

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE
REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012, 12:00PM
IN THE RDN COMMITTEE ROOM**

Attendance: Director Diane Brennan, Chair, City of Nanaimo
Director Maureen Young, Electoral Area 'C'
Director Julian Fell, Electoral Area 'F'
Director Brian Dempsey, District of Lantzville
Director March Lefebvre, City of Parksville
Director Howard Houle, Electoral Area 'B'
Director Dave Willie, Town of Qualicum Beach

Staff: Carol Mason, Chief Administrative Officer
Nancy Avery, General Manager of Finance and Information Services
Paul Thorkelsson, General Manager of Development Services
Tom Osborne, General Manager of Recreation and Parks
David Palidwor, Acting Manager of Park Services
Kelsey Cramer, Parks Planner
Marilynn Newsted, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Director Joe Stanhope, Electoral Area 'G'

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brennan called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

Mr. Osborne provided a brief review of the Orientation Binder for the Committee.

MINUTES

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Young, that the Minutes of the Regional Parks and Trails Advisory Committee meeting held October 18, 2011, be approved.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Willie, that the following Correspondence be received:

- D. Apps, Trans Canada Trail, Re: Approval Nanaimo Regional Trail.
- J. Stanhope, RDN, to City of Parksville, Re: Parksville Community Park – Rath Trevor Provincial Park Trail and Bridge Initiative.
- M. Ritzker, Re: Moorecroft Regional Park On Leash Policy.
- K. Cramer, RDN, to M. Ritzker, Re: Moorecroft Regional Park On Leash Policy.

- T. Osborne, RDN, to Mid Island Sustainability and Stewardship Initiative, Re: RDN Trans Canada Trail Route and Green Space.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Regional Parks and Trails System Overview

Mr. Osborne provided a presentation on the Regional Parks and Trails System highlighting each park, how the park was acquired, how each park is operated and noting unique features of each.

MOVED Director Young, SECONDED Director Dempsey, that the Regional Parks and Trails System Report be received.

CARRIED

Regional Parks and Trails – Proposed DCC Bylaw

Mr. Osborne stated at their January meeting the Board passed a resolution, that staff be directed to move forward with the proposed Regional Park Development Cost Charges stakeholder meetings. The public meetings are scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 1, in Parksville and Thursday, May 3, in Nanaimo.

Directors Willie and Lefebvre both requested DCC presentations to their respective Councils prior to the stakeholder events.

Ms. Avery presented a primer on the proposed draft DCC Bylaw, which included the initiation of the process, what a development cost charge is, how a development cost charge is developed and a summary on the elements in the proposed DCC Bylaw for Regional Parks.

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Fell, that the stakeholder workshops on the proposed Regional Parks Development Cost Charges Bylaw 1619 be deferred.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Fell, that staff be directed to prepare a report on the proposed Regional Parks Development Cost Charges Bylaw 1619 that includes alternative acquisition and capital project funding options and report back to the Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee.

CARRIED

Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects

Mr. Palidwor presented a brief summary of the Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails projects for October through to January 2012.

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Fell, that the Reports be received.

CARRIED

Coats Marsh Regional Park Structural and Environmental Assessment

Mr. Palidwor briefly reviewed the January 2012, Madrone Environmental Services Ltd., Structural and Environmental Assessment Report on Coats Marsh Regional Park.

MOVED Director Dempsey, SECONDED Director Houle, that the Report be received.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Director Lafebvre, SECONDED Director Willie, that the meeting be adjourned at 2:13pm.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

MOVED Director Lafebvre, SECONDED Director Willie, that pursuant to Section 90(1) (e) of the Community Charter the Committee proceed to an In Camera Committee meeting to consider items related to land issues.

CARRIED

Chair