

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'B' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY  
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017  
7:00pm**

*(Gabriola Arts Centre)*

**Attendance:** Howard Houle, Director, RDN Board, Chair  
Kyle Clifford  
Allen Johnston  
Rob Brockley  
Glenna Borsuk  
Megan Walker

**Staff:** Elaine McCulloch, Park Planner

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair H. Houle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Two new members were welcomed to the Area 'B' POSAC Committee: Rob Brockley and Glenna Borsuk. Megan Walker was welcomed back for a second term.

**ELECTION OF SECRETARY**

M. Walker volunteered to fill the position of secretary starting in in the spring. E. McCulloch will take minutes for this meeting. As no other nominations were received, Director Houle declared M. Walker secretary.

**DELEGATIONS**

**Doug Cavill, Gabriola Island Lions Club** Re: Request for storage space at Rollo Community Park.

D. Cavill requested the RDN consider allowing the Lions Club to erect a 200 sq.ft. storage building at Rollo Community Park. The building or storage container would be used to store equipment owned by the Lions but which is lent out for many non-profit events that take place on the Island.

**MINUTES**

MOVED G. Borsuk, SECONDED K. Clifford that the minutes of the Regular Electoral Area 'B' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held September 19, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED M. Walker, SECONDED S. Betts to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Electoral Area 'B' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held Tuesday, March 2, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **Bylaw Referral Park Implications – Gabriola Island Local Trust committee Bylaw Nos. 289 & 290 (Potlatch Density Transfer)**

M. Walker requested a site tour of the proposed park land dedication on the receiving parcels prior to the POSAC considering the next Islands Trust (IT) referral on this application. The second Islands Trust referral is expected before the IT Public Meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

D. Cavil, Gabriola Lions Club to H. Houle, RDN **RE: Request for Storage Space**

J. Woods to E. McCulloch, RDN **RE: Bells Landing Boat Ramp Improvements**

MOVED A. Johnston, SECONDED M. Walker to receive the correspondence

CARRIED

## **REPORTS**

### **Monthly Update Regional and Community Parks and Trail Projects – Oct-Dec 2016**

H. Houle reviewed the staff report with the following highlights:

- Village Trail Update – Final design approval for the trail has been denied by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure as they will not approve the construction of infrastructure (e.g. storm drainage or sidewalks) in their road corridor. The Ministry will consider allowing widening the pavement beyond the fog line to create a large asphalt shoulder. Director Houle expressed disappointment with this option as it would not improve pedestrian safety.
- RDN staff to meet with GaLTT this spring to review trail projects for 2017, including the development of the new Fawn Pl and McCollum Rd access trails to 707 Community Park.

### **Huxley Community Park Update**

Ms. McCulloch informed the Committee that Newline Skateparks and Spectrum Skateparks have been engaged as the design consultant team to develop a concept plan for the Huxley Skatepark. The first community design workshop is planned for February and the final concept plan and cost estimates are to be completed by the summer of 2017. Playground construction is scheduled for 2017. Grant funding for tennis court and sport court upgrades is still pending; if funding is received these projects will move ahead for 2017.

### **Pilot Bay Community Park Update**

At the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 POSAC meeting a motion was passed directing staff to develop a trail/viewpoint at Pilot Bay Community Park (formerly known as Decourcey Community Park). Ms. McCulloch informed the Committee that due to competing park development priorities the project has not been completed. Staff advises that this project is on the list to complete in 2018. The item will also go on the agenda for the RDN to discuss with GaLTT as a potential project to work with them on.

MOVED A. Johnston, SECONDED M. Walker that the reports be received.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

MOVED R. Brockley, SECONDED G. Borsuk that staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of the Gabriola Island Lions Club building a storage shed at Rollo McClay Community Park.

CARRIED

MOVED A. Johnston, SECONDED G. Borsuk that staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of constructing a boat launch and associated parking lot at the Bells Landing MoTI water access on Gabriola Island.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COMMITTEE ROUND TABLE**

G. Borsuk discussed the idea that the RDN work with the Islands Trust to explore if there is a public appetite to increase the options for park and trail acquisition on Gabriola.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED M. Walker that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 pm.

CARRIED

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Chairperson