

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (POSAC)
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
MONDAY MAY 6, 2013
AT THE ERRINGTON WAR MEMORIAL HALL, ERRINGTON**

ATTENDANCE: Julian Fell, director RDN board, Chair
Alfred Jablonski
Colin Anderson
David Edgeley
Barbara Smith
Skye Donald

STAFF: Elaine McCulloch, Parks Planner
Wendy Marshall, Manager of Park Services
David Palidwor, Superintendent of Community Park

REGRETS: Steve Chomolok

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fell called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

As Reg Nosworthy has resigned from the District 69 Recreation Commission due to other commitments, David Edgeley, the new member was welcomed and introduced to the participants.

MINUTES

MOVED A. Jablonski, SECONDED D. Edgeley that the Minutes of the Electoral Area F Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC) dated March 6, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trail Projects – February/March 2013.

Ms. McCulloch reviewed the Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trail Projects – February/March 2013.

There has been interest expressed by a community member regarding the potential development of Romain Road Community Park as a bike skills park.

Ms. Michel presented an update on the Arrowsmith Community Trails (ACT) planning. The following handout was distributed: *Arrowsmith Community Trails (ACT) update March 2013*. Ms. Michel is working with the adjoining the owners of Carrothers, and Lundine Trails. Price Road trail just needs MOTI permit for signage.

At the Committee's request, Ms. McCulloch reviewed the background on the potential location of the Malcolm Park trailhead. The preferred location of the trailhead has always been from the Whiskey Creek Store parking lot. However, to achieve a trail connection to the store requires crossing private land which involves acquiring a trail licence agreement from the store as well as from the adjoining neighbour. At this time the neighbour is not interested in providing a trail licence with the RDN. The RDN currently has a permit with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) for the access trail along undeveloped Redden Road as well as trailhead signage and roadside parking off Redden Road.

C. Anderson asked about hazard trees in Malcolm Park, and whether they had been dealt with.

Community Parks and Trails Strategy Update

Mr. Palidwor gave an overview of the progress of the RDN Community Parks and Trails Strategy Committee, (CPTS) and referred to the new Area F Trails survey, which would be online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VR2XTZ3>.

Mr. Palidwor also reviewed the handout, Vision Statement and the survey results. He noted there was good feedback from the Meadowood side. He reviewed the maps and the 1 km radius circle around neighbourhood parks and the area that they service. Members noticed gaps where areas are not being serviced.

Mr. Palidwor explained that the next step in the process is to present the Draft Report to the RDN Board in September.

MOVED A. Jablonski, SECONDED by C. Anderson to receive the Reports.

CARRIED

AJOURNMENT

MOVED B. Smith that the meeting be adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

CARRIED

CPTS Open House followed this adjournment.

Chairperson