – Keith Brown Associates Ltd. - Oceanside Storage Inc. – 1270 & 1274 Alberni Highway, Area 'F'. (Electoral Area Directors Except EA 'B' – One Vote)

That "Regional District of Nanaimo Zoning and Subdivision Amendment Bylaw No. 1285.17, 2012" be adopted.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE, SELECT COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE

20-22 Minutes of the Electoral Area Planning Committee meeting held Tuesday, July 10, 2012. (for information)

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Development Permit Application No. PL2012-068 – Barwil Builders Ltd. – 822 Mariner Way, Area ‘G.’ (Electoral Area Directors Except EA ‘B’ – One Vote)

That Development Permit Application No. PL2012-068 to permit the construction of a deck to the existing dwelling unit be approved subject to the conditions outlined in Schedules 1 to 4.

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Development Variance Permit Application No. PL2012-064– Fern Road Consulting – 3477 Schooner Road, Area ‘E’. (Electoral Area Directors Except EA ‘B’ – One Vote)

Delegations wishing to speak to Development Variance Permit Application No. PL2012-064. (maximum speaking time 5 minutes)

That Development Variance Permit Application No. PL2012-064 to vary the minimum setback from 8.0 metres to 0.0 metres inland from the top of a slope of 30% or greater for a proposed dwelling unit and accessory building; to vary the maximum permitted height from 8.0 metres to 10.7 metres for a proposed dwelling unit; and to vary the maximum permitted height from 6.0 metres to 7.4 metres for a proposed accessory building be approved.

Development Variance Permit Application No. PL2012-073 – David West – 1340 Tyler Road, Area ‘F’. (Electoral Area Directors Except EA ‘B’ – One Vote)

Delegations wishing to speak to Development Variance Permit Application No. PL2012-073. (maximum speaking time 5 minutes)

That Development Variance Permit Application No. PL2012-073 be approved subject to the conditions outlined in Schedules No. 1 to 2 as amended.

OTHER

Amendment Bylaw No. 500.378, 2012 – Zoning Amendment Application No. PL2012-014 – Carey Development Ltd. – 1244 & 1250 Allgard Road, Electoral Area ‘G’. (Electoral Area Directors Except EA ‘B’ – One Vote)

1. *That Zoning Amendment Application No. PL2012-014 to rezone a portion of the subject property from Residential 6 (RS6) to Rural 1 (RU1) be approved.*
2. *That “Regional District of Nanaimo Land Use and Subdivision Amendment Bylaw No. 500.378, 2012” be introduced and read two times.*
3. *That the Public Hearing on “Regional District of Nanaimo Land Use and Subdivision Amendment Bylaw No. 500.378, 2012”, be delegated to Director Stanhope or another Area Director.*

Amendment Bylaw No. 500.376, 2012 – Zoning Amendment Application No. PL2012-070 – Karen Kenyon, Jean-Luc Roy – Collingwood Drive, Electoral Area ‘E’. (Electoral Area Directors Except EA ‘B’ – One Vote)

1. *That Zoning Amendment Application No. PL2012-070 to rezone a portion of the subject property from Recreation 1 (RC1) Zone to Residential 1 (RS1) be approved.*
2. *That “Regional District of Nanaimo Land Use and Subdivision Amendment Bylaw No. 500.376, 2012” be introduced and read two times.*
3. *That the public hearing on “Regional District of Nanaimo Land Use and Subdivision Amendment Bylaw No. 500.376, 2012” be delegated to Director Holme or another Area Director.*

Request for Relaxation of the Minimum 10% Perimeter Frontage Requirement – Subdivision Application No. PL2012-047 – J.E. Anderson & Associates – 2032 Rocking Horse Place, Electoral Area ‘E’. (Electoral Area Directors Except EA ‘B’ – One Vote)

That the request to relax the minimum 10% perimeter frontage requirement for proposed Lot A and remainder parcel in conjunction with a Section 946 subdivision application, be approved.

7.2 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE STANDING COMMITTEE

23-28 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held July 10, 2012. (for information)

COMMUNICATIONS

Paula Young, Nanoose Place Landscaping Project, re Access Application Through Nanoose Place to Canuck Properties. (All Directors – One Vote)

That the correspondence from Paula Young be received for information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BYLAW ADOPTION

Bylaw 1552.01, 2012 – Southern Community Search and Rescue Contribution Service Amendment Bylaw. (All Directors – One Vote)

That “Southern Community Search and Rescue Contribution Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1552.01, 2012” be adopted.

FINANCE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

FINANCE

Report on Use of Development Cost Charges in 2011. (All Directors – One Vote)

That the report on Development Cost Charges provided under Section 937.01 be received for information.

STRATEGIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CURRENT PLANNING

Agricultural Area Plan Survey Results and Status Update. (All Directors – One Vote)

That the status update on the AAP and the “Summary of online survey results for the RDN Draft Agricultural Area Plan” be received.

ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Bylaw No. 1662 – Corporate Carbon Neutral Initiatives Fund Establishment Bylaw.
(All Directors – Weighted Vote / 2/3 Weighted Vote)

- 1. That “Corporate Carbon Neutral Initiatives Reserve Fund Establishing Bylaw No. 1662, 2012” be introduced and read three times.*
- 2. That “Corporate Carbon Neutral Initiatives Reserve Fund Establishing Bylaw No. 1662, 2012” be adopted.*

Release of Corporate Climate Action Reserve Funds – July 2012. (All Directors – Weighted Vote / 2/3 Weighted Vote)

That the Board approve the release of \$84,500 from the Corporate Climate Action Reserve Fund for investment in electric vehicle procurement; a 500 kVa transformer for the Greater Nanaimo Pollution Control Centre; lighting and boiler upgrades at Ravensong Aquatic Centre and Oceanside Place; and for the regional purchase of the SmartTool.

REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY UTILITIES

WASTEWATER SERVICES

Vancouver Island University Woodlot Groundwater Study and Biosolids Management Contract Extension.

(All Directors – One Vote)

That the Board receive the 2012 Piteau Associates Hydrogeological Assessment of Land Application of Biosolids, Vancouver Island University Forest (WL 020) report for information.

(All Directors – Weighted Vote)

That the Board approve an amendment to the Vancouver Island University biosolids management contract to extend the term of the contract to December 31, 2012, to provide additional time for staff to negotiate and prepare a new longer term partnership agreement for the management of biosolids from both the Greater Nanaimo and French Creek Pollution Control Centres.

RECREATION AND PARKS SERVICES

Nanoose Place Lease Agreement Renewal. (All Directors – Weighted Vote)

That the Board approve the Lease Agreement between the Nanoose Bay Activities and Recreation Society and the Regional District of Nanaimo for the property legally described as: Lot 2, District Lot 6, Nanoose District, Plan 50996 for a five year term expiring on July 31, 2017.

COMMISSION, ADVISORY & SELECT COMMITTEES

Electoral Area 'G' Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee. (All Directors – One Vote)

That the minutes of the Electoral Area 'G' Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee meeting held Monday, March 19, 2012 be received for information.

Electoral Area 'H' Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee. (All Directors – One Vote)

That the minutes of the Electoral Area 'H' Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee meeting held Wednesday, March 28, 2012 be received for information.

Agricultural Advisory Committee. (All Directors – One Vote)

That the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held Friday, June 22, 2012 be received for information.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

1633 Morello Road, Area 'E' – Unsightly Premises. (All Directors – One Vote)

That the compliance deadline under "Unsightly Premises Regulatory Bylaw No. 1073, 1996" for the property at 1633 Morello Road, be extended for a period of ninety (90) days.

7.4 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

7.5 COMMISSIONS

7.6 SCHEDULED STANDING, ADVISORY STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES

29-32 **Electoral Area 'E' Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee.** (All Directors – One Vote)

That the minutes of the Electoral Area 'E' Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee meeting held Monday, June 4, 2012 be received for information.

33-34 **East Wellington and Pleasant Valley Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee.** (All Directors – One Vote)

That the minutes of the East Wellington and Pleasant Valley Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee meeting held Monday, June 11, 2012 be received for information.

35-37 **Electoral Area 'G' Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee.** (All Directors – One Vote)

That the minutes of the Electoral Area 'G' Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee meeting held Monday, June 25, 2012 be received for information.

38-40 **Electoral Area 'H' Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee.** (All Directors – One Vote)

That the minutes of the Electoral Area 'H' Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee meeting held Wednesday, June 27, 2012 be received for information.

8. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

41-43 **Bylaw No. 1663 – Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – 2013 Permissive Tax Exemption.** (All Directors – Weighted Vote / 2/3 Weighted Vote)

44-46 **Bear Awareness Education.** (Electoral Area Directors, Lantzville, Parksville, Qualicum Beach – Weighted Vote)

47-51 **Blue Communities Initiative.** (All Directors – One Vote)

9. ADDENDUM

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. BOARD INFORMATION (Separate enclosure on blue paper)

13. ADJOURNMENT

14. IN CAMERA

That pursuant to Sections 90(1)(k) and 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter, the Board proceed to an In Camera meeting to consider discussions respecting a proposed new service, and to consider negotiations with the provincial and federal governments.

