

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'A' PARKS, RECREATION AND  
CULTURE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015  
7:00PM  
(CEDAR HERITAGE CENTRE)**

**Attendance:** Alec McPherson, RDN Director, Chair  
Jim Fiddick  
Patti Grand  
Andrew Thornton  
Graham Gidden  
John O'Connor  
Kerri-Lynne Wilson  
Angela Davies  
Bernard White

**Staff:** Dean Banman, Manager of Recreation Services  
Hannah King, Superintendent of Recreation Program Services  
Elaine McCulloch, Parks Planner  
Ann-Marie Harvey, Recording Secretary

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair McPherson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATION**

No Delegations

**MINUTES**

MOVED Commissioner Grand, SECONDED Commissioner Fiddick that the Minutes of the Regular Electoral Area 'A' Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting held June 17, 2015 be received.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

NONE

**COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED Commissioner Davies, SECONDED Commissioner Grand that the following Communications /Correspondence be received:

L. Gourlay, VICCS to H. King/E. McCulloch, RDN, **Re: VICCS Beautification & Heritage Project Partnership Invitation**

CARRIED

## **IN CAMERA**

MOVED Commissioner O'Conner, SECONDED Commissioner Wilson 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: 7:09**

CARRIED

## **RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING - 7:38PM**

### **REPORTS**

#### **Monthly Update of Regional and Community Parks and Trail Projects – June-August 2015**

Ms. McCulloch updated the report about an event held at the Cedar Skate Park this past weekend and noted there were some parking issues and the hosts of the event had not complied with the park permit for holding the event. This will have to be addressed should this group hold the event again.

Ms. McCulloch said staff had gps'd the two beach accesses 18 & 20, noting that both paths are on the road right of way. Director McPherson asked if staff could check the ownership on the properties surrounding the #20 access.

MOVED Commissioner O'Connor, SECONDED Commissioner Fiddick that the Monthly Update of Regional and Community Parks and Trails Projects be received.

CARRIED

#### **Cedar Plaza Kiosk Update (*Verbal*)**

Ms. McCulloch gave an update of the Cedar Plaza Kiosk project. The design is completed and has been sent to Herold Engineering for engineering and costing. Landscaping will be starting in the plaza area and long the trail this fall. Plaza planting renovations will be completed once the kiosk has been installed. Staff are looking for volunteers to coordinate a watering plan for next year.

MOVED Commissioner Wilson, SECONDED Commissioner O'Connor that the Cedar Plaza Kiosk Update be received.

CARRIED

#### **Cedar Sport Court Update (*Verbal*)**

Mr. Banman updated that staff and Director McPherson have met with Snuneymuxw First Nations regarding the agreement for the sport court. Terms of the agreement to comply with the Federal Community Works Funds guidelines for funding, as well as, the costs and length of the agreement term are being worked on by both parties.

MOVED Commissioner White, SECONDED Commissioner Gidden the Cedar Sport Court Update be received.

CARRIED

### **Cedar Heritage Centre Update (*Verbal*)**

Ms. King updated that the new roof on the Cedar Heritage Centre was completed. She noted that the Cedar School and Community Enhancement Society has received the draft extension agreement and she is awaiting a response. She hopes to bring that response to the next meeting in November.

MOVED Commissioner O'Connor, SECONDED Commissioner Grand that the Cedar Heritage Centre Update be received.

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **EA A Rec and Culture Review - Sep 9 2015 Commission Handout**

Commissioners discussed some of the items in the handout. Commissioner Gidden told the commission members about the CVRD's Heritage Registry that was done by a summer student and brought together some interesting pieces of the area's history that otherwise may have never been talked about. Chair McPherson suggested that this could be something that could be done in this area or the entire RDN. Commissioner Gidden said he would bring some more information on how the project was started to staff to include at the next Commission meeting for discussion.

Moved Commissioner O'Conner, SECONDED Commissioner Fiddick that the EA A Rec and Culture Review - Sep 9, 2015 Commission Handout be received.

CARRIED

### **COMMISSIONER ROUND TABLE**

**Commissioner White** – Had a great gardening crop this summer.

**Commissioner Davies** – She has been enjoying the beach accesses around and checked out the one on Rayns Rd with her kids. She is also due with her second child Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, so may or may not be attending the next meeting.

**Commissioner O'Connor** – He mentioned the recreation/culture event his wife was a part of in Port Alberni. Mr. Banman said he'd look in to what was involved with that event.

**Commissioner Grand** – She has been enjoying visiting parks in other areas and seen some things that she'd like to see come to Cedar, i.e mining history.

**Commissioner Fiddick** – He was in Edmonton over the summer and was surprised to see how much farmland is becoming housing developments in Alberta.

**Commissioner Thornton** – He asked if anywhere there was a facility that has recreation/culture/heritage together? Mr. Banman said Port Alberni does have those facilities together.

**Commissioner Gidden** – He had a get together at the skatepark this summer for some kids in the area. Cowichan has funding and agreements in place to connect CVT over the Malahat.

**Chair McPherson** – He enjoyed an 8 day trip to the Okanagan. He learned of an interesting technique to grow fruit trees. They were a great crop of fruit that he saw.

**IN CAMERA**

MOVED Commissioner Grand, SECONED Commissioner O'Connor that pursuant to Section 90(1) (e) of the Community Charter the Committee resume to an In Camera Committee meeting to consider items related to land and legal issues.

**Time: 8:51PM**

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED Commissioner Grand that the meeting be adjourned at 10:16pm.

CARRIED

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*Chair*