

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2016 AT 12:00 PM IN THE RDN COMMITTEE ROOM

Attendance: Director Colin Haime, Chair, District of Lantzville
Director Maureen Young, Electoral Area 'C'
Director Alec McPherson, Electoral Area 'A'
Director Bob Rogers, Electoral Area 'E'
Director Ian Thorpe, City of Nanaimo
Director Teunis Westbroek, Town of Qualicum Beach
Director Marc Lefebvre, City of Parksville
Alternate Director Jack McLean

Staff: Tom Osborne, General Manager of Recreation and Parks
Dennis Trudeau, Interm Chief Administrative Officer
Wendy Idema, Director of Finance
Wendy Marshall, Manager of Park Services
Ann-Marie Harvey, Recording Secretary

Also in Attendance: Director Bill Veenhof, RDN Board Chairperson
Director Houle, Electoral Area 'B'

Regrets: Director Julian Fell, Electoral Area 'F'

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Haime called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

MINUTES

MOVED Director Westbroek, SECONDED Director Lefebvre that the Minutes of the Regular Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee meeting held October 20th, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED Director Thorpe, SECONDED Director Westbroek that the following Communication/Correspondence be received:

T. Osborne, RDN to Department of Fisheries and Oceans – Licensing, **RE: Oyster Harvesting Concerns**

K. Fulton, NCC to T. Osborne, RDN, **RE: Conservation Covenant Agreement with NCC**

CARRIED

REPORTS

Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects –Nov 2015 – Jan 2016

Ms. Marshall answered questions from the directors regarding items in the report.

MOVED Director McPherson, SECONDED Director Lefebvre that the Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects –Nov 2015 – Jan 2016 be received.

CARRIED

Nanaimo River Bridge Equestrian Accessibility Report

MOVED Director McPherson, SECONDED Director Young that the design and development of the multi-use bridge crossing over the Nanaimo River, within the Morden Colliery Regional Trail, incorporate equestrian accessibility (in addition to pedestrian, cyclist and wheelchair accessibility) in response to current community recreational needs and public support.

CARRIED

Event Permit Framework for Mount Benson Regional Park Report

MOVED Director Westbroek, SECONDED Director Thorpe that the 2016-2021 Event Permit Framework for Mount Benson Regional Park be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Westbroek, SECONDED Director Rogers that staff advance the dialogue with running race event user groups in 2016 to expedite the race route timeline in the Event Permit Framework for Mount Benson Regional Park.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE/DELEGATONS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Road Access to Mount Benson Summit

MOVED Director Rogers, SECONDED Director Young that staff examine enhanced access to Mt. Benson to allow for more community members to reach the summit.

DEFEATED

MOVED Director Westbroek SECONDED Director Lefebvre that the information be received.

CARRIED

Regional Parks and Trails 2016 Budget and 5 year Financial Plan.

That the Kennedy Hall repair and upgrade at Moorecroft Regional Park be removed from the Five Year Financial Plan, the Moorcroft Regional Park Information Kiosk be funded by donations and the potential acquisition cost for the Option to Purchase Lands on Notch Hill be moved to 2021.

CARRIED

Coombs to Parksville Rail Trail Project Update

MOVED Lefebvre, SECONDED Director McLean that staff proceed to tender for the Station Rd. to Church Rd. phase of the Coombs to Parksville Rail Trail with a tender upgrade for the Church Rd to City of Parksville phase.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Rogers 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 and legal issues.

Time: 1:50pm

CARRIED

RISE AND REPORT

Regional Parks Parcel Tax Acquisition and Capital Development

MOVED Director McPherson, SECONDED Director Young that the Regional Parks Service Bylaw 1231 be amended to increase the parcel tax for regional parks acquisitions and capital development by one dollar per year for the next seven years commencing in 2016.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Rogers that the meeting be adjourned at 2:21pm.

CARRIED

Chairperson