

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE EAST WELLINGTON AND PLEASANT VALLEY
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING HELD
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014, 7:00PM
(*East Wellington Fire Hall, 3269 Jingle Pot Road*)**

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

Staff: Elaine McCulloch, Park Planner
Lesya Fesiak, Park Planner

Also in Attendance:
Charles Pinker, Alternate Director RDN Board
Christine Clark (resident of East Wellington)
Jill Scyrup (resident of East Wellington)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Young called meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

MOVED Chair Young that Bruce Erickson be nominated for committee Secretary.

CARRIED

MINUTES

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED J. Wilson that the minutes of June 17, 2013 meeting be received.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

A new bike rack has been installed at Meadow Drive Park. E. McCulloch will notify Mountain View school that they have been installed.

There was a discussion on the RDN's investigation into the feasibility of developing a roadside pathway along a portion of Jingle Pot Road. The RDN and representatives from the POSAC are meeting with MoTI on June 4, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.

D. Cawthorne provided an update on the picnic shelter at Meadow Drive Community Park. He will provide designs and estimated costs at the next meeting.

REPORTS

Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – June-Dec 2013 **Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – January 2014**

Community Parks and Trails Work Plan – EW/PV

E. McCulloch presented the 2014 East Wellington/Pleasant Valley Community Parks work plan.

In addition of the Community Parks work plan, Benson Creek Falls Regional Park work plans were discussed including the additional regional parking to be provided at Creekside Community Park as well as the stairs/bridge being discussed at Ammonite Falls at Benson Creek Falls Regional Park. A review of an early lease renewal at Benson Creek Falls Regional Park is underway.

Anders and Dorrit's Community Park Public Consultation Summary

E. McCulloch presented a summary of the open house questionnaire results. There was a discussion regarding the potential redevelopment options of the park including the following:

- Expanding on fruit, oak, walnut trees and walking paths.
- Investigating the potential of working with a local horticultural organization to ameliorate and maintain the existing ornamental gardens on the site. E. McCulloch to contact the VIU horticultural program staff.
- Removing or retaining the existing residential house. Would the community benefit from a picnic shelter if the house is removed? D. Cawthorne to investigate the possibility of modifying the picnic shelter design for Meadow Drive Community park to make a slightly larger one for Anders and Dorrit's Community Park.
- Including a people passage gate at far end of field.
- Locking the gates "open" so that people don't accidentally close the gate when they leave. When the gate is closed it makes it difficult for the next park visitor due to the limited driveway space that is available.

E. McCulloch will ask the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure if "Caution Children Playing" signs could be installed along Jingle Pot Road as you approach Anders and Dorrit's Community Park.

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED D. Cawthorne that the reports be received.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

E. McCulloch presented the RDN's Voluntary Mileage Reimbursement Policy. Committee members were requested to provide their travel distance to and from POSAC meetings to the RDN if they are interested in being reimbursed at the end of the year.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED J. Wilson, SECONDED D. Cawthorne that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson