

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, June 5, 2012, 12:00PM IN THE RDN COMMITTEE ROOM

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

Staff: Tom Osborne, General Manager of Recreation and Parks
Paul Thorkelsson, General Manager of Strategic and Community Development
David Palidwor, Acting Manager of Park Services
Kelsey Cramer, Parks Planner
Ann-Marie Harvey, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Director Maureen Young, Electoral Area 'C',
Director Joe Stanhope, Electoral Area 'G'

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brennan called the meeting to order at 12:00pm

MINUTES

Director Fell noted that Director Veenhof did attend the last meeting, however it was noted the Director is not a member of the Committee.

Director Lefebvre noted the misspelling of his first name to be corrected.

MOVED Director Dempsey, SECONDED Director Lefebvre that the Minutes of the March 6, 2012 Regionals Parks and Trails Select Committee be approved with the noted correction.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Fell, that the following correspondence be received:

- McPherson, RDN Director, to Minister of Environment, Re: Restoration of the Historic Morden Mine Site.
- J. Stanhope, RDN Chairperson, to Minister of Environment, Re: Restoration of the Historic Morden Mine Site and Tipple.
- T. Osborne, RDN General Manager of Recreation and Parks, to Nanaimo and Area Land Trust Society, Re: NALT Funding Agreement.

- D. Banman, RDN Acting General Manager of Recreation and Parks, to Nanaimo and Area Land Trust Society, Re: NALT Funding Agreement. Payment

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Osborne explained the letters from Director McPherson and Director Stanhope were letter of support and awareness for the Friends of Morden Mines to have the concrete tipples repair.

MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED Director Houle that the Friends of Morden Mine be invited to present to the Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee on the Morden Mine tipple restoration project.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Funding Options for Regional Parks Acquisitions and Capital Development

Mr. Osborne summarized the report with the alternatives to the proposed DCC for Regional Parks and Trails.

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Willie, that the proposed Regional Parks Development Charge Bylaw 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

Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails February 2012

Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails March 2012

Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails April 2012

Mr. Palidwor summarized the Regional Parks updates.

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Houle, that the February, March, and April 2012 Community and Regional Parks and Trails Updates be received.

CARRIED

Little Qualicum River Regional Conservation Area – Ducks Unlimited Lease Renewal Report (Appendices)

Mr. Osborne apologized that the Ducks Unlimited Lease Renewal Report was not ready for this agenda and it will go direct to the June Board meeting or July Committee of the Whole. He summarized information about the matter in regard to the 99 year lease and revision of the covenant with Ducks Unlimited Canada.

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Fell, that the Ducks Unlimited Lease Renewal Report be tabled and considered at a later date by the Regional Board.

CARRIED

DL 33 Forest Lands for Potential Trail Access (Verbal)

Staff updated the committee on the forest lands of DL 33 and the request from a local resident for the RDN to work with the Ministry of Forest to look at an alternate trail route through land owned by TimberWest in order for the land to later become potentially available for a forest interpretation site.

Mr. Palidwor contacted the Province and they stated that this was not a priority for them and that it would require a great deal of work for conclusion on the matter. The Committee discussed how RDN has other park and trail projects in line and underway and that take precedence over this request.

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Houle, 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

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Director Fell, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:54pm.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED Director Dempsey, 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