O'Halloran, Matt

From: Karen Hunter <hunter.kren@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 2:27 PM
To: O'Halloran, Matt
Cc: Nicole Muchowski; Holly Clermont; Peter Rothermel; Jim & Faye Boggs
Subject: RDN board meeting - future presentation

Hi Matt,

Chris Midgley passed me your name to discuss presenting at an upcoming RDN Board meeting. Can you inform me of what I need to do to get on the roster and what dates look promising?
I need to review the meeting schedule with you before committing. I have tight deadlines for my work in June and have zero extra time for the volunteer work this request involves.

thanks,
Karen

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what you do is proof of what you believe ~simon sineck

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO HELD ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012 AT 7:03 PM IN THE
RDN BOARD CHAMBERS

Director J. Stanhope	Chairperson
Director D. Brennan	Deputy Chairperson
Alternate	
Director J. McLeod	Electoral Area A
Director H. Houle	Electoral Area B
Director M. Young	Electoral Area C
Alternate	
Director F. Van Eynde	Electoral Area E
Director J. Fell	Electoral Area F
Director W. Veenhof	Electoral Area H
Director M. Lefebvre	City of Parksville
Director D. Willie	Town of Qualicum Beach
Director B. Dempsey	District of Lantzville
Director J. Ruttan	City of Nanaimo
Director D. Johnstone	City of Nanaimo
Director B. Bestwick	City of Nanaimo
Director J. Kipp	City of Nanaimo
Director T. Greves	City of Nanaimo
Director G. Anderson	City of Nanaimo

Regrets:	Director A. McPherson	Electoral Area A
	Director G. Holme	Electoral Area E

Also in Attendance:

C. Mason	Chief Administrative Officer
W. Idema	Director of Finance
J. Holme	A/Gen. Mgr., Strategic & Community Development
S. DePol	A/Gen. Mgr., Regional & Community Utilities
D. Trudeau	Gen. Mgr., Transportation & Solid Waste Services
T. Osborne	Gen. Mgr., Recreation & Parks Services
T. Armet	Mgr., Building, Bylaw & Emergency Planning Services
N. Tonn	Recording Secretary

DELEGATIONS**Ken Zakreski, Gabriola Radio Society, re Current Status of CKGI 98.7 FM Gabriola Community Radio.**

Mr. Zakreski provided an overview of the Gabriola Community Radio Station and the proposed tower placement to allow broadcasting after earthquakes and during power outages.

PRESENTATIONS**Partnership Project with Sunyani Ghana – Update.**

The Manager of Solid Waste provided a visual and oral presentation on the RDN's partnership project with Sunyani, Ghana giving a short history as well as future projects with the assistance of the Nanaimo and Sunyani Rotary Clubs and the Vancouver Island University.

Sunyani Solid Waste Management Plan.

Senyo Agbedra presented a brief overview of the relationship between the Regional District of Nanaimo and the City of Sunyani and thanked all those involved in continuing the partnership.

Daniel Korkor provided a visual and oral presentation on the Sunyani Solid Waste Management Plan and the involvement of Sunyani's governance and volunteers in making Sunyani the Cleanest City in Ghana.

BOARD MINUTES

MOVED Director Bestwick, SECONDED Director Johnstone, that the minutes of the regular Board meeting held May 22, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**Rob Christopher, Nanaimo Search and Rescue, re RDN Support for Search and Rescue Operations**

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Greves, that the correspondence from Nanaimo Search and Rescue be received.

CARRIED

Helen Jordin, Allsave Mini Storage, re Amendment Bylaw No. 1285.17, 2012.

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Greves, that the correspondence from Allsave Mini Storage be received.

CARRIED

Patty and Steve Biro, re Baynes Sound Investments Ltd. Proposed Development in Deep Bay.

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Greves, that the correspondence from Patty and Steve Biro be received.

CARRIED

Patty Biro, re June 13 Rural Village Centre's Study Open House and Workshop.

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Greves, that the correspondence from Patty Biro be received.

CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR THIRD READING

Amendment Bylaw No. 1285.17, 2012 – Zoning Amendment Application No. PL2009-040 – Keith Brown Associates Ltd. – Oceanside Storage Inc. – 1270 & 1274 Alberni Highway, Area 'F'.

MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED Director Van Eynde, that the report of the public hearing held on May 29, 2012 regarding "Regional District of Nanaimo Zoning and Subdivision Amendment Bylaw No. 1285.17, 2012" be received.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED Director Van Eynde, that "Regional District of Nanaimo Zoning and Subdivision Amendment Bylaw No. 1285.17, 2012" be read a third time.

CARRIED

Amendment Bylaw No. 500.375, 2012 – Zoning Amendment Application No. PL2011-089 – Kitching – 3519 Hallberg Road, Area 'A'.

MOVED Director McLeod, SECONDED Director Young, that the report of the public hearing held on June 7, 2012 regarding "Regional District of Nanaimo Land Use and Subdivision Amendment Bylaw No. 500.375, 2012" be received.

CARRIED

MOVED Director McLeod, SECONDED Director Young, that "Regional District of Nanaimo Land Use and Subdivision Amendment Bylaw No. 500.375, 2012" be read a third time.

CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

Bylaw No. 1556.02.

MOVED Director Dempsey, SECONDED Director Anderson, that "Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1556.02, 2012", be adopted.

CARRIED

STANDING COMMITTEE, SELECT COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Houle, that the minutes of the Electoral Area Planning Committee meeting held Tuesday, June 12, 2012 be received for information.

CARRIED

PLANNING

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Development Permit Application No. PL2012-061 – Robert & Norma Pain – 925 Mistaken Place, Area 'G'.

MOVED Director Young, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that Development Permit Application No. PL2012-061 to permit the construction of an addition (a sunroom) to the existing dwelling unit be approved subject to the conditions outlined in Schedules 1 to 3.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT WITH VARIANCE APPLICATIONS

Development Permit Application No. PL2012-028 – Ken Tanguay – 594 Wain Road, Area 'G'.

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Young, that Development Permit with Variance Application No. PL2012-028 to permit additions to the existing dwelling unit be approved subject to the conditions outlined in Schedules 1 to 5.

CARRIED

Development Permit with Variance Application No. PL2012-049 – McIntosh – 891 Fisherman Circle, Area 'G'.

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Van Eynde, that Development Permit with Variance Application No. PL2012-049 to permit the construction of an engineered rock retaining wall be approved subject to the conditions outlined in Schedule 1.

CARRIED

OTHER

Request to Accept Cash in Lieu of Park Dedication – Ryvers & Son Home (Builders) Inc., 6620 Island Highway West and Adjacent Property to the North, Area 'H'.

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Young, that the request to pay 5% cash-in-lieu of park land dedication in conjunction with Subdivision Application No. PL2011-087 be accepted.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE STANDING COMMITTEE

MOVED Director Johnstone, SECONDED Director Brennan, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held June 12, 2012 be received for information.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Mike Squire, Arrowsmith Water / Englishman River Water Service, re Concerns about the Proposed Englishman River Water Intake.

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Greves, that the correspondence from the Arrowsmith Water / Englishman River Water Service be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE AND INFORMATION SERVICES**FINANCE**

Regional District of Nanaimo 2011 Annual Financial Report, Board & Committee Member Expenses and Remuneration and Statement of Financial Information.

MOVED Director Van Eynde, SECONDED Director Brennan, that the 2011 Annual Financial Report, Statement of Board and Committee Members Expenses and Remuneration, and the Statement of Financial Information be received and approved as presented.

CARRIED

The Chairperson noted that the next Agenda item was addressed as part of the Nanaimo Regional Hospital District Board Meeting.

Operating Results for the Period Ending April 30, 2012.

MOVED Director Van Eynde, SECONDED Director Fell, that the summary report of financial results from operations to April 30th, 2012 be received for information.

CARRIED

Approval of Signing Authorities for General Banking and Investments.

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Willie, that the signing authorities for general banking services and financial instruments reflect the following officer positions:

Chairperson	Joe Stanhope
Deputy Chairperson	Diane Brennan
Chief Administrative Officer	Carol Mason
Director of Finance	Wendy Idema
Manager, Accounting Services	Tiffany Moore

CARRIED

MOVED Director Anderson, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the foregoing authorizations extend to accounts in the name of the Regional District of Nanaimo and the Nanaimo Regional Hospital District.

CARRIED

Implementation of Wireless Tablets for Elected Members.

MOVED Director Greves, SECONDED Director Houle, that staff be authorized to purchase an appropriate iPad and software for elected member use.

CARRIED

STRATEGIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BUILDING AND BYLAW SERVICES

1588 Rugg Rd., Area 'A' – Unsightly Premises.

MOVED Director McLeod, SECONDED Director Ruttan, that the Board direct the Owners of the property, to remove from the premises those items as set out in the attached Resolution within thirty (30) days, or the work will be undertaken by the Regional District of Nanaimo's agents at the Owner's cost.

CARRIED

1927 Woobank Rd., Area 'A' – Unsightly Premises.

The Chairperson noted that this item has been withdrawn.

2090 Bramley Rd., Area 'C' – Unsightly Premises.

MOVED Director Young, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the Board direct the Owners of the property, to remove from the premises those items as set out in the attached Resolution within thirty (30) days, or the work will be undertaken by the Regional District of Nanaimo's agents at the Owner's cost.

