

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE EAST WELLINGTON AND PLEASANT VALLEY  
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017  
6:00pm**

**(East Wellington Fire Hall, 3269 Jingle Pot Road)**

**Attendance:** Maureen Young, Director RDN Board, Chair  
Rick Heikkila  
Bernice Lind  
Bruce Erickson

**Staff:** Wendy Marshall, Manager of Parks Services  
Kelsey Cramer, Parks Planner

**Others:** Charles Pinker, Alternate Director, RDN

**Regrets:** Judith Wilson

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Young called meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**ELECTION OF SECRETARY**

R. Heikkila nominated B. Erickson. B. Erickson accepted.

**DELEGATIONS**

None

**MINUTES**

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED B. Erickson that the Notes of the East Wellington and Pleasant Valley Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee meeting held May 30, 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED B. Lind that the minutes of the East Wellington and Pleasant Valley Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee regular meeting held February 29, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

## **REPORTS**

### **Monthly Updates of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – June-September 2016**

The Canada 150 Grant, that was available for applications last year, was briefly discussed and noted that shelf-ready projects were a requirement of this grant funding.

#### **Parks Update Report - Fall 2016**

The Parks Update Report is a new format to summarize parks projects and work plan.

#### **Benson Creek Falls Parking Update (verbal)**

Staff provided a verbal update indicating that the Board resolution was made to keep the parking lot at Creekside Place Community Park. Compliance with use of the parking lot by park users will resume in the spring with Footprints Security.

Parking lot planning along Wiggles Road and studies and plans for a crossing of the river are on the work plan for 2017.

#### **Witchcraft Lake Parking**

RDN Park staff are monitoring and looking for a solution as per Board direction.

#### **Meadow Drive Park Update (verbal)**

The new bench was installed and access to the toilet was improved by removing some fencing. The picnic shelter is built, waiting for two eight foot picnic tables that will be installed this spring. The picnic tables will not have an extendable BBQ platform due to concern about promoting BBQ use under the shelter.

C. Pinker informed the Committee that the fire department will not be burying water storage tanks on the park property.

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED B. Lind that the reports to be received for information.

CARRIED

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Five year plan (2017 - 2021)**

Detailed design of Anders and Dorrits Community Park is on the work plan for 2018. Detailed design will follow the concept planning and public consultation that has already taken place. POSAC members will be engaged during the fine-tuning of the detailed design.

Jingle Pot Roadside Trail and Kilpatrick Roadside trail were discussed. It was discussed whether or not to remove these projects from the work plan because there is no support from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to proceed with roadside trail development, beyond widening the paved shoulder. M. Young requested that the Jingle Pot Roadside trail remain on the work plan for the time being in case progress is made with MOTI on this topic.

Priorities for 2018 will be discussed in detail and the next meeting.

**Use of the East Wellington Fire Hall**

C. Pinker advised the group that after many years of service, he will no longer be Chair of the Board of the Mountain Fire Protection District, as of April, 2017. As a result, use of the Fire Hall as a meeting space may no longer be an option; however, he will put the request forward with the new Trustee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED B. Lind that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

CARRIED

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Chairperson