

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE EAST WELLINGTON AND PLEASANT VALLEY  
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING HELD  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014, 7:00PM  
(*East Wellington Fire Hall, 3269 Jingle Pot Road*)**

**Attendance:** Maureen Young, Director, RDN Board, Chair  
Rick Heikkila  
Bruce Erickson  
Doug Cawthorne

**Staff:** Elaine McCulloch, Park Planner

**Others:** Charles Pinker, Alternate Director, RDN Director  
Carl Jones, resident of East Wellington  
Valerie Jones, resident of East Wellington  
Jerry Blackburn, resident of East Wellington  
Nora Blackburn, resident of East Wellington

**Regrets:** Judith Wilson

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Young called meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**MINUTES**

MOVED B.Erickson, SECONDED R. Heikkila that the Minutes of the EW/PV Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held June 23, 2014 be received.

CARRIED

**REPORTS**

**Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – May 2014**

**Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – Jun-August 2014**

**Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – September 2014**

Ms. McCulloch gave a summary of the May-September, 2014, Regional and Community Parks and Trail Projects reports.

- Enlarged parking lot to 24 vehicles at Creekside Community Park to accommodate Benson Falls Regional Park parking.
- Witchcraft Lake trail needs better markings and maps. East Wellington fireman have been called out for search and rescues. Firemen concerned about liabilities when outside of their boundary.

### **Jingle Pot Rd Road Side Trail Update (Verbal)**

Chair Young provided a brief update on the ongoing investigation into the potential widening of Jinglepot Road for pedestrian/cyclist safety. Based on advice provided by MoTi staff, RDN parks staff have been directed to write a letter to MoTi requesting the MoTi expand and pave Jinglepot Rd. by 1.5 m. on both sides. In addition, RDN staff are looking into the possibility and cost of improving and maintaining the existing roadside trail along Meadow Drive.

### **Anders and Dorrit's Community Park House Removal Update (verbal)**

- VIU Horticultural department students to identify and map plants / trees. Pruning to be included in Fall semester. Suggested that B.C. Master Gardner be contacted to help identify plants / trees.
- House removal costs and means of removal to be emailed to committee members
- Work was done on pedestrian north entrance gate to park, and also the main gate.
- Survey work was done in the park.

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED B. Erickson that a Shelter Report from Doug Cawthorne be added to the agenda.

CARRIED

### **Shelters Report – Doug Cawthorne**

- Meadow Drive Community Park -20' x 20' shelter approx. \$23,000
- Anders and Dorrit's Community Park - 20' x 30' approx. \$89,000

### **Creekside Community Park/Benson Falls Regional Park Parking Update (verbal)**

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED D. Cawthorne to receive the reports.

CARRIED

### **DIRECTORS UPDATE**

Chair Young provided a director's report.

- Meeting with MOTI on Jingle Pot Road suggested that the road be widen by 1.5 meters, both sides, in the future for the safety of pedestrians. More funding may be available for pedestrian safety.
- Chair Young reported about the bus route in East Wellington, secondary suites, Morden Mine Park and new bridge in Extension Miners Community Park.
- Meadow Drive trail needs much work. Need more discussion with MOTI. MOTI do not have signage for "No Motorized Vehicles Allowed"
- Request that two more benches be placed in Meadow Drive Community Park.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No notices of this POSAC meeting were sent out to be posted on mail boxes.

C. Pinker provided information that the fire department will be asking the RDN for permission to bury on leased park land, two 15,000 gallon tanks and one 10,000 gallon tank to be able to store /retrieve water when necessary.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED D. Cawthorne that the meeting be adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

CARRIED

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Chairperson