CARRIED

1633 Morello Rd., Area 'E' – Unsightly Premises.

MOVED Director Van Eynde, SECONDED Director Brennan, that the Board direct the Owner of the property, to remove from the premises those items as set out in the attached Resolution within thirty (30) days, or the work will be undertaken by the Regional District of Nanaimo's agents at the Owner's cost.

CARRIED

387 Dunsmuir Rd., Area 'H' – Unsightly Premises.

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the Board direct the Owner of the property, to remove from the premises those items as set out in the attached Resolution within thirty (30) days, or the work will be undertaken by the Regional District of Nanaimo's agents at the Owner's cost.

CARRIED

72 Bald Eagle Cres., Area 'H' – Unsightly Premises.

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the Owner of the property, to remove from the premises those items as set out in the attached Resolution within thirty (30) days, or the work will be undertaken by the Regional District of Nanaimo's agents at the Owner's cost.

CARRIED

1038 Horseshoe Rd., Area 'B' – Unsafe Building (update).

MOVED Director Houle, SECONDED Johnstone, that this report on the outcome of the remedial action Order in relation to the unsafe building at 1038 Horseshoe Road, Gabriola Island, be received for information.

CARRIED

LONG RANGE PLANNING

VIHA Grant for Capacity Building – Ending Homelessness.

MOVED Director Willie, SECONDED Director Brennan, that the RDN Board allocate 60% of the VIHA funds to the City of Nanaimo and SOS on behalf of the Oceanside Homelessness Task Force, distributed on the basis of population in District 68 and District 69, to support their specific homelessness projects underway that meet the VIHA criteria of supporting capacity building for homelessness and retain the remainder in a reserve fund for distribution at a later date.

CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION AND SOLID WASTE SERVICES

SOLID WASTE SERVICES

Landfill Track Loader – Tender Award.

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Anderson, that Finning (Canada) Ltd. be awarded the supply of a CAT 973D track loader for a purchase price of \$435,000 and guaranteed buy back of \$110,000 and that the Director of Finance be authorized to execute a four year lease to finance this purchase.

CARRIED

COMMISSION, ADVISORY & SELECT COMMITTEE

District 69 Recreation Commission.

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the Community and Youth Grant recommendations be approved as follows:

Youth Grants:

Bard to Broadway Theatre Society (Youth Theatre)	\$ 1,000
Bard to Broadway Theatre Society (Education Series)	1,500
District 69 Family Resource Association	1,200
Oceanside BMX (formerly Erik Goetzinger BMX)	1,600
Oceanside Youth Football Association	2,000
Ravensong Aquatic Club	2,500

Community Grants:

Corcan Meadowood Residents Association	\$ 1,500
Lighthouse Recreation Commission	2,700
Oceanside Building Learning Together	1,000
Oceanside Building Learning Together	455
Oceanside Community Arts Council	450
Arrowsmith Community Enhancement Society	1,200
The Old School House	1,800
Parksville Badminton Club	1,250
Parksville and District 69 Team	1,500
Parksville Lions Club	1,500
Qualicum Beach "Beach Day" Organizing Committee	1,000

CARRIED

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the recommendations of the Fees and Charges report be approved.

CARRIED

SCHEDULED STANDING, ADVISORY STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES

Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee.

MOVED Director Ruttan, SECONDED Director Brennan, that the minutes of the Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee meeting held Tuesday, June 5, 2012 be received for information.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Ruttan, SECONDED Director Brennan, that the proposed Regional Parks Development Charge Bylaw No. 1619 not be implemented at this time and the Board review the regional parkland acquisition list prior to making any further adjustment to the Regional Parks Parcel Tax.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Ruttan, SECONDED Director Brennan, that the request for the Regional District's involvement on a potential public trail access to the DL 33 Forest Lands be received and no further action be taken by the Regional District.

CARRIED

Sustainability Select Committee.

MOVED Director Anderson, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the minutes of the Sustainability Select Committee meeting held Wednesday, June 12, 2012 be received for information.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Anderson, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that the Regional Emission Reduction Projects Memorandum of Agreement be endorsed by the RDN Board and forwarded to the member municipalities.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Anderson, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the RDN revise the eligibility criteria for the EV charging station rebate.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Anderson, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the RDN Board support a regional scale application for Provincial incentives for electric vehicle planning and charging infrastructure.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

99 Year Lease and Updated Covenant – Little Qualicum River Estuary Regional Conservation Area.

MOVED Director Brennan, SECONDED Director Fell, that the 99-year lease to manage and operate the Little Qualicum River Estuary Regional Conservation Area as attached as Appendix I, and the updated s. 219 conservation covenant for Land as attached as Appendix II be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

Gabriola Radio Society.

MOVED Director Houle, SECONDED Director Young, that the report from the Gabriola Radio Society be received.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Director Van Eynde, SECONDED Director Fell, that pursuant to Section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter the Board proceed to an In Camera meeting to consider land-related and legal issues.

CARRIED

TIME: 7:59 PM

CHAIRPERSON

SR. MGR., CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION



RDN, Committee of the Whole
c/o Legislative Services, Matt O'Halloran
Regional District of Nanaimo
6300 Hammond Bay Road
Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6N2

July 18, 2012

Dear RDN Board,

Here on the east coast of Vancouver Island, where most of the watersheds are in private holdings, a strategic approach on sustainability is a necessity if economic progress and growth is to be managed for the public interest.

At this time there is unfortunately a worrisome problem facing the RDN, with respect to the Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Reserve. Questions are being raised about the ability of our regional district to meet international parameters and national goals that spell out the bottom line for sustainable development under the Man and Biosphere program.

In Paris in 2000 I was lucky enough to get an interview with Mr. Peter Bridgewater, the Secretary of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve program. It was interesting and important to hear about how much emphasis the program put on the economy being dependent on a healthy ecosystem.

In this light failing to assure the UNESCO authorities about the RDN's willingness to apply sustainable development standards for ecological and economic balance, will lead to financial opportunities and investment being lost, and revenues falling locally.

The Biosphere Reserve designation provides an internationally recognized standard, and review body, that offers a neutral assessment of sustainability, as well as goals to provide a balanced approach to development - with the environment as the bottom line. Biosphere Reserves need a core area established in permanent protection, with surrounding buffers, links and protected spaces, as well as complementary conservation practices, reserves and parklands in outlying areas.

The RDN is now at risk of losing its UNESCO designation for Mount Arrowsmith. As a result the RDN's reputation as a region that implements green plans and long-term vision will come under scrutiny. Prominent tourism, destination, retirement and investment revenues are also put at risk.

MISSI would then like to request that the Board consider the problem that MABR now faces, taking into account two current initiatives that offer an opportunity to substantially establish the region as an exemplary model for sustainable development and stewardship.

Taken as a whole we believe that the UNESCO oversight committee will gain a new perspective on the RDN's commitment to conservation and stewardship, and be willing to postpone plans to rescind UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status for Mt Arrowsmith.

Specifically we would invite the RDN Board to consider integrating two local initiatives within a larger context, so that the MABR is reviewed by UNESCO in light of a region-wide plan that would support:

- 1) the proposed extension around Gabriola Island and into the Nanaimo estuary for the Southern Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Area Reserve.
- 2) the 'Nanaimo River and Watershed Roundtable', that is to be formally established this September; with goals to integrate local industry, government, academic and community sectors in efforts to achieve sustainability and stewardship.

You may recall that MISSI provided a proposal last September which packaged these elements for Nanaimo and region as a 'Green Gateway to Vancouver Island'. The combined areas would offer a corridor that we believe UNESCO would find particularly beneficial.

This 'horseshoe' green belt would also support water, habitat and conservation principles addressed in the RDN's strategic plan of 2011. MISSI would be pleased to provide additional information and related materials on the benefits, at your request.

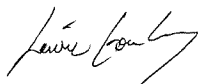
We would finally like to emphasize that there is no additional cost to the Region for embracing this larger plan, should the RDN be willing to integrate these two components into a solution for the Mt Arrowsmith Biosphere Reserve.

In fact MISSI believes that pursuing this approach provides a great opportunity to increase revenues locally, as well as firmly establish the reputation of the RDN as a green steward.

We also believe that increasing the conversation on conservation will bring people to the table, inviting one and all to be part of the solution, and will benefit communities throughout the Regional District of Nanaimo.

In the end however we believe this proposal, to establish the RDN as the 'Green Gateway to Vancouver Island', makes both economic and ecological sense. It's worth trying in other words. We sincerely hope the Board will give it serious consideration.

Thank you,



Laurie Gourlay, President
Mid Island Sustainability & Stewardship Initiative
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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012 AT 6:30 PM
IN THE RDN BOARD CHAMBERS

Present:

Director J. Stanhope	Chairperson
Director A. McPherson	Electoral Area A
Alternate	
Director C. Pinker	Electoral Area C
Alternate	
Director F. Van Eynde	Electoral Area E
Alternate	
Director L. Salter	Electoral Area F
Director W. Veenhof	Electoral Area H

Also in Attendance:

C. Mason	Chief Administrative Officer
P. Thorkelsson	Gen. Mgr., Strategic and Community Development
J. Holm	Mgr., Current Planning
P. Thompson	Mgr., Long Range Planning
N. Tonn	Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Director M. Young	Electoral Area C
Director G. Holme	Electoral Area E
Director J. Fell	Electoral Area F

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson welcomed Alternate Directors Pinker, Van Eynde and Salter to the meeting.

