

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 21, 2014 AT 12:00 PM  
IN THE RDN COMMITTEE ROOM**

**Attendance:** Director Diane Brennan, Chair, City of Nanaimo  
Director Howard Houle, Electoral Area 'B'  
Director Maureen Young, Electoral Area 'C'  
Director Dave Willie, Town of Qualicum Beach  
Director Jack de Jong, District of Lantzville  
Director Julian Fell, Electoral Area 'F'  
Director Marc Lefebvre, City of Parksville  
Director Joe Stanhope, Electoral Area 'G'

**Staff:** Tom Osborne, General Manager of Recreation and Parks  
Paul Thorkelsson, Chief Administrative Officer  
Wendy Marshall, Manager of Park Services  
Kelsey Cramer, Regional Parks Planner  
Ann-Marie Harvey, Recording Secretary

**Also in Attendance:** Director Alec McPherson, Electoral Area 'A'

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Brennan called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

**MINUTES**

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Houle that the minutes of the Regular Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee meeting held June 11, 2014 be approved.

CARRIED

**COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

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

L & K Mason to Regional District of Nanaimo, **RE: Installation of posts – Horne Lake Regional Park**

T. Osborne, RDN to T. Hickey, City of Nanaimo, **RE: Downtown to Seventh Street E&N Trail Project Funding.**

D. Banman, RDN to S. Zupenec, Islands Trust, **RE: Gabriola Island Draft Bylaws 271 & 272 Referral to Zone Parks**

W. Marshall, RDN to L. Kingston, Tourism Vancouver Island, **RE: Request for Hiking Trails Strategy Funding Contribution**

L. Krog, MLA, to A. McPherson, RDN EA 'A' Director, **RE: Morden Colliery Historic Provincial Park**

D. Chapman, Ministry of Environment, to T. Osborne, RDN, **RE: Rath Trevor Beach Park - Shoreline Restoration Project**

E. Ricker, Friends of Morden Mine Society to T. Osborne, RDN, **RE: Morden Mine Engineering Study-Presentation of Results**

CARRIED

## **REPORTS**

### **Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – June- August 2014**

### **Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – Sept 2014**

Ms. Marshall gave a summary of the regional parks projects for June –September 2014. Ms. Young asked about the possibility of garbage cans being put in around the Creekside Park new parking site. Ms. Marshall will look at this getting done.

### **E & N Rail Trail Project Update (verbal)**

Ms. Cramer reported that the October 9<sup>th</sup> open house for the E & N Rail Trail was very well attended with approximately 150 people attending. She said the main concern for people is the multi-uses of the trail. She noted that submissions have been made to the ALC as some of the trail may have to go through private farmland and a trail is not 'farm use'. Also she has a meeting with MOTI on October 30 regarding crosswalks where the path crosses roadways.

### **Morden Colliery Regional Trail Bridge Report**

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Lefebvre that the updated Nanaimo River Pedestrian Crossing at the MCRT Feasibility Study be received to use as a guiding document for the future development of a bridge crossing within the Morden Colliery Regional Trail corridor.

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Lefebvre that subsequent design and assessment work proceed under the Steel Truss Bridge option.

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Lefebvre that the equestrian accessible bridge option be vetted through local residents and equestrian groups prior to subsequent design work in order to ensure public support and user demand in consideration of higher construction and maintenance costs.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Houle, SECONDED Director Young that the reports be received.

CARRIED

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Fairwinds Management Plan Committee**

MOVED Director Lefebvre SECONDED Director Houle that Director Stanhope and Director de Jong represent the Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee on the Fairwinds Management Plan Committee, with Director Young acting as an alternate.

CARRIED

**IN CAMERA**

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, 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.

Time: 12:45pm

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED Director Stanhope that the meeting be adjourned at 12:58pm.

CARRIED

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Chairperson