

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'E' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY  
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
JUNE 2, 2014  
7:00pm  
(Nanoose Place, Nanoose Bay)**

**Present:** George Holme - Chair  
Scott Rowswell – Secretary  
Walter Kirschner  
Randy Orr  
Gordon Wiebe  
Frank Van Eynde  
Elaine McCulloch - RDN Parks Planner

**Not Present:** Vicki Voros

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 19:00.

The Chair welcomed Frank Van Eynde as a standing member of the committee replacing Gordon Jarvis who has resigned.

**DELEGATIONS**

No delegations in attendance.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

S. Rowswell, Secretary noted that the minutes issued were changed from those created. Consequently, no motion to accept the minutes was passed. The minutes as written will be re-issued and a motion to accept them introduced at the next meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Fairwinds Update**

Chair Holme provided an update on the re-zoning application - which has been passed by the RDN. This item will now be closed pending further developments as regards the development of parks and open spaces as the development proceeds at which time it will be included in the Work Program.

**REPORTS**

**Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – January 2014**  
**Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – Feb – Mar 2014**  
**Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – April 2014**

The Parks Functions Reports dated Feb 13, 2014, April 7, 2014 and May 9, 2014 were reviewed.

MOVED F. Van Eynde, SECONDED R. Orr that the Parks Function Reports be received.

CARRIED

## **Work Program Review**

### **5 Year Plan**

E McCulloch reviewed the draft of the 5 Year project Plan.

The report does not show project distribution by year. It will be updated for the next meeting to show a 5 year view.

Blueback Park is the area E priority project for 2014. \$70,000 has been reserved in the budget for the completion of planned activity.

Davenham Community trail is shown on the plan as 2 projects. It was recommended that these be combined into a single project and included in the Medium Priority Category.

It was recommended that the category "Additional Project Suggestions" be renamed "CPTS Identified Projects" as it was felt this better represents the source of the identified activity and indicates these projects are derived from planning activities which have received approval.

### **2014 Work Plan**

E McCulloch reviewed progress on the Blueback Community Park project.

A budget of \$70,000 has been approved for the project. Targeted completion date remains Dec 2014, but this is seen as a stretch and it is likely that construction will roll into Q1 15.

An initial concept design for the park was presented. The concept was felt to be directionally sound and there was significant discussion. Comments included:

- Area scuba companies currently using the area as a location for open water certification of new divers be approached for contributions to the park enhancements. As these activities are business oriented and represent one of the most significant uses of the park, it was felt that this is a justified measure.
- The potential be explored that the area reserved for dive group staging (# 3 on the concept) can be moved to the area immediately above the beach as this is more likely to be where divers will group to prepare for dives and rest between dives.
- That the need for a change area be reviewed. It was felt a standalone change shelter as shown might be more than is necessary. It was agreed that a porta potty installed within a wood structure as shown in the insert bubble on the concept was good.
- The area shown as the "Restoration Area" on the concept and which is currently covered by Blackberry bushes be considered as a discrete phase of the project given the magnitude of the project to remove and permanently eliminate the Blackberry.
- The surfacing of the parking area was discussed and the need to pave it and to provide reserved handicap parking questioned. This will be reviewed in more detail as the plan is developed.
- The concept that the area shown as seating (#4 on the concept) be left as undeveloped as possible (i.e. no picnic table or other structure provided) was considered good.
- The need to remove the cedar standing in the centre of the park (#2 on the concept) is to be reviewed.
- The concept that an interpretive sign (#5 on the concept) be installed which identifies the locations viewed across the water as well as describing the underwater geography and sea life was considered good.

MOVED W.Kirschner, SECONDED R. Orr that the work plan documents be received.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED G. Holme, SECONDED S. Rowswell that that the meeting be adjourned there being no more business at 8:30pm.

CARRIED

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Chairperson