MINUTES

MOVED Director Van Eynde, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that the minutes of the regular Electoral Area Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Development Permit Application No. PL2012-068 – Barwil Builders Ltd. – 822 Mariner Way, Area ‘G’.

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director McPherson, that Development Permit Application No. PL2012-068 to permit the construction of a deck to the existing dwelling unit be approved subject to the conditions outlined in Schedules 1 to 4.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Development Variance Permit Application No. PL2012-064– Fern Road Consulting – 3477 Schooner Road, Area ‘E’.

Staff noted that the report recommendation should be amended to add the words “That staff be directed to complete the required notification” and further that Schedule 1, item (1) should read ‘Section 3.3.9 b) (i).’”

MOVED Director Van Eynde, SECONDED Director Pinker, that staff be directed to complete the required notification.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Van Eynde, SECONDED Director Pinker, that Development Variance Permit Application No. PL2012-064 to vary the minimum setback from 8.0 metres to 0.0 metres inland from the top of a slope of 30% or greater for a proposed dwelling unit and accessory building; to vary the maximum permitted height from 8.0 metres to 10.7 metres for a proposed dwelling unit; and to vary the maximum permitted height from 6.0 metres to 7.4 metres for a proposed accessory building be approved.

CARRIED

Development Variance Permit Application No. PL2012-073 – David West – 1340 Tyler Road, Area ‘F’.

Staff noted that Schedule 1, item (3) should be amended as follows:

3. **Section 4.14.3 f) Minimum Setback From ii) All Other Lot Lines** is requested to be varied by relaxing the minimum setback from the other lot line in relation to the south property line from 2.0 metres to 0.97 metres to legalize the siting of an existing non-conforming accessory building as shown on Schedule 2.

MOVED Director Salter, SECONDED Director McPherson, that staff be directed to complete the required notification.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Salter, SECONDED Director McPherson, that Development Variance Permit Application No. PL2012-073 be approved subject to the conditions outlined in Schedules No. 1 to 2 as amended.

CARRIED

OTHER

Amendment Bylaw No. 500.378, 2012 – Zoning Amendment Application No. PL2012-014 – Carey Development Ltd. – 1244 & 1250 Allgard Road, Electoral Area ‘G’.

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director McPherson, that Zoning Amendment Application No. PL2012-014 to rezone a portion of the subject property from Residential 6 (RS6) to Rural 1 (RU1) be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director McPherson, that “Regional District of Nanaimo Land Use and Subdivision Amendment Bylaw No. 500.378, 2012” be introduced and read two times.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director McPherson, that the Public Hearing on “Regional District of Nanaimo Land Use and Subdivision Amendment Bylaw No. 500.378, 2012”, be delegated to Director Stanhope or another Area Director.

CARRIED

Amendment Bylaw No. 500.376, 2012 – Zoning Amendment Application No. PL2012-070 – Karen Kenyon, Jean-Luc Roy – Collingwood Drive, Electoral Area ‘E’.

MOVED Director Van Eynde, SECONDED Director McPherson, that Zoning Amendment Application No. PL2012-070 to rezone a portion of the subject property from Recreation 1 (RC1) Zone to Residential 1 (RS1) be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Van Eynde, SECONDED Director McPherson, that “Regional District of Nanaimo Land Use and Subdivision Amendment Bylaw No. 500.376, 2012” be introduced and read two times.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Van Eynde, SECONDED Director McPherson, that the public hearing on “Regional District of Nanaimo Land Use and Subdivision Amendment Bylaw No. 500.376, 2012” be delegated to Director Holme or another Area Director.

CARRIED

Request for Relaxation of the Minimum 10% Perimeter Frontage Requirement – Subdivision Application No. PL2012-047 – J.E. Anderson & Associates – 2032 Rocking Horse Place, Electoral Area ‘E’.

MOVED Director Van Eynde, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that the request to relax the minimum 10% perimeter frontage requirement for proposed Lot A and remainder parcel in conjunction with a Section 946 subdivision application, be approved.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Director Van Eynde, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that this meeting terminate.

CARRIED

Time: 6:50 PM

CHAIRPERSON

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012 AT 7:00 PM
IN THE RDN BOARD CHAMBERS

Present:

Director J. Stanhope	Chairperson
Director A. McPherson	Electoral Area A
Director H. Houle	Electoral Area B
Alternate	
Director C. Pinker	Electoral Area C
Alternate	
Director F. Van Eynde	Electoral Area E
Alternate	
Director L. Salter	Electoral Area F
Director W. Veenhof	Electoral Area H
Director M. Lefebvre	City of Parksville
Director D. Willie	Town of Qualicum Beach
Director B. Dempsey	District of Lantzville
Director J. Ruttan	City of Nanaimo
Alternate	
Director F. Pattje	City of Nanaimo
Alternate	
Director B. McKay	City of Nanaimo
Director D. Johnstone	City of Nanaimo
Director J. Kipp	City of Nanaimo
Director T. Greves	City of Nanaimo

Also in Attendance:

C. Mason	Chief Administrative Officer
W. Idema	Director of Finance
P. Thorkelsson	Gen. Mgr., Strategic and Community Development
J. Finnie	Gen. Mgr., Regional & Community Utilities
D. Banman	A/Gen. Mgr., Recreation & Parks Services
D. Trudeau	Gen. Mgr., Transportation & Solid Waste Services
M. O'Halloran	Legislative Coordinator
C. Midgley	Mgr., Energy & Sustainability
N. Tonn	Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Director D. Brennan	Deputy Chairperson
Director M. Young	Electoral Area C
Director G. Holme	Electoral Area E
Director J. Fell	Electoral Area F
Director B. Bestwick	City of Nanaimo
Director G. Anderson	City of Nanaimo

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson welcomed Alternate Directors Pinker, Van Eynde, Salter, McKay and Pattje to the meeting.

DELEGATIONS

Gary Bentham, Village Design and Drafting, re Proposed Policy Statement for Regional Growth Strategy and Agricultural Area Plan.

Mr. Bentham spoke regarding a citizens' initiative which would allow the farming community to become more prominent through the creation of a new zoning proposal. A copy of Mr. Bentham's proposal was presented to the Chairperson and the Planning Department with a request to be invited to present this proposal to a future meeting of the Board.

Laura Paddock and Jennifer Miller, HealthLink BC, re Overview of HealthLink BC Programs.

Ms. Paddock and Ms. Miller provided a verbal and visual presentation on programs available to residents of British Columbia provided by HealthLink BC.

LATE DELEGATIONS

MOVED Director Kipp, SECONDED Director Johnstone, that late delegations be permitted to address the Committee.

CARRIED

Enid Mary Sangster-Kelly, re 1633 Morello Road, Area 'E' – Unsightly Premises.

Ms. Sangster-Kelly spoke in opposition to the Unsightly Premises order citing improvements to the property at 1633 Morello Road, and requested that the Board rescind the order approved by the Board at its June 26, 2012 Board meeting.

Brian Sangster-Kelly, re 1633 Morello Road, Area 'E' – Unsightly Premises.

Mr. Sangster-Kelly spoke in opposition to the Unsightly Premises order for the property located at 1633 Morello Road.

Ann Barber, re 1633 Morello Road, Area 'E' – Unsightly Premises.

Ms. Barber provided a verbal and visual presentation of the property located at 1633 Morello Road and noted the improvements made to the property and the planned changes to the property by herself and her husband to comply with RDN regulations. Ms. Barber requested a 90 day extension to the Order to achieve this.

MINUTES

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Willie, that the minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting held Tuesday, June 12, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

Paula Young, Nanoose Place Landscaping Project, re Access Application Through Nanoose Place to Canuck Properties.

MOVED Director Van Eynde, SECONDED Director Ruttan, that the correspondence from Paula Young be received for information.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BYLAW ADOPTION

Bylaw 1552.01, 2012 – Southern Community Search and Rescue Contribution Service Amendment Bylaw.

MOVED Director Kipp, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that “Southern Community Search and Rescue Contribution Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1552.01, 2012” be adopted.

CARRIED

FINANCE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

FINANCE

Report on Use of Development Cost Charges in 2011.

MOVED Director Johnstone, SECONDED Director Van Eynde, that the report on Development Cost Charges provided under Section 937.01 be received for information.

CARRIED

STRATEGIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CURRENT PLANNING

Agricultural Area Plan Survey Results and Status Update.

MOVED Director Houle, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that the status update on the AAP and the “Summary of online survey results for the RDN Draft Agricultural Area Plan” be received.

CARRIED

ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Bylaw No. 1662 – Corporate Carbon Neutral Initiatives Fund Establishment Bylaw.

MOVED Director Johnstone, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that “Corporate Carbon Neutral Initiatives Reserve Fund Establishing Bylaw No. 1662, 2012” be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Johnstone, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that “Corporate Carbon Neutral Initiatives Reserve Fund Establishing Bylaw No. 1662, 2012” be adopted.

CARRIED

Release of Corporate Climate Action Reserve Funds – July 2012.

