

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, AT 12:00PM  
IN THE RDN COMMITTEE ROOM**

**Attendance:** Director Diane Brennan, Chair, City of Nanaimo  
Director Maureen Young, Electoral Area 'C',  
Director Joe Stanhope, Electoral Area 'G'  
Director Julian Fell, Electoral Area 'F'  
Director Dave Willie, Town of Qualicum Beach  
Director Brian Dempsey, District of Lantzville  
Director Howard Houle, Electoral Area 'B'  
Director Marc Lefebvre, City of Parksville

**Staff:** Tom Osborne, General Manager of Recreation and Parks  
Paul Thorkelsson, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Wendy Marshall, Manager of Park Services  
Margaret Paridaen, Regional Parks Planner  
Ann-Marie Harvey, Recording Secretary

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Brennan called the meeting to order at 12:02pm.

**MINUTES**

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Young that the minutes of the Regular Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee meeting held December 4, 2012 be approved.

CARRIED

**COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED Director Dempsey, SECONDED Director Stanhope, that the following correspondence be received:

**W. Marshall, RDN to P. Hills** RE: Fence Construction at Moorcroft Regional Park

CARRIED

**REPORTS**

**Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects November/December 2012**

Ms. Marshall gave a summary of the November/December Regional Parks and Trails Projects highlighting the new signs for the Parksville/Qualicum Links are up, a new operator at Horne Lake Regional Park and work being done at Moorecroft Regional Park.

Director Fell noted that one of Mrs. Marshall's reference to a board meeting date should be January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Fell, that the Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects November/December 2012 report be received as amended.

CARRIED

## **Benson Creek Falls Regional Park Management Plan Terms of Reference**

MOVED Director Young, SECONDED Director Stanhope that:

1. That the Terms of Reference for the Benson Creek Falls Regional Park Management Plan be approved.
2. That staff be directed to issue a Request for Proposals for a Project Consultant for the development of the Benson Creek Falls Regional Park Management Plan 2014-2024.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Houle that Director Young and Director Dempsey of the Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee be appointed to participate as members of the Advisory Committee for the Benson Creek Falls Regional Park Management Plan.

CARRIED

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Fire Share Cost**

Ms. Marshall reported that the Ministry of Forests was looking at streamlining their cost sharing agreements based on uses, risk location, etc. Our cost was \$1000/yr and in the new agreement will be \$900/yr. This agreement will go to the Board in 3 weeks and covers fire protection for Mt. Benson, Horne Lake, Mount Arrowsmith Massif and Community Parks in Electoral Areas 'H' and 'C'.

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Fell that the update be received.

CARRIED

### **Parcel Tax – Re: G. Holme Correspondance**

MOVED Director Willie, SECONDED Director Lefebvre that the recommended Parcel Tax motion be deferred until after the In Camera meeting.

CARRIED

### **Plan for Accessibility**

Director Lefebvre asked about a plan for accessibility in our parks and trails. Ms. Marshall stated that accessibility is always taken into account but topography issues are usually what determines accessibility. She noted that with a park like Moorecroft the prospect of accessibility is easier to achieve and will be examined as development moves forward.

## **IN CAMERA**

MOVED Director Young, SECONDED Director Stanhope, 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 issues.

Time: 12:38

CARRIED

Return to Regular meeting at 1:43pm

**Parcel Tax**

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Willie, that the Regional Parks and Trails Acquisition and Capital Parcel Tax be increased from \$12.00 to \$13.00 in the 2013 Annual Budget and Five Year Financial Plan.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED Director Young that the meeting be adjourned at 1:55pm

CARRIED

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Chair