

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE NANOOSE BAY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 13, 2017**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Nanoose Place**

In Attendance:	Director B. Rogers	Electoral Area 'E' Director
	G. Wiebe	D69 Recreation Commission Appointee
	M. Caskey	Member at Large
	D. Mitchell	Member at Large
	V. Swan	Member at Large
	R. Turkington	Member at Large
	D. Young	Member at Large
Also in Attendance:	K. Cramer	Parks Planner

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the following amendments:

Move Item 7.1, *Cash in Lieu of Parkland Dedication*, to Section 4, Delegations

Add Email request sent to Director Rogers re Toilet at Brickyard, to Section 5, Correspondence

Add Item, D69 Rec Commission Report to Section 7, Reports

Add Item, Beachcomber Regional Park Draft Management Plan to Section 9, New Business

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Nanoose Bay Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting - June 28, 2017**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Nanoose Bay Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held June 28, 2017, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **Ken Collingwood, Nanoose Resident – Building a Racket Court Facility for the Residents of Nanoose**

Ken Collingwood discussed the need for a set of outdoor Tennis/Racket Ball courts within Nanoose. With limited promotion, he had acquired support from 41 members of the Arrowsmith Tennis Club. He discussed the present situation – nets gone at Schooner Cove with no plans to replace them; and a private facility for Fairwinds members. With 6100 residents, Nanoose is larger than some other nearby communities who have facilities. The footprint would be 120 ft X 120 ft and estimated cost of construction would be \$25,000 to \$50,000 depending on the surfacing.

Ensuing discussion with committee members included G. Wiebe suggesting that the delegate should approach the District 69 Recreation Committee. Director Rogers questioned whether the delegate had any specific location in mind (Answer: no) and the basic surface needed for this activity. R. Turkington questioned how the courts would be monitored to determine who would use them and when. He also felt that maintenance costs including signage should to be kept in mind.

### **Rachel Hamling of Fern Road Consulting Ltd. – Cash in Lieu of Parkland Dedication – Subdivision Application No. PL2017-034**

Rachel Hamling went over the proposed subdivision and the steps to date to support the owner's desire to provide Cash-in-Lieu instead of parkland on this property. Based on the PLA in place now, the appraised value of the land is \$610,000. The amount available as Cash in Lieu (5% of the appraised value) would be \$30,500. According to the bylaws, the RDN pays half of the cost of the appraisal, which leaves approximately \$29,500 for future parkland purchases. She stated that the PLA from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) did not require the landowner to do any road improvements along Stewart or Davenham roads (such as widening the shoulder for pedestrian safety, or providing a pedestrian crossing).

Ensuing discussion mentioned concerns with the present pedestrian usage of the roadside shoulder and crossing the road at this busy corner; and that MOTI staff had told RDN staff that they would look at shoulder widening.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **K. Cramer RDN, to Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations re: Nanoose Road Community Park Crown Land Lease 113393**

It was moved and seconded that the correspondence from K. Cramer, RDN to Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations re: Nanoose Road Community Park Crown Land Lease 113393 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **V. Voros, re: Need for Toilet at Brickyard Park**

It was moved and seconded that the correspondence from V. Voros, re: Need for Toilet at Brickyard Park be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Natural Playgrounds - Staff Summary Information**

It was moved and seconded that Stone Lake Community Park be pursued as a pilot project for a natural playground and moved forward in the work plan to begin community engagement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Beach Access Study by POSAC Sub-Committee**

M. Caskey summarized the purpose and status of this project. All beach accesses have been reviewed and the results are being added to the spreadsheet. The subcommittee identified 11 sites which they felt warranted a further review by the POSAC committee – to identify a few for future follow-up for enhancement. It was decided that a date later this fall would be set for the committee members to view the accesses.

#### **Action items:**

- Director Rogers requested K. Cramer to set up a date between mid-October and the end of November for the committee members (and staff) to view the 11 identified right of ways and consider establishing priorities.
- The spreadsheet and a summary will be sent to all committee members when completed.

## **REPORTS**

### **Cash-in-lieu of Parkland Dedication-Subdivision Application No. PL2017-034**

It was moved and seconded that the five percent (5%) cash-in-lieu of parkland dedication be accepted in conjunction with Subdivision Application No. PL2017-034.

Opposed (1): D. Young

CARRIED

### **Directors Report**

Director Rogers met once again with a delegation from the Northwest Nanoose Residents Association and Fairwinds Residents Association regarding their concerns with the utilization of local beach accesses by commercial businesses such as kayak and diving companies. They were informed that it is provincial policy that all road rights of way are available for any users (although no structures can be erected without a permit).

Within the RDN, Director Rogers expressed that there are ongoing conversations with MOTI regarding improving road shoulders for safer pedestrian and cycling mobility.

### **District 69 Recreation Commissioner Report - G. Wiebe**

Commission is to meet on September 21, 2017 so no new information to report

G Wiebe strongly recommends that everyone review the new D69 Recreation Services Master Plan (to be released in a few months)

The D69 Recreation Commission strongly supports getting people more active; therefore the pickle ball/tennis facility would probably be received favourably.

The 'State of Recreation in District 69' includes the results of the RDN-wide survey, broken down by Area.

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **Ken Collingwood and Gary Kaita, Nanoose Residents – Building a Racket Court Facility for the Residents of Nanoose**

V. Swan expressed concerns about potentially conflicting uses and users.

Director Rogers indicated that he would discuss with the Recreation and Parks Department and report back at the next meeting as to what opportunities might exist for a potential outdoor court in the Nanoose area. G Wiebe will discuss it at the District 69 Recreation Commission meeting next week.

##### **V. Voros, re: Need for Toilet at Brickyard Park**

This item is already on the staff workplan, along with parking improvements. After a visual conceptual layout has been created to show possible locations, the next step will be to approach the local residents for input.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Es-hw Sme~nts Community Park Dedication and Open House**

This will be held Friday, October 4, 2017 from 1 - 3 PM at the park.

##### **Beachcomber Park Management Plan**

- This is open for comments now
- The open house results wanted minimal change. Better access to the beach for folk with limited mobility is desired

##### **Blueback Community Park**

- Generating positive feedback
- Final landscaping and improvements were on hold over the summer
- RDN staff have received a request for a wedding to be held there next summer

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 8:55pm

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CHAIR