MOVED Director Johnstone, SECONDED Director Salter, that the Board approve the release of \$84,500 from the Corporate Climate Action Reserve Fund for investment in electric vehicle procurement; a 500 kVa transformer for the Greater Nanaimo Pollution Control Centre; lighting and boiler upgrades at Ravensong Aquatic Centre and Oceanside Place; and for the regional purchase of the SmartTool.

CARRIED

REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY UTILITIES

WASTEWATER SERVICES

Vancouver Island University Woodlot Groundwater Study and Biosolids Management Contract Extension.

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Houle, that the Board receive the 2012 Piteau Associates Hydrogeological Assessment of Land Application of Biosolids, Vancouver Island University Forest (WL 020) report for information.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Houle, that the Board approve an amendment to the Vancouver Island University biosolids management contract to extend the term of the contract to December 31, 2012, to provide additional time for staff to negotiate and prepare a new longer term partnership agreement for the management of biosolids from both the Greater Nanaimo and French Creek Pollution Control Centres.

CARRIED

RECREATION AND PARKS SERVICES

Nanoose Place Lease Agreement Renewal.

MOVED Director Van Eynde, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that the Board approve the Lease Agreement between the Nanoose Bay Activities and Recreation Society and the Regional District of Nanaimo for the property legally described as: Lot 2, District Lot 6, Nanoose District, Plan 50996 for a five year term expiring on July 31, 2017.

CARRIED

COMMISSION, ADVISORY & SELECT COMMITTEES

Electoral Area 'G' Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee.

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that the minutes of the Electoral Area 'G' Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee meeting held Monday, March 19, 2012 be received for information.

CARRIED

Electoral Area 'H' Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee.

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the minutes of the Electoral Area 'H' Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee meeting held Wednesday, March 28, 2012 be received for information.

CARRIED

Agricultural Advisory Committee.

MOVED Director Johnstone, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held Friday, June 22, 2012 be received for information.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

1633 Morello Road, Area 'E' – Unsightly Premises.

MOVED Director Salter, SECONDED Director Kipp, that the June 26, 2012 Board resolution regarding unsightly premises at 1633 Morello Road be rescinded.

It was noted that this motion is out of order as under Bylaw No. 1512, Section 27 (4), the Board shall not reconsider any question that has been acted upon by any officer or employee of the Regional District.

MOVED Director Johnstone, SECONDED Director Salter, that the compliance deadline under "Unsightly Premises Regulatory Bylaw No. 1073, 1996" for the property at 1633 Morello Road, be extended for a period of ninety (90) days.

CARRIED

BOARD INFORMATION

FCM and UBCM Notification.

It was noted that notification from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Union of BC Municipalities should be provided in a more timely manner to allow input from members when requested.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Director Kipp, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that this meeting adjourn to allow for an In Camera meeting.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

MOVED Director Kipp, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that pursuant to Section 90(1)(c) and (e) of the *Community Charter* the Committee proceed to an in Camera meeting to consider personnel and land related issues.

CARRIED

TIME: 8:37 PM

CHAIRPERSON

Manager, Administrative Services

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF ELECTORAL AREA 'E' PARKS AND OPEN SPACES ADVISORY
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
MONDAY JUNE 4, 2012
AT NANOOSE PLACE

Attendance: Director George Holme - Chair
Peter Law
Gabrielle Cartlidge
Gordon Wiebe
Robert Rogers
Glenn Thornton

Staff: Elaine McCulloch, Parks Planner

Regrets: Randy Orr

CALL TO ORDER

Director Holme called the meeting to order at 7:00

MINUTES

Moved G. Wiebe, Seconded G. Cartlidge that the Minutes of the Electoral Area 'E' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee held March 5, 2012 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects

Ms. McCulloch provided a brief summary of the Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects for Area E - March and April 2012.

Mr. Law had a question about the successful park "grants" received for Community Park projects in the RDN over the past 6 months. What is the process, and can Area E apply for "grants" in the future?

Ms. McCulloch explained that three Community Recreation Grants were received from the Province and that the funds will go towards local Park construction projects. The grants funds will supplement the existing funding the RDN has already committed to the projects. She explained that typically in order to be eligible for grants such as these, a specific project (such as the Blueback CP park development) often has to be "shovel ready"; meaning that a public

consultation process has been completed and that detailed plans and cost estimates have been developed.

Ms. McCulloch indicated that the RDN was successful in receiving funding for a "Community Parks and Trail Plan" for District 69. This project will have implications for Area E.

Dave Palidwor should be asked to attend the next Area E meeting to brief the committee on this project.

Park Benches

Mr. Law asked about why a new park bench that has recently been installed in the Schooner Ridge Park, at Foxrun Place was not forwarded to the POSAC? Ms. McCulloch explained that the Fairwinds development has a "Park Bench" dedication program on their private properties. In this case Fairwinds worked with RDN Operations staff to locate the bench in a community park adjacent to the golf course property. If not, then this bench placement should have been referred to the POSAC.

MOVED R. Rogers, SECONDED G. Wiebe that future park benches, placed on RDN Community Park property, should be referred to the Area E POSAC for review and approval.

CARRIED

Moved G. Cartlidge, Seconded B. Rogers that the reports be received.

CARRIED

Electoral Area E Budget Review

Ms McCulloch provided a review of the May 28th memo "2012 budget Highlights". She noted that the \$10K estimate would be for a contract to hire a Landscape Architect who will flesh out some concepts and costs for the Blueback CP. This work will begin after a questionnaire of local residents (and Divers who use the park) has been undertaken.

Logistics of the survey was discussed. Ms. McCulloch suggested that an "Open House" is a good method to encourage feedback from local residents. G. Holme suggested that both (survey and Open House) be implemented this summer in a defined area of residents along Blueback, Griise, Tyee, Perch and Coho bordered by Schooner Drive in the east and Coho Lane in the west. Ms McCulloch will develop a draft questionnaire for residents and send to the Committee for comment and a potential date for the Open House will also be provided.

P. Law asked whether RDN Parks staff have finalized cost sharing of the retaining wall restoration project at Jack Bagley Park. Ms. McCulloch will update this committee when she finds out the status of cost sharing discussions with the School District.

G. Holme requested clarification on the garbage allowance for Jack Bagley Park. He indicated that SD 69 is the lease holder of this Park, and that garbage collection is part of this lease. Ms. McCulloch will request maintenance staff to cease routine maintenance at Bagley Park and inform SD 69 of the issue.

Five Year Project Plan and Detailed Plan - May 2012 version (2012-2016)

Ms McCulloch provided a brief review of the latest version of the Plan.

Projects for 2012:

- a. Boat Launch: Ms McCulloch indicated that she has a short report to provide to the Committee on the results of the September 2011 "investigation" into suitable sites. Upon submission of the short report; No further work will be undertaken this year.
- b. Fairwinds Rezoning: A Comprehensive Development Plan is expected from Fairwinds in the coming number of months. Ms McCulloch provides input on this Land Development Application.
- c. Schooner Ridge Trail: A Legal Survey of the park access from Rockhampton Place was completed. A legal agreement with the local Strata was unsuccessful. The POSAC members agreed (March 5th meeting) to table this project until further land acquisitions come forward with the phased development of Fairwinds. The Project is deferred.
- d. Blueback Community Park (E-04): This is a priority Park Project for 2012.

Update on Schooner Ridge Footpath Trail (Rockhampton Place)

Ms. McCulloch provided a brief summary of a phone conversation she had with Mr. Montgomery, President of the Schooner Ridge Strata Corporation to confirm their position regarding the possibility of allowing a new access trail off of Rockhampton Place to cross a small portion of their common property by way of a Trail Access Agreement. According to Mr. Montgomery, there is no support for seeking an agreement with the RDN for various reasons; this issue will not be pursued at this time.

Update on Community Garden Development at Nanoose Place.

George Holme received a request from a local group of gardeners to establish a community vegetable garden on the Nanoose Place property. The produce will be distributed to the local food bank. George informed the POSAC of this proposal, and his agreement with this proposal.

MOVED R. Rogers, SECONDED G. Thorton, that the reports be received.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Invasive Broom

P. Law indicated that invasive Broom removal was taking place throughout Nanoose, and suggested that the Committee send a public message of support to the groups involved.

The committee agreed that P. Law will draft a thank-you notice to all volunteers working on Broom Removal in Nanoose. The draft will be reviewed by Ms. McCulloch and the notice will be posted in the PQ News and the Nanoose Business Directory.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by G. Weibe, SECONDED by P.Law, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 pm.

CARRIED

Chair

MINUTES OF THE EAST WELLINGTON AND PLEASANT VALLEY
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD, MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012.
AT EAST WELLINGTON FIRE HALL

Attendance: Maureen Young, Director RDN Board, Chair
Judith Wilson
Doug Cawthorne
Cheryl Knapp
Rick Heikkila
Bruce Erickson

Staff: Elaine McCulloch, parks planner

Also in attendance: Charles Pinker, Alternate Director RDN Board

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Young called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

MINUTES

MOVED, R. Heikkila, SECONDED D. Cawthorne, that the Minutes of the Regular meeting held March 12, 2012 be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Meadow Drive Community Park

The Ministry of Transportation has installed two *Children's Play Area* highway signs along Meadow Drive.

REPORTS

Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails March 2012.

Ms. McCulloch reviewed the monthly update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Report - March 2012.

Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails April 2012.

Ms. McCulloch reviewed the monthly update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Report - April 2012.

2012 Budget Highlights

Ms. McCulloch reviewed Electoral Area C (East Wellington/Pleasant Valley) 2012 budget highlights.

2012 Detailed Work Plan/5 year Project Plan 2012-2016

Ms. McCulloch reviewed the revised 2012 Detailed Work Plan/5 year Project 2012-2016

Anders and Dorrit's Park – Open House (verbal)

The Committee went on a site tour of the new park preceding the official committee meeting on June 11th. Committee members had an informal tour of the house and walked around the property and river path. The Committee discussed the need for a summer 2012 open house to introduce the public to their newest park. It was agreed that a park open house was not necessary in 2012 but that one should be held as part of the public consultation process for the park in 2013 which will also include a community survey.

Parks staff will begin gathering the base line inventory for the property such as a riparian assessment, biological assessment, and coal mine shaft assessment.

Meadow Drive Community Park – Picnic/Washroom structure (verbal)

D. Cawthorne contacted different contractors for engineered plans for picnic/washroom structure on a concrete foundation. The main building will possibly have a washroom with a holding tank (to be pumped), two picnic tables and barbecue area, locked storage area, and possibly solar power flush system. Mr. Cawthorne will report back with further information at the November meeting.

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED D. Cawthorne that the reports be received.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

C. Pinker reported he never received committee package about the meeting or the notices to post.

The committee decided that they prefer agenda packages still be couriered to committee members.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED D. Cawthorne, SECONDED R. Heikkila that the meeting be adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO
MINUTES OF THE ELECTRAL AREA ' G ' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012
OCEANSIDE PLACE

Attendance: Joe Stanhope, Director, RDN Board
Brian Coath
Minnie Corbett
Jacqueline Thomson (late arrival)

Staff: Elaine McCulloch, Parks Planner

CALL TO ORDER

Director Stanhope called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

DELEGATIONS:

MOVED B. Coath SECONDED J. Stanhope to hear the late delegation of residents from Boulton Drive.

CARRIED

J.Thomson entered the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

The delegation raised concerns regarding thirteen (13) cottonwood trees surrounding Boulton Park. A petition of signatures from residents supporting the removal of the cottonwood trees and requesting replanting of trees more suitable for the park was presented.

MINUTES

The minutes of March 19, 2012 were circulated and there was one minor amendment under "Election of Secretary". It should read "Minnie Corbett is elected as Secretary".

MOVED B. Coath SECONDED J. Stanhope that the minutes of March 19, 2012 be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Coath advised that Emcon (Primary Contractor for M.O.T.) has graded the area on Admiral Tyrone Boulevard and they have also placed a small swale there. He also reported that Emcon is going to donate a small concrete bench for the site. Residents seem to be happy with the work.

REPORTS

Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects

Ms. McCulloch provided a brief report on the Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects for March, April, and May 2012.

Budget Highlights

Ms. McCulloch provided a copy of the 2012 Budget Highlights -Community Parks Electoral Area G.

Miller Road Update

Ms. McCulloch reported that the project should start in mid-July 2012 with the British Columbia Conservation Foundation (BCCF) as the prime contractor.

Letters will be sent out to area residents advising of the scope of work and the dates of construction. Excess gravel will be removed from the site and stockpiled or other works in RDN parks.

691 Wembley Road Rezoning

Ms. McCulloch advised that this project is still at the rezoning stage. The POSAC will be asked to provide feedback on proposed parkland dedication when a subdivision application is received.

San Paniel Boardwalk Update

Ms. McCulloch reported that this project needs approval from both the Federal and Provincial governments. An application has been submitted to DFO and an acknowledgement letter from them has been received. A biologist has been hired by the RDN to work on this project along with other projects. A meeting is being scheduled with the Provincial government staff and design sketches are being developed.

MOVED B. Coath SECONDED J. Thomson to receive the reports.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. McCulloch will follow up with Parks staff regarding the request for removal of the cottonwood trees surrounding Boulton Parks and the replanting with trees more suitable for the park.

MOVED M. Corbett SECONDED B. Coath that the thirteen cottonwood trees surrounding Boulton Park be removed as per the delegation's request and to replant with trees more suitable to the park.

CARRIED

MOVED M. Corbett SECONDED B. Coath that we recommend to the RDN that cottonwood trees not be planted in RDN parks in the future.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE ROUND TABLE

J. Thomson raised a concern on Lee Road adjacent to the Sewage Treatment Plant. A sign stating "No Dumping" should be placed there. Another concern was expressed regarding the rapid spread of the Lamium plant in the area. Ms. McCulloch will follow up on both points.

J. Thomson raised a question on the protocol and process for the RDN to receive a strip of land adjacent to waterways or creeks as parkland. Ms. McCulloch provided a brief general outline and listed some of the criteria for accepting land as parkland.

Director Stanhope advised that the Lighthouse Community Regional Trail was opened recently. This trail has a "tapping rail" for the visually impaired persons. It is the second accessible trail following the trail in Cathedral Grove.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED B. Coath SECONDED J. Thomson that the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

CHAIR

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'H' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2012
10:00 AM

Attendance: Bill Veenhof, Chair, Director, RDN Board
Barry Ellis
Richard Leontowich
Val Weismiller
Nancy Robertson

Staff: Wendy Marshall, Parks Manager
Elaine McCulloch, Parks Planner

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Veenhof called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

MINUTES

MOVED V. Weismiller, SECONDED N. Robertson, that the minutes from the March 28, 2012 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Lions Club Highway Sign Kiosk

R. Leontowich reported that the Lions Club highway sign kiosk has been installed. The RDN supplied the *Lighthouse Country Trail* sign for the kiosk. An *Emergency Reception Center* sign will not be permanently displayed on the kiosk; a designated volunteer will put the sign in place in the event of an emergency.

REPORTS

Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects April 2012

Ms. McCulloch reviewed the Community and Regional Parks and Trail projects for April 2012.

Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects May 2012.

Ms. McCulloch reviewed the Community and Regional Parks and Trail projects for May 2012.

Henry Morgan Community Park – Construction Update

There will be a ground breaking ceremony mid-August. Committee members will be notified of the date once it is confirmed.

The project will go to tender mid-July. The Committee requested that the tender be structured in such a way that local contractors are able to provide bids. There was a discussion on how to

tender the playhouse. It was suggested that perhaps the playhouse could be a separate tender and that it be advertised in the local paper.

Five Year Project Plan 2012-2013

E. McCulloch reviewed the Five Year Project Plan. The Committee had a discussion on the park development priorities for Electoral Area H. It was decided that after Henry Morgan CP Phase 1 is completed (2012) that staff begin a public consultation/park design process for Dunsmuir CP (2013) and park construction (2014). Once Dunsmuir CP is completed, Henry Morgan CP Phase 2 will follow (2015/2016).

Dunsmuir CP (2013) – limb up trees and clear understory along the property line adjacent to the rail corridor to improve visibility into the park. Improving sightlines into the park will hopefully reduce the ongoing vandalism.

Wildwood CP (2013) – The work plan identifies that there is to be signage and trail head improvements at Wildwood Community Park. The committee decided that the trailhead is fine as is and that a sign kiosk (with an updated park map to include the new *Alice's Trail* name) be installed at the trailhead. Staff advised that as this is also a trailhead for the Lighthouse Regional Trail, there may be an opportunity to cost share the expenses for the new signage between Area H Community Parks and Regional Parks.

Detailed Project Plan 2012

E. McCulloch reviewed the Detailed Project Plan (2012). It included the construction of Henry Morgan CP Phase 1.

Budget Highlights

Ms. McCulloch provided a copy of the 2012 Budget Highlights -Community Parks Electoral Area H. Ms. McCulloch informed the Committee that the Area H Cash-in-lieu of Parkland account stands at \$185,582 and the Operating Reserve Account at \$76,089.

MOVED, N. Robertson, SECODNED B. Ellis, that the reports be received.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Beach Assesses

Ms. McCulloch will mail copies of the Beach Access Report to the committee members.

Each committee member will provide 2-3 priorities for beach access development for the next meeting. It was generally agreed that the easily improved beach accesses should be the highest priority.

Director Veenhof will send an email out to residents asking for their input on the subject.

There was discussion regarding a gated beach access located between the Resort and the Sandbar Café. Director Veenhof will request bylaw enforcement to investigate.

Lions Community Park - Garbage Pick Up

R. Leontowich reported that the contractor is no longer picking up garbage in the Lions Community Park. Parks operations will coordinate with the Lions Club to make sure garbage pick-up is resumed.

COMMITTEE ROUND TABLE

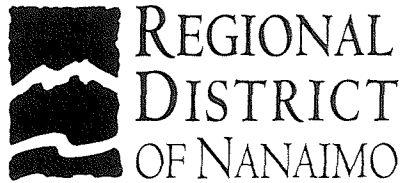
R. Leontowich reported that he has spoken with T. Silbernagel from MOTI regarding the removal of a danger tree located on MOTI right of way at the end of Lions Way at the entrance to the Senior Housing complex. He asked if this tree could be incorporated into the Henry Morgan Park construction. E. McCulloch said that she would look into the possibility.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED N.Robertson that the meeting be adjourned at 11:10 am.

