

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'B' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2013, 7.00 P.M.
AT GABRIOLA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HALL**

Attendance: Howard Houle, Director, RDN Board, Chair
Jacinthe Eastick
Randy Young
Sam Betts

Staff: Elaine McCulloch

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Houle called the meeting to order at 7.00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED J. Eastick, SECONDED R. Young to adopt the agenda with the addition of the following items:
707 Trail Upgrade -Stumps to Jeannette; Bells Landings, MacDonald West- future trail , Village Trail.

CARRIED

Due to Jim Phillipoff's resignation, it was MOVED by R. Young, seconded by S. Betts to appoint J. Eastick as Area "B" POSAC secretary.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Erin Mancor presented the committee members with a hand-out (attached) outlining her willingness to facilitate workshops in different settings to help youth (18 years or under) to think realistically and to plan sustainably for a Youth Skate Park and possibly for a broader vision about recreation on Gabriola.

MOVED S. Betts, SECONDED R. Young to receive Erin Mancor's delegation.

CARRIED

MINUTES

MOVED R. Young, SECONDED S. Betts to receive the Minutes of the Regular Electoral Area 'B' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held April 2, 2013 as amended with the deletion of J. Eastick's name as attending the meeting.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

MOVED J. Eastick, SECONDED R. Young to receive the following correspondence:

N. Crozier' resignation as Area 'B' POSAC member

J. Hill from RDN re appointment of Sam Betts as Area 'B' POSAC member

Dr. John W. Pierce re. Request of assistance in obtaining a MOTI Trail license across "Honeysuckle gravel pit".

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

In his letter, Dr. Pierce, GALTT President, explained that MOTI is not willing to negotiate with community groups but that formalizing the current trail use between Honeysuckle and Wild Cherry would be a good thing. GALTT will help pay the cost of surveying the trail. It was noted by staff that work relating to implementing of trails projects and applying for permits will need to be added to the Annual Work Plan for prioritization

MOVED R. Young, SECONDED S. Betts that RDN staff apply for an MOTI permit to construct the trails between Honeysuckle Road and Wild Cherry Road and that RDN staff provide trail construction standards to GALTT for construction.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Huxley Community Park Consultation Process

A drop-in for skateboarders had a good 50 + youth turn-out. Every park stakeholder group will have a formal consultation. Gabriolans will get their first opportunity to add their thoughts at the Open House on July 13 at W.I Hall from 10am to 1 pm. Consultation is on-going.

Mudge Island Water Access Planning

The circulated draft is very rough and not available for distribution. Sam Betts would like to see a photo of the sites identified as developable. Elaine has no real concerns about "stacking" of the survey. It never was purported to be a statistically valid survey; the results will serve as guidelines and all comments are useful when making decisions.

707 Trail Upgrade – stumps to Jeannette

R. Young put forward a request to have the trail from the stumps to Jeannette upgraded for bicycle use. Director Houle commented that this stretch of trails is quite good as is and that he cycles there himself often. A drainage problem along this trail was identified; it is considered to be low priority at this time.

McDonald West Trail

GALLT proposed to build a walkway but now feels that a causeway would be a better way to link Peterson Road to MacDonald Road. A MOTI permit to construct should be amended to read causeway instead of walkway. R. Young supplied drawing of same to E. McCulloch.

The Strand Boat Launch

R. Young has found someone willing to donate time and equipment to do some levelling and re-site the ditch. E. McCulloch informed the members that Jonathan Lobb, Community Parks Operation Coordinator, needs to be involved with any and all work in all Community Parks. Director Houle will contact Mr. Lobb regarding this.

REPORTS

Monthly Update of Community Parks and Region Parks and Trails – Feb/Mar

Ms. McCulloch provided a summary of the Monthly Update Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails projects for Feb/Mar 2013, April 2013 and, May 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Works Project – Roadside Trail along portion of North Road

\$65,000 has been allocated for design, from the Community Works fund. There will be consultation with MOTI and the community. Bidding process timeline is for late September.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED J. Eastick that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 pm.

CARRIED

Chairperson