

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'B' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY  
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**

**TUESDAY, June 3, 2014**

**7:00pm**

**(GABRIOLA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HALL)**

**Attendance:** Howard Houle, Director, RDN Board, Chair  
Jacinthe Eastick  
Randy Young  
Sam Betts  
Megan Dickinson  
Mark Woolley  
Ivan Bulic

**Staff:** Elaine McCulloch, Park Planner

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Houle called the meeting to order at 7.00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

MOVED J. Eastick, SECONDED Randy Young to adopt the agenda after adding "Business arising from communications and correspondence" before "New Business".

CARRIED

**DELEGATION**

Referring to her letter M. Gillis presented a request to the RDN to consider creating a Gabriola Dog Park on Gabriola Island. She mentioned the benefits of such endeavor, as well as the ideal set-up: fully fenced, 3 feet high and double-gated, section of small dogs as well as larger area, poop- bag dispenser and poop garbage bin. A lot of support for this request has already been ascertained. Director Houle mentioned that if this idea was supported by POSAC members, that Paisley Park (behind Emcon Yard) might be a location where neighbours would not be affected as the Park is surrounded by Institutional properties.

If this idea is supported any park development expenses would come out of the Electoral Area 'B' Community Parks budget.

**MINUTES**

MOVED R. Young, SECONDED Mark Woolley to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Electoral Area 'B' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held March 4, 2014, as presented.

CARRIED

## **CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

J. Ewert, Gabriola Tennis Players to E. McCulloch, RDN, RE: Request for consideration of creating a third tennis court in Huxley Park Master Plan.

R. Young, POSAC B Member to E. McCulloch, RDN, proposal to add a new trail in Cox Park . Map presented in correspondence.

MOVED J. Eastick SECONDED M. Dickinson to receive the correspondence.

CARRIED

## **MONTHLY UPDATE ON COMMUNITY and REGIONAL PARKS and TRAILS PROJECTS REPORTS (Feb-Mar and April 2014)**

There were questions about anti-graffiti coating. It is a clear coating that prevents adhering to.

There was a question about a potential new park acquisition mentioned in the April Report. Director Houle will send something to all POSAC members on this in-camera matter.

### **MUDGE ISLAND WATER ACCESS – Verbal Update Report by E. McCulloch**

Ministry of Transportation was contacted regarding the design of the parking lot. Emcon cannot help with the construction of the parking lot in Davidson Bay when on Mudge doing road maintenance. Quotes are therefore to be sought to improve the lay-out of the 14 existing parking spaces and to create an opportunity for an additional 4 spaces in the future. A few trees may need to be taken down. Project to start in a few months.

### **HUXLEY PARK MASTER PLAN REPORT – Verbal Update by E. McCulloch**

Third tennis court ‘not feasible’ due to existing layout but upgrade requirements will be included in the Master Plan which will also serve as a Management Plan for the Park (priorities, layouts, phasing, upgrades, cost estimates, maintenance, etc).

The focus of this park is to be an active park, any cultural or other type of activity could happen on top of that but predominantly it is to be an active park. Permanent stage ruled out but removable stage could be installed as needed. Plaza area to be left as a paved, open and un-programmed space with seating along the bank and flexibility of use kept optional as much as possible. Power supply was acknowledged as an area needing careful planning for the whole park.

MOVED J. Eastick, SECOND M. Woolley that POSAC endorses the “Huxley Community Park Master Plan Engagement Summary #2 & Design Direction” document presented by staff along with consideration of the additional elements discussed at the meeting i.e. addition of play elements with benches for toddlers, doubling the free standing tennis practice wall with a rock climbing wall and the construction of built-in concrete table tennis stations.

CARRIED

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

It was unanimously agreed that a dog park on Gabriola would be a good project. Staff to present a feasibility study at a future date.

MOVED S. Betts, SECONDED R. Young that staff investigate the siting and development of the proposed additional trail in Cox Community Park.

CARRIED

## **AREA B FIVE YEAR PROJECT PLANNING**

It was agreed to move to Medium Priority: McDonald/Peterson Trail Development; Mudge Island Water Access M-14 and Paisley Dog Park feasibility study.

It was agreed to move Mudge Island M-18 Water Access Development to Low priority projects.

## **MUDGE ISLAND WATER ACCESS BOUNDARY IDENTIFICATION UPDATE**

M. Woolley provided a written update of the volunteer work done so far to locate the Right-of-Ways accurately, the means and the ways things are done and the growing volunteering involvement on Mudge on this issue. Elaine will look into supplying some equipment to M. Woolley to aid in their investigation.

MOVED by M. Dickinson, SECONDED M. Woolley to receive all the reports.

CARRIED

## **ROUND TABLE**

There was an assurance that the community will have a say in regards to a Dog Park in Paisley Park once the feasibility study is completed.

GALTT received an agreement with the Government of Canada re: a trail near the Turkey shoot.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED M. Dickinson to adjourn at 9.07 p.m.

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Chairperson