

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE
REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 11, 2014 AT 1:00 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

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

Regrets: Director Joe Stanhope, Electoral Area 'G'

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brennan called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

MINUTES

MOVED Director Houle, SECONDED Director Lefebvre that the minutes of the Regular Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee meeting held March 4, 2014 be approved.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

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

J. Daly, The Nature Conservancy to T. Osborne, RDN **Re: Moorecroft Covenant Monitoring**

F. Pattje, Acting Mayor, City of Nanaimo to J. Stanhope, RDN **Re: Application for E&N Rail Trail Reserve Funding**

J. Daly, The Nature Conservancy to T. Osborne, RDN **Re: Moorecroft Covenant Monitoring Visit Results**

CARRIED

REPORTS

Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects - Feb –March 2014
Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects - April 2014

Ms. Marshall gave a summary of the update on current Regional Parks and Trail Projects.

MOVED Director de Jong, SECONDED Director Lefebvre that the monthly update be received.

CARRIED

E & N Rail Trail Project Update

Ms. Marshall gave an update as on the E & N Trail project. She said that the consultation survey has been done and staff have had discussion with some of the land owners about some of the issues with the trail corridor including parking for a trail head and solutions for a cattle crossing.

Morden Colliery Regional Trail – Project Update

Mr. Osborne gave an update of the Morden Colliery Regional Trail bridge project that is using the Community Works fund from Electoral Area A. A hand out of the updated bridge feasibility study was distributed to the Committee. Mr. Osborne noted there will be need to be some refinements to the study to reflect potential design and related costs for equestrian and wheelchair use. The current pedestrian / cycling cost estimate for cable suspension option is \$1,137,000 and for the steel truss option is \$1,473,000. Both estimates have a contingency built in at 30% which can be refined further at the detailed design stage. It is estimated and additional 25% cost increase in each of two options to accommodate equestrian and wheelchair use.

Staff will update the Committee on the revised cost estimates prior to advancing the project to the detailed bridge design stage in the fall.

Little Qualicum River Regional Park – Ozero Bridge Status

Ms. Marshall explained that the Ozero bridge had been damaged so the property owner has now closed the gate to the bridge access. The owner expressed wanting to turn over the bridge to the RDN per the easement agreement on the lands. Ms. Marshall will speak to the RDN's solicitor about the transfer of the bridge and related easement and what it will entail.

Nanaimo Region Trail Partnership Funding Agreement Report

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Willie that the Funding Agreement with the Nanaimo Region Rail Trail Partnership be approved as presented in Appendix I.

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

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

Application for E&N Rail Trail Reserve Funding – City of Nanaimo

The Committee discussed the letter from the City of Nanaimo requesting contribution to the E & N Municipal Rail Trail Reserve fund.

MOVED Director Willie, SECONDED Director Lefebvre that the Regional District of Nanaimo partner on the City of Nanaimo's Downtown to Seventh Street E&N Rail Trail Project by allocating in 2014 \$150,000 from the Regional Parks and Trails Acquisition and Capital Budget - E & N Municipal Rail Trail Reserve as a contribution for detailed design costs and \$150,000 in 2015 as a contribution for construction costs.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Incorporation of First Nations Information on Park Signage

Mr. Osborne explained the request from a Director to incorporate of First Nations information onto park signage along the Big Qualicum Regional Trail corridor and through the RDN park system. He noted staff will be adding this project to the work plan and will need to consider further the implementation as it will involve at minimum the three First Nations that are located within the Regional District of Nanaimo.

IN CAMERA

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director de Jong, 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: 2:00pm

CARRIED

Chairperson