

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF ELECTORAL AREA 'E' PARKS AND OPEN SPACES ADVISORY
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
Monday March 4, 2013**

Attendance: Director George Holme - Chair
Peter Law
Randy Orr
Gordon Wiebe
Robert Rogers
George Jarvis

Staff: Elaine McCulloch, Parks Planner
Dave Palidwor, Superintendent of Park Planning and Development
Wendy Marshall, Manager of Park Services

Regrets: Vicki Voros

CALL TO ORDER

Director Holme called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

MINUTES

G. Wiebe noted a spelling error on page 4. 'Finding' in 2nd to last paragraph should be 'funding'.

MOVED G. Wiebe, SECONDED G. Jarvis that the Minutes of the November 5, 2012 meeting be approved with the noted correction.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nanoose Place Landscaping Request for Assistance

R. Rogers asked for an update on the Nanoose Place request from the Nanoose Place Recreational Society. Ms. Marshall indicated that RDN Parks staff met with the Society on site and flagged the plants/trees that are to be moved. The Society is going to mark the location of the septic tank on the property before the plants can be moved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Blueback Community Park Consultation Process:

Ms. McCulloch provided a series of reports compiled from responses to the Public Survey for the Blueback Community Park in November 2012.

The reports:

- **Blueback Community Park Community Consultation Survey #1 Summary Report: Non-Resident Responses.** The report summarizes how 44 respondents from people who live outside Electoral Area 'E', answered the seven (7) questions concerning their views about Blueback Park. These non-Resident respondents were all Scuba Divers. Their response to Q. 4 included a need for toilets, more parking and a dive staging area.

Blueback Community Park Consultation Survey #1 Summary Report: Resident Responses. The report summarizes how 44 residents of Area E answered seven (7) questions concerning their views about Blueback Park. The majority of residents who responded live within a 20 minute walk of the park. Their responses to Q.4 included improved trail to the beach, removal of Blackberry, include a launch for small watercraft and provide a grassy area.
- **Blueback Community Park Community Consultation Survey #1 Summary Report: All Responses.** The report Residents Survey with the Non Residents Survey with 92 respondents. This report includes the "comments" provided by respondents.

Responses to the survey were categorized by Ms. McCulloch for summary purposes. Ms. McCulloch requests POSAC members to review these Summary reports, and provide comments to her by April 1st.

MOVED G. Wiebe, SECONDED G. Jarvis that the Blueback CP Community Survey report be received.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects

Ms. McCulloch provided a brief summary of the Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects for Area E for November/December 2012.

P. Law asked about the status of the RDN Parks discussions concerning the Fairwinds Comprehensive Development Plan. Ms. Marshall responded that RDN Parks staff have responded to Fairwinds proposed plans.

Ms. McCulloch provided a brief summary of the Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects for Area E –January 2013.

MOVED G. Wiebe, SECONDED G. Jarvis that the Reports be received.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Parkland Classification

D. Palidwor provided a summary of the RDN Community Parks and Trails Strategy which is now underway. The project is expected to be completed by September 2013.

Mr. Palidwor provided a handout titled "Community Parks Classifications and Land Suitability Criteria". Mr. Palidwor explained each "new" classification in detail. Mr. Palidwor handed out RDN Area E (Community) Park Classifications. He asked the POSAC if a sub committee of members could provide a review of this Draft classification list. R. Rogers, G. Wiebe, V. Voros were appointed to review the list and provide comments to Mr. Palidwor (and POSAC members) by April 1, 2013.

P.Law asked whether the 2001 Nanoose Bay Parks and Open Space Plan is to be referenced in this review. Mr. Palidwor noted that the Nanoose Plan should be reviewed by the sub-committee to ensure nothing is missed.

Mr. Palidwor encouraged POSAC members to attend the Open House following the meeting, as maps of Community Parks and Comment sheets are available for further input into the Parks and Trails Strategy.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by G. Wiebe, SECONDED by P.Law, that the meeting be adjourned at 5:30 pm.

CARRIED