CARRIED

Chair



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MEMORANDUM

TO: W. Idema
Director of Finance

DATE: July 11, 2012

FROM: T. Moore
Manager, Accounting Services

FILE:

SUBJECT: Bylaw No. 1663 – Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – 2013 Permissive Tax Exemption

PURPOSE

To introduce for adoption “Property Tax Exemption (Alberni-Clayoquot Mt. Arrowsmith Regional Park) Bylaw No. 1663, 2012”.

BACKGROUND

Where a Regional District is the owner of property outside of its boundaries, it is no longer automatically exempt from property taxes. The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District is the owner of the Alberni-Clayoquot Mt. Arrowsmith Regional Park, which is located within Electoral Area ‘C’ of the Regional District of Nanaimo. The Board has adopted bylaws annually since 2004 to provide a permissive tax exemption for this property. Permissive tax exemption bylaws must be adopted annually or, with the assent of the electors, may cover a period not exceeding 10 years. Nanaimo and Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District staff have agreed that it is administratively easier to adopt a permissive tax exemption bylaw annually, and Bylaw 1663 covering the 2013 tax year is presented with this report.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Introduce and adopt “Property Tax Exemption (Alberni-Clayoquot Mt. Arrowsmith Regional Park) Bylaw No. 1663, 2012” for the 2013 taxation year as presented.
2. Do not grant a permissive tax exemption for the 2013 taxation year for the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Mt. Arrowsmith Regional Park properties.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2012 assessed values for the two properties in question (folios 768 002268.420 and 768 002268.416) total \$2,465,000. Had the exemption not been in place for the 2012 taxation year, the properties would have been assessed Regional District taxes of approximately \$3,216. However, if the properties were no longer to be statutorily exempt, the assessment value could increase and the property taxes payable would also be higher. Despite this implication, there is an intent and expectation that local governments will be exempt on any land they own directly. These properties represent the only permissive tax exemption provided by the Regional District of Nanaimo.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS

The bylaw introduced with this report continues the Nanaimo Regional District's acknowledgement that the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District's Mt. Arrowsmith Regional Park should be a tax exempt property. The park is located within the boundaries of the Regional District of Nanaimo but is owned by the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District. Permissive tax exemption bylaws must be adopted annually. Staff recommend the bylaw as presented.

RECOMMENDATION

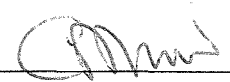
1. That "Property Tax Exemption (Alberni-Clayoquot Mt. Arrowsmith Regional Park) Bylaw No. 1663, 2012" be introduced and read three times.
2. That "Property Tax Exemption (Alberni-Clayoquot Mt. Arrowsmith Regional Park) Bylaw No. 1663, 2012" be adopted.



Report Writer



Director



C.A.O. Concurrence

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

BYLAW NO. 1663

A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE A PROPERTY
TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE YEAR 2013

WHEREAS a Board may, by bylaw adopted by at least 2/3 of the votes cast, exempt property from property taxes under Section 809(3), in accordance with Section 809(4) of the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District is the owner of properties located within the boundaries of the Regional District of Nanaimo and the properties are used as a public park;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District of Nanaimo, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. The properties described as:
 - a) District Lot 2000, Cameron Land District
 - b) Lot 1, Block 1324, Plan 28909, Cameron Land District

which are owned by the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and are used for public park purposes, are authorized to be exempt from property taxes in accordance with Section 809(4)(g) of the *Local Government Act* for the year 2013.

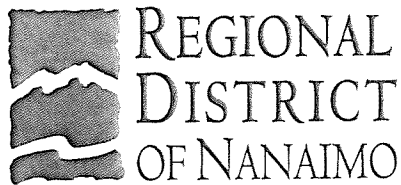
2. This bylaw may be cited as the "Property Tax Exemption (Alberni-Clayoquot Mt. Arrowsmith Regional Park) Bylaw No. 1663, 2012".

Introduced and read three times this ____ day of _____, 2012.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2012.

CHAIRPERSON

MANAGER, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Carey McIver
Manager of Solid Waste Services

DATE: July 16, 2012

FROM: Jeff Ainge
Zero Waste Coordinator

FILE: 5370-01

SUBJECT: Bear Awareness Education

PURPOSE

To provide the Board with information pertaining to bear awareness education programs.

BACKGROUND

In May of this year a black bear was spotted on Gabriola Island. While black bears are common throughout the rural areas of the region, and have been a cause for growing concern in Qualicum Beach especially over the past two years, they are not frequent visitors to Gabriola Island. Conservation Officer Service Problem Wildlife Occurrence Reports showed that throughout the months of May and June the bear on Gabriola Island was active, gaining access to bird feeders, garbage and other attractants (such as pet or livestock food, barbecue grills, and backyard composts).

The Regional District does not have a mandate for wildlife management; however the Solid Waste Department has in the past prepared education and awareness materials aimed at encouraging appropriate behaviour with regards wildlife and household waste. These education messages are regularly included in the Zero Waste Program newsletters, curbside collection guides, Zero Waste webpages, and as Service Alerts on the main RDN website.

Responsibility for wildlife management rests with the BC Ministry of Environment. Issues of public safety with problem wildlife are handled through the Conservation Officer Service – a 24 hour toll-free phone number is in place to report such incidents (1-877-952-7277).

The Ministry of Environment website has a range of publications aimed at reducing human-wildlife conflicts and to help people who live in areas with resident bear populations learn about best practices for managing and limiting the attractants. The Ministry, along with the BC Conservation Foundation and Union of BC Municipalities, is also involved with the “Bear Smart Community” and “Bear Aware™” programs. While both of these programs are aimed at education and reduction of conflicts, the “Bear Smart Community” program entails communities committing to meet a series of criteria to achieve formal Bear Smart Community status. The criteria include undertaking a community-wide bear hazard assessment, preparing a bear-human conflict management plan designed to address bear hazards and land-use conflicts, revising land use planning documents, and preparing bear smart bylaws.

There are four formally designated “Bear Smart” communities in the Province – Whistler, Lions Bay, Squamish, and Kamloops. Solid Waste staff do not envisage pursuing this particular program at this time given the anticipated staff and financial resources required.

As a result of the bear on Gabriola Island, the Area B Regional Director requested assistance in hosting an information meeting with the purpose of providing Island residents an opportunity to hear from bear awareness experts. The Regional District does not employ subject matter experts in this field, nor do any of the departments allocate a budget for meetings of this nature. In order to accommodate that request and to be able to offer residents of other areas something more than is currently available through the Zero Waste program, the Solid Waste department has been asked to increase its current level of involvement with this subject.

ALTERNATIVES

1. To direct staff to allocate funds in the Curbside Collection Program budget starting in 2013 for the purpose of hosting bear awareness information sessions.
2. To direct staff to take no action at this time.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Subject matter experts are available locally to speak at community information sessions. In addition to consultants who specialize in how bears and other wildlife interact with humans, Vancouver Island University includes a wildlife-human conflicts component in the Resource Management Officer Technology (RMOT) diploma program. Staff estimates that an allocation of up to \$3,000 per year will cover anticipated costs to host information sessions across the curbside collection service area.

INTER-GOVERNMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The Curbside Collection Program provides residential waste collection services to the seven Electoral Areas, plus the municipalities of Lantzville, Parksville and Qualicum Beach and is solely funded from utility fees paid by residents of those jurisdictions. If bear awareness education is funded from the Curbside Collection Program budget it will take place in those contributing areas. It is not the intent of this budget to provide service to City of Nanaimo residents - the City operates its own collection program, with associated education and outreach funded by City residents.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Residential waste is by no means the only attractant of wildlife, but the Solid Waste Department has been proactive in preparing bear awareness information in the past. Other departments that likely have involvement with bear issues include Recreation and Parks, and Development Services through Bylaw and Enforcement calls. Should the Board at some point in the future decide to pursue Bear Smart Community status, a much broader departmental involvement will be required. Significant funding allocations would be needed to examine land use planning documents, prepare hazard assessments and management plans, revise bylaws as required, and to implement education and enforcement programs that extend beyond household waste practices.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

According to the University of Victoria (www.geog.uvic.ca/viwilds/iw-bear), the Vancouver Island black bear is distributed throughout the entire island, with higher concentrations in the uninhabited low-lying forests. The bear's population on the island is likely around 7,000 (though estimates of up to 12,000 can be found).

The black bear requires a variety of easily accessible foods and as a result is usually found in the lower reaches of the island. They will not inhabit areas densely populated by humans, but are not shy about coming into rural areas to forage, and frequent incursions by bears looking for an easy meal, often in household waste containers, causes conflict between them and the local human community.


Providing a proactive education program to reduce the risks of human-wildlife conflicts, and to make residents of the region more aware of the proper ways to manage or limit the attractants on their properties, can contribute to the wellbeing and peaceful co-existence of both species.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS


The Regional District has been asked to assist in hosting bear awareness information sessions as a result of a black bear currently residing on Gabriola Island. At this time no funding allocation has been available to meet the request however Solid Waste Services staff have in the past prepared bear awareness education materials. Staff propose that starting in 2013, the Solid Waste Services Curbside Collection Program budget includes an annual allocation of up to \$3,000 to host bear awareness information sessions for areas receiving RDN curbside collection service which will help address concerns that have recently been expressed regarding this issue.

