

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'H' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING November 28th, 2012

Attendance: Bill Veenhoff, Chair, Director, RDN Board
Barry Ellis
Richard Leontowich
Valerie Weismiller
Marguerite Little
Nancy Robertson
Dagmar Seydel

Staff: Elaine McCulloch, Parks Planner
Wendy Marshall, Manager of Park Services

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Veenhoff called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

LATE DELEGATION

Wes Witton presented a petition, signed by local residents, in favour of developing a trail through existing parkland connection between Leon and Marshall roads.

MINUTES

MOVED B. Ellis, SECONDED D. Seydel that the minutes of the June 27, 2012 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED V. Weismiller, SECONDED M.Little that the following be received:

C. Midgley, RDN to L. Thornburn, Mid Island Bluegrass Society. RE: Application

CARRIED

R. Leontowich spoke about the electrical updates for the Lighthouse Community Centre. An increase from 60 amps to 100 amps is required. Funds are included in the draft Electoral H Parks budget. Project is to begin sometime in March.

REPORTS

Ms. McCulloch reviewed the Community and Regional Parks and Trails Update for June – October 2012. Highlights include:

- Ms. Marshall reported on the stairs at Shoreline Drive – Scheduled to fix stairs this winter.

- Henry Morgan Update - Ms. McCulloch reported on the permitting for Henry Morgan Park. It is expected that the development and building permit was approved shortly. The project tender has been issued and closes on the November 30th. Submissions reviewed and a contractor selected. Once the contract is signed it will be 120 days to completion but will not include pumptrack or playhouse with the exceptions of the footings. Ballenas shop students have been contacted regarding building the playhouse. V. Weismiller asked if a trail was going along the undeveloped parks of Esray Rd. to connect to Henry Morgan. It was suggested that once the park development is complete and a route is flagged, a local trail group could blaze a trail.
- Horne Lake Regional Park –A request for proposals for a Park Operator has been issued and submissions are now being reviewed.

MOVED, D. Seydel, SECONDED N. Robertson to receive the reports.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Community Parks and Trails Strategy

The Committee appointed D. Seydal to the Community Parks and Trails Strategy Committee to represent Electoral District Area 'H'.

Water Access

Ms. McCulloch suggested that a beach access subgroup be formed to review the beach accesses and report back. Sub group members are Val, Nancy and Richard. Each member will come to next meeting with 2 Beach Access priorities. It was reported that the Beach access next to Sandbar has been gated.

The application process for the 2013 Committee members was discussed.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

M. Little – Reported that there are seaweed collections taking place on local beaches. Chair Veenhoff gave an update on licensing and harvesting. Apparently an invasive species of seaweed is being harvested and the BC Ministry of Agriculture has been granting licences. Marguerite will send Bill the Information on licensing.

R. Leontowich spoke about the possibility of heating the hall with geothermal.

D. Seydal spoke about a bylaw for trees, especially trees on the waterfront. Chair Veenhoff will bring it to the RDN board.

ADJOURN

MOVED N. Robertson that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED