REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE AREA 'F' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (POSAC) REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015 7:00PM AT THE ARROWSMITH HALL, COOMBS

ATTENDANCE: Julian Fell, director RDN Board, Chair

Alfred Jablonski Reg Nosworthy Earl Billingsley David Edgeley

REGRETS: Barbara Smith

Colin Anderson

STAFF: Wendy Marshall

Elaine McCulloch

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fell called the meeting to order 7:05 p.m.

DELEGATION

No delegations in attendance.

MINUTES

MOVED R. Nosworthy, SECONDED A. Jablonski that the Minutes of the Electoral Area F Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC) dated June 10th, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5-Year Planning Review 2015-2019

The revised planning sheet was presented for POSAC review.

COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS

Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trail Projects - May 2015

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E. McCulloch provided a verbal update on Errington Community Park. Staff attended a site meeting with the playground development volunteers. The group will be putting together a proposal in early 2016. The roadside parking along Veterans' Road has been completed. This was funded through an amenity contribution from the Evergreen Way rezoning.

Arrowsmith Community Trail (ACT) Update - Price Rd.

W. Marshall provided a verbal update on the Price Rd. trail project. The trail is substantially complete – gravel, signs and boulders have been installed and the ditch has been cleared to the satisfaction of the neighbour. The final outstanding item is to complete the gravel compaction.

Meadowood Community Park Portable Update

E. McCulloch provided a verbal update that the portable moving and installation tender closed on October 13th. Tender documents were posted on the RDN website and a report will go to the October Board meeting to award the contract to the successful bidder. If approved work is planned to start immediately and trailers will be on site by the end of November with a Marsh 1st date for significant completion. A staff report recommending that the RDN enter into a License of Use agreement with the Corcan Meadowood Residents Association (CMRA) to manage the buildings once they are complete will be going to the October Board meeting.

E&N Regional Trail Update

Plans have been submitted to the Island Corridor Foundation (ICF), the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) and the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC). The RDN is working with ICF on the road crossing details and are waiting to hear back from the ALC. A route change through the City of Parksville's Springwood Park has now become a possibility due to water pipeline upgrades they are undertaking, details are currently being worked out with the City.

MOVED D. Edgeley, SECONDED R. Nosworthy to receive the Reports.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

ACT Trails Sub-Committee Meeting

E.McCulloch will follow up with an email to all Committee members to set up a meeting to discuss the next steps for the ACT trails development plan. A tentative meeting date of Thursday, November 26, 2015 at 10am at the new Parks Building at 1490 Springhill Rd was discussed.

POSAC Member Term Expiry 2015

A. Jablonski, B. Smith and E. Billingsley were reminded that their terms are up at the end of December and were encouraged to reapply.

CARRIED

Grafton/Cranswick Flooding

Chair Fell reported on the issues centered on the Grafton/Cranswick Flooding. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure will be clearing and ditching the Cranswick undeveloped road allowance from Grafton Rd to Matterson Rd. E.McCulloch to follow up with MoTI to see if arrangements can be made to allow for a trail along this corridor.

First Nations Land Acquisition

Chair Fell reported that the Nanoose First Nations has recently acquired a number of large Crown Land lots in the Errington Area which did not include the Little Mount Properties at this time. Director Fell suggested he would confirm the status of the Little Mountain properties for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED E. Billingsley to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.	

_____Chairperson