

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'B' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY  
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013  
7:00pm**

**(GABRIOLA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HALL)**

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

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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

MOVED M. Dickinson, SECONDED R. Young that the Mudge Island Water Access Report and the Islands Trust Park Re-Zoning Bylaw Report be moved to the top of the agenda so that they can be considered first and to adopt the agenda so amended.

CARRIED

**MINUTES**

MOVED R. Young, SECONDED M. Dickinson that the Minutes of the Regular Electoral Area 'B' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held July 2, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

MoTI Permits for trail improvements (e.g. Macdonald West Trails) - Ms. Marshall advised that this item is on the work plan.

'The Strand' boat launch improvements - Ms. Marshall advised that this item is on the work plan.

707 Community park South Road gate – staff confirmed it is on the work plan to be installed.

**CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**L. Reed to Director Houle, RDN, RE: DeCourcy Drive Community Park**

**D. Henry to Director Houle, RDN, RE: DeCourcy Drive Community Park**

**C. Simpson, Islands Trust Regional Planning Manager to Tom Osborne and Dr. Jasper Lament, Re:**  
Referral of Gabriola Island Draft Bylaws 271 and 272 to Rezone Park Areas

CARRIED

## REPORTS

MOVED S. Betts, SECONDED R. Young that the staff reports be received.

CARRIED

## MUDGE ISLAND WATER ACCESS (HAND-OUT)

Ms. McCulloch reviewed the survey questionnaire and the Mudge Island Water Access Development Priorities hand-outs and the Committee and attendees at the meeting provided feedback.

MOVED J. Eastick, SECONDED R. Young that improving parking, shore access and installing signage at the existing Davidson Bay (MI-15) boat launch on Mudge Island be listed as a first priority for development.

CARRIED

MOVED H. Houle, SECONDED R. Young that RDN staff review the feasibility of constructing and operating a public barge & boat landing on the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Lands at Flat Fish Road on Mudge Island.

CARRIED

## ISLAND TRUST PARK RE-ZONING BYLAW REPORT

Ms. McCulloch summarized the staff report and recommendations regarding the Gabriola Island Parks Rezoning referral – Island Trust Draft Bylaws.

MOVED R. Young, SECONDED J. Eastick that the *Gabriola Island Parks Rezoning Referral-Islands Trust Draft Bylaws* report be received and forwarded to the Islands Trust for review.

CARRIED

MOVED J. Eastick, SECONDED S. Betts that the Gabriola Island draft Bylaws 271 and 272 be supported with the following amendments:

- a. To allow a maximum sign area of 2 sq. m. per park entrance rather than the current restriction of a maximum sign area of 4 sq. m. per park to include a new permitted use; and
- b. To specifically allow special events in all park zones under permit by the Regional District of Nanaimo per RDN Bylaw No. 1399 – Regulation of Park Use

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

**DeCourcy Community Park**

The park is narrow, the trail would end at the top of the bluff, a split rail fence would need to be installed, and a bench may be sited there.

MOVED J. Eastick, SECONDED M. Dickinson that a trail be developed in DeCourcy Drive Community Park (B-24) to provide a view point.

CARRIED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**HUXLEY COMMUNITY PARK PLANNING PROCESS - ongoing**

Stakeholder and open house consultation as well as the questionnaire will inform the creation of concept plans for the park. The concept plans will be presented for a second round of consultation next spring.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2014 Committee Appointments**

The term of two committee members ends on December 31, 2013.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED M. Dickinson to adjourn at 9.35p.m.

CARRIED

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Chairperson