

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'A' PARKS, RECREATION AND
CULTURE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015
7:00PM**

(CEDAR UNITED CHURCH)

Attendance: Alec McPherson, RDN Director, Chair
Jim Fiddick
Patti Grand
John O'Connor
Kerri-Lynne Wilson
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

Regrets: Angela Davies
Andrew Thornton
Graham Gidden

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McPherson called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATION

L. Gourlay, VICCS – RE: Beautification & Heritage Project Partnership Invitation

Mr. Gourlay presented on the Beautification and Heritage Project. They are looking for resources for partnerships and funding sources and would like to tap into the Canada 150 funds. They would like to find a community room/ place to display Cedar/ South Wellington mementos or heritage items for Canada 150.

MINUTES

MOVED Commissioner O'Connor, SECONDED Commissioner Grand that the Minutes of the Regular Electoral Area 'A' Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting held Sept 16, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

MOVED Commissioner Wilson, SECONDED Commissioner Grand that Minutes of the Electoral Area 'A' Parks, Recreation and Culture Grants Sub-Committee meeting held October 21, 2015 via email be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Commissioner Fiddick clarified that his interest in Water Access #A-20 (Pace/Headland Rd) at the last meeting was to find out if the existing driveway to Canadian Pacific Algae Ltd. is within the MoTI road

allowance, not whether the existing trail is within the undeveloped road allowance. E.McCulloch advised that private driveways are often legally built within MoTI road allowances. However, based on the GPS data that was collected by Parks Staff it looks like the majority of the driveway is located on private property. The RDN does not typically direct public trail along private driveways. In this case, the existing trail to the ocean can be contained within the MoTI undeveloped road allowance. The existing stairs to the beach are within the public road corridor; the existing boat ramp leads directly from private property.

Commissioner Fiddick left the meeting at 7: 40pm citing a possible conflict with the next agenda item.

MOVED Commissioner Wilson, SECONDED Commissioner White that the following Electoral Area 'A' Recreation Grant in Aid application be approved:

Organization	Description	Requested
CEDAR FAMILY OF COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	For funding toward equipment for a 10 week youth empowerment program for girls in 3 rd to 7 th grade through fun and interactive physical activities.	\$ 739.74

CARRIED

MOVED Commissioner White, SECONDED Commissioner Wilson that the following Electoral Area 'A' Recreation Grant in Aid application be approved:

Organization	Description	Requested
CEDAR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	To purchase 32 chairs and cart to use for events at the Cedar Hall and their community activities.	\$ 2,128.00

CARRIED

The Commission discussed some of the guidelines for the grants that are currently in place and whether the applications met the requirements of the current guidelines.

MOVED Commissioner Grand, SECONDED Commissioner White that the Grants Sub-Committee meet to review changes to the current guidelines for grant applications.

CARRIED

Commissioner Fiddick returned to the meeting at 7:55pm.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

REPORTS

PARKS

Monthly Update of Regional and Community Parks and Trail Projects – September 2015

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Ms. McCulloch took questions about the reports from Commissioners.

RECREATION

CSCES Update (verbal)

Ms. King updated that she received the signed lease from CSCES and will now be signed by the RDN. This lease extended the current agreement by 1 year.

MOVED Commissioner Grand, SECONDED Commissioner O'Connor that the Update reports be received.

CARRIED

Recreation Facility, Programs, and Sports Field Service 2015 Survey Report

Mr. Banman summarized the Recreation Facility, Programs and Sports Field Service Survey Report for the Commissioners and its relevance to the Electoral Area 'A' community.

MOVED Commissioner Fiddick, SECONDED Commissioner Wilson that the Recreation Facility, Programs, and Sports Field Service 2015 Survey Report be received.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioners had a positive response to Mr. Gourlay's presentation and discussed what their role could be to support the organization's efforts for Cedar community beautification and heritage information collection for Canada 150 events.

MOVED Commissioner Grand, SECONDED Commissioner Fiddick that the Commission form a Canada 150 Sub-committee in 2016.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Snuneymuxw First Nation Sport Court Draft Agreement (handout)

Mr. Banman gave a summary of the agreement and is hopeful it will be presented in a staff report early in 2016.

2016 Business Plan (handout)

2015 Work Plan (handout)

Mr. Banman gave a summary of the information provided on these handouts.

Morden Colliery Regional Trail Bridge Development Open House (December 2, 5:30-7:30 Cedar Heritage Center)

Ms. McCulloch reminded the Commission of the upcoming open house about the Morden Colliery Regional Trail Bridge.

Commissioner Term Expiries (Vacant, Fiddick, Davies, O'Connor)

Mr. Banman reminded Commissioners of the upcoming term expiries.

COMMISSIONER ROUND TABLE

Commissioner Wilson – She has noticed neighbours of the skate park always picking up garbage around the park. Nice to see but wished there was a way to give appreciation to them.

Commissioner Fiddick – Celebrating his 54th wedding anniversary tonight. He mentioned the group petitioning for Boat Harbour access. He listed all of the now limited access to horse riding that used to be open and accessible for horse riders to get around the area.

Commissioner O'Connor– He showed the Commission a book titled Ghost Towns and Mining Camps that showed a picture of Cassidy.

Commissioner White – He noted that the Fire Department had dealt with a number of car accidents this month. Would like to see a focus on safe walking and higher visibility on the roads.

Commissioner Grand – Lack of volunteerism in the community and hopes to seem more gratitude for those that do spare their time. Director McPherson mentioned that Ladysmith has a Good Citizen Award and feels it would be a great asset to the community in Cedar. Mr. Banman mentioned there is a National Volunteer Week each year and ,in the RDN, during that week the letters are sent to all volunteers. He said staff could bring back some more information about it next meeting. Director McPherson asked if staff could talk to Ladysmith regard their forms and process for 'Good Citizen' recognition.

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: 9:25PM

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Commissioner Grand that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40pm.

CARRIED

Chair