RECOMMENDATION

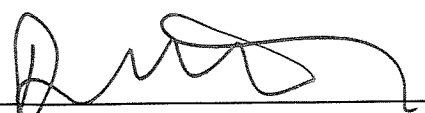
That staff be directed to allocate up to \$3,000 in the Curbside Collection Program annual budget starting in 2013 for the purpose of hosting bear awareness information sessions.




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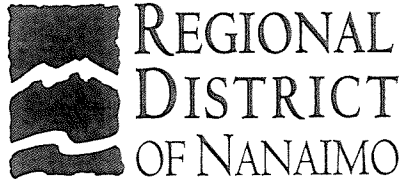
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MEMORANDUM

TO: John Finnie
General Manager, Regional and Community Utilities

DATE: July 12, 2012

Tom Osborne
General Manager, Recreation and Parks

FROM: Mike Donnelly
Manager of Water & Utility Services

FILE: 5600-07

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Manager of Recreation Services

SUBJECT: Blue Communities Initiative

PURPOSE

To provide the Board with information associated with the Blue Communities Initiative.

BACKGROUND

At the March 27, 2012 meeting of the Board, members of The Council of Canadians and the Canadian Union of Public Employees requested that the Regional District of Nanaimo become a "Blue Community". The delegation identified three resolutions the Board would need to adopt in order to be given the "Blue Community" designation:

1. Recognize water as a human right.
2. Promote publicly financed, owned and operated water and waste-water services.
3. Ban the sale of bottled water in public facilities and at municipal events.

The Board referred the request to staff for review and to provide a report addressing the proposed resolutions.

The City of Nanaimo, Town of Qualicum Beach and City of Parksville received similar requests.

Recognize water as a human right

The concept of water as a human right was first established internationally in 1977 by the United Nations (UN) and more recently with updated resolutions in 2010 containing similar language for the right to sanitation. The UN views the right to water and sanitation as being derived from the right to an adequate standard of living which is included in a number of treaties including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

International treaties such as those that would recognize water as a human right are the responsibility of the federal government. Obligations agreed to by the federal government under such treaties would be a matter of discussion and legislation at that level. Subsequently, federal statutes would be put in place detailing provincial obligations associated with the legislation. Local governments would be subject to any subsequent regulations.

The definition and implications of what “water as a human right” actually means with respect to the obligations of the various levels of government needs to be fully understood before legislative commitments are made. Encouraging senior levels of government to consider this resolution and to act upon it is preferable to moving forward at the local government level, on an issue outside of its jurisdiction, without fully understanding the intent or possible implications.

Staff are therefore recommending that the Board call on the government of Canada to support the recognition of water as a human right in international law.

Promote publicly financed, owned and operated water and waste-water services

The Regional District of Nanaimo currently operates eight community water systems and four waste water treatment plants. These are publicly owned systems that are operated by the RDN and publicly funded.

Annual operating budgets and capital infrastructure replacement and expansion plans for these facilities are reviewed and approved by the Board annually. These are publicly funded and do not include a private partnership component. Private/public partnerships are not contemplated for future system improvements or expansions.

Promoting publicly financed, owned and operated water and waste-water services, as requested, is consistent with the local government model which relies on public funds to carry out operations, upgrades and improvements. By taking this position in the form of a resolution however, the Board may limit future options for funding larger infrastructure projects.

Staff are recommending that the Board continue their support for publicly owned and funded water and waste water services and that decisions on infrastructure funding recognize the importance of publicly owned and operated systems when considering infrastructure funding and operation options.

Ban the sale of bottled water in public facilities and at municipal events.

Research has provided reference information that the quality and safety of bottle water vs. tap water is comparable. With no tangible difference in these two important aspects the initiative to ban the sale of bottled water is designed to reduce the environmental impact of plastic water containers. With no difference in the product itself (bulk tap water vs. bottled water), the more cost effective delivery of tap water (one tenth of a cent/litre) should be encouraged. This delivery method also reduces Green House Gas (GHG) emissions. Reduction in GHG results from lower energy emissions in the making and transportation of plastic containers.

Banning the sale of bottled water does pose some contradictions with existing initiatives currently in place at the RDN. Since Fall 2010 the RDN Recreation and Parks department has subscribed, via Board resolution, to The Healthy Food and Beverage Sales in Recreation Facilities and Local Government Buildings Initiative (HFBS). The initiative encourages healthy lifestyle choices and healthy eating habits which then directly influence the types of food and beverages offered for sale in recreation facilities.

Since 2010 the Recreation and Parks department has been adjusting the composition of food and beverage types sold. Food and Beverage items have been classified into categories, 1) Choose most, 2) Choose sometimes, 3) Choose least, and, 4) Not recommended. By 2014 it is projected that 70% of vending sales and 50% of concession items offered for sale will be from the "1) Choose most" category. The transition and percentages rely highly on the provision of water being offered as an alternative and the preferred drink of choice to sport and pop beverages. Banning the sale of bottled water without providing a comparable substitute would place the HFBS initiative in jeopardy and may inadvertently drive customers back to the convenience of purchasing less healthy alternatives.

Since there is a viable alternative to bottled water in RDN owned and operated recreation facilities such as Oceanside Place and Ravensong Aquatic Centre, local water can be promoted under a new initiative. The promotion of these benefits should be pursued and could be in the form of touchless, cooled water fountains that allow the filling of personal water bottles, signage and related advertising promoting the benefits of municipal tap water, the sale of personal water bottles in vending machines and in concessions along with personal water bottles being given away as part of existing or new department promotional campaigns.

In a number of circumstances the sale and/or use of bottled water is the only viable option in providing any means of drinking water. Special events occurring in locations that do not have a reliable or convenient local government water source would be adversely affected by a ban on bottled water. Public recreation day trips/sport tournaments, charity runs through regional or local parks and trails are a few examples of events and activities that rely on bottled water.

Staff are therefore recommending that the Board support the provision and promotion of public water to residents at recreation facilities.

ALTERNATIVES

- 1) Support the "Blue Communities" resolutions as presented.
- 2) Support the following modified resolutions.
 - a) That the Board call on the government of Canada to support the recognition of water as a human right in international law.
 - b) That the Board continue their support for publicly owned and funded water and waste water services and recognize the importance of publicly owned and operated systems when considering infrastructure funding and operation options.
 - c) That the Board support the provision and promotion of public water at recreational facilities.
- 3) Provide alternate direction to staff.

FINANCIAL

Supporting Alternative 1 will have no financial implications associated with the first two resolutions, “Recognize water as a human right” and “Promote publicly financed, owned and operated water and waste-water services”. The third resolution, “Ban the sale of bottled water in public facilities and at municipal events” has implications associated with the recreation department’s revenue.

Revenue from the sale of bottled water is 30% of cold beverage vending machines sales and one of the highest selling beverage items at the Oceanside Place concession. Vending machines are located at both Oceanside Place and Ravensong Aquatic Centre. Combined annual concession and vending sales of bottled water from both Ravensong and Oceanside Place amount to \$3000 annually and are split almost equally between concession and vending machine sales.

Both Ravensong and Oceanside Place have metered water and are billed based on usage. Each has a unique and large need for water (Oceanside Place for ice making, Ravensong Aquatic Centre for public swimming and both for large potable water requirements and for patron shower and washroom requirements). If municipal water consumption at these facilities was to increase due to an increase of use at public water fountains, as a result of banning bottled water, an increase in costs would be negligible.

Ravensong Aquatic Centre has installed two high quality touchless water fountains that allow the filling of water bottles. Scheduled to be replaced in 2012 at Oceanside Place are the two existing conventional water fountains at a cost of approximately \$1500 each including installation.

No additional installation of fountains is being considered at this time but could be at a later date if demand warrants.

There are no financial implications associated with Alternative 2.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The proposed resolutions that the Board has been asked to endorse are statements of principle and have no real implications associated with regional sustainability.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS

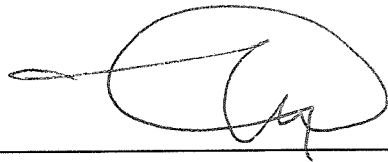
The term “Water as a human right” requires a legislative and legal structure developed at the national and provincial level before local governments can properly interpret their roles and responsibilities. Adopting this resolution without a complete understanding of the implications would not provide clear direction for future action.

The second resolution, “Promote publicly financed, owned and operated water and waste-water services” is consistent with current practice and is supportable while recognizing all options for future capital and infrastructure funding will remain open.


An outright ban of the sale of bottled water could prove to be problematic. Bottled water is a healthy beverage choice when compared to many sport, carbonated and fruit based drinks. Banning the sale of bottled water may inadvertently drive customers back to the convenience of purchasing less healthy alternatives. Providing a consumer friendly public drinking water source has been completed at the Ravensong Aquatic Centre and is planned for at Oceanside Place in 2012. It is recommended that this be supported in conjunction with the promotion of public water.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That That the Board call on the government of Canada to support the recognition of water as a human right in international law.
2. That the Board continue their support for publicly owned and funded water and waste water services and recognize the importance of publicly owned and operated systems when considering infrastructure funding and operation options.
3. That the Board support the provision and promotion of public water at recreational facilities.



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