

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE
REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY JUNE 7, 2016
12:00 PM
(RDN COMMITTEE ROOM)**

Attendance: Director Haime, Chair, District of Lantzville
Director Houle, Electoral Area 'B'
Director Young, Electoral Area 'C'
Director Rogers, Electoral Area 'E'
Director Fell, Electoral Area 'F'
Director Stanhope, Electoral Area 'G'
Director Veenhof, Electoral Area 'H'
Director Westbroek, Town of Qualicum Beach
Director Lefebvre, City of Parksville
Director Thorpe, City of Nanaimo
Director Hong, City of Nanaimo
Director Pratt, City of Nanaimo

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

Regrets: Director McPherson, Electoral Area 'A'
Director Yoachim, City of Nanaimo

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Haime called the meeting to order at 12:01pm.

DELEGATIONS

David and Patti Kirk – Parking at Benson Creek Fall Regional Park / Ammonite Falls

David Kirk and Patti Kirk presented their concerns and issues regarding parking on Creekside Place, Jameson Road and in the community park parking lot to access the Benson Creek Fall Regional Park Trail to Ammonite Falls. The delegation requested for an alternate access to the park, outside of a residential area be considered.

MOVED Director Young, SECONDED Commissioner Houle that the delegation be received.

CARRIED

MINUTES

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Veenhof that the Minutes of the Regular Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee meeting held February 16, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Veenhof that the following Communication/Correspondence be received:

B. Veenhof, RDN to Environment & Climate Change Canada, RE: Request for Legislative Amendments–Culled Migratory Birds

S. Poulin, Environment Canada to B. Veenhof, RDN, RE: Correspondence Received

T. Osborne, RDN to G. Adrienne, NALT RE: Memorandum of Understanding – Conclusion of Contribution Agreement

HR MacMillan/Grant Ainscough Arboretum Society, RE: Expanding the Boundaries of the Arboretum

B. Rogers, RDN to D. Lott, Moorecroft Stewardship Committee, RE: Fundraising

N. Doe, Gabriola Resident to T. Osborne, RDN, RE: Gabriola Marsh Trail Proposal

W. Marshall, RDN to N. Doe, Gabriola Resident, RE: Trail Development –Coats Marsh

A. Landry, GaLTT to W. Marshall, RDN, RE: Trail Building in Coats Marsh Regional Park

P. Jacobson – Arrowsmith Parks & Land-Use Council, to RDN RPTSC, RE: Hamilton Marsh Protection

L. Brookes, Arrowsmith Naturalists, to RDN Board, RE: Preservation of Hamilton Marsh

CARRIED

REPORTS

Presentation – Regional Parks Overview

Mr. Osborne gave a presentation of the Regional Parks and summarized each park's context.

Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects –Feb – Apr 2016

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

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Veenhof that the Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects February-April be received.

CARRIED

Regional Park Management Plan for Fairwinds Lakes District –Enos Lake Protection & Monitoring Program

MOVED Director Rogers, SECONDED Director Veenhof that the Board approve the Regional Park Management Plan for the Fairwinds Lakes District with the submission of the Enos Lake Protection and Monitoring Program.

CARRIED

Morden Colliery Regional Trail – Nanaimo River Bridge Update

Director Thorpe, SECONDED Director Veenhof that the Board receive the update report on trail and bridge planning initiatives for the Morden Colliery Regional Trail.

CARRIED

Director Thorpe, SECONDED Director Veenhof that the Board allocate \$55,000 of the Regional Parks and Trails Capital Reserves to bridge development for the Morden Colliery Regional Trail so that a prerequisite hydro technical drilling assessment project can commence in the summer of 2016.

CARRIED

Moorecroft Regional Park Buildings Report

Director Rogers, SECONDED Director Lefebvre that the Board direct staff to remove Kennedy Hall and the Caretaker's Residence from Moorecroft Regional Park and that the Caretaker role be eliminated.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Rogers, SECONDED Director Lefebvre that the Board direct staff to complete a report on options for the placement and construction of a picnic shelter and toilet facilities at Moorecroft Regional Park.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE/DELEGATIONS

Parking at Benson Creek Fall Regional Park / Ammonite Falls

MOVE Director Young, SECONDED Director Houle that the Board direct staff to report on options to relieve parking congestion at Creekside Place and Jameson Road caused by public use of area to access the Benson Creek Falls Regional Park and the VIU woodlot.

CARRIED

Coats Marsh Regional Parks Trails

MOVED Director Houle, SECONDED Director Veenhof that the development of a trail from Stanley Road to Coats Marsh be postponed until other access routes are considered through the potential density transfer of lands and related land donation addition to 707 Community Park that is currently under review by Islands Trust.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Parcel Taxes Services Agreements

Mr. Osborne provided an overview of past Board reports and related resolutions on the establishment of the Regional Parks and Trails Parcel Tax.

Staff will bring forward a report to the Committee with various taxation options and updated financial information. Staff will also provide an update on current funding allocations related to the sports field and recreation services agreement as they were also considered by the RDN Board at the same time the parcel tax was implemented.

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Veenhof that the Parcel Tax information be received.

CARRIED

Director Hong left the meeting at 1:35.

IN CAMERA

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Houle 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: 1:35pm

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Rogers that the meeting be adjourned at 2:15pm.

CARRIED

Chairperson