

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF ELECTORAL AREA 'E' PARKS AND OPEN SPACES ADVISORY  
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
WEDNESDAY OCT. 21, 2015  
7:00PM  
(Nanoose Place)**

**Attendance:** Director Bob Rogers - Chair  
Peter Law – Secretary  
Gordon Wiebe  
Vicki Voros  
Debbie Mitchell  
Diana Young

**Staff:** Lesya Fesiak, Parks Planner  
Wendy Marshall, RDN Parks Manager

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Director Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**DELEGATIONS**

Moved G. Wiebe, Seconded D. Young to receive a late delegation

CARRIED

**Mike and Shirley Kosich – Re: Commercial Operators Use of Wall Beach**

The Kosich's have a residence adjacent to the beach, and expressed a concern about the number of commercial operations that are accessing the beach from a road end at Seahaven Drive (E58). They are concerned that these operators are not recognizing the impacts they are having on the beach (garbage) and local street congestion (parking).

Director Rogers noted that he along with RDN staff attended a meeting last month with RCMP and MOTI concerning a similar complaint from local residents about commercial operations staging out of the Jib Road end (E50). He stated that RDN has no jurisdiction or bylaws with regards to Commercial Operators and the use of MoTI road ends in our area. He indicated that a public meeting is being planned sometime in the near future to allow for community feedback on this issue.

**MINUTES**

MOVED D. Young, SECONDED D. Mitchell that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Nanoose Bay (Area E) POSAC held May 27, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

## **REPORTS**

### **Monthly Update Regional and Community Parks and Trails Projects (May 2015 to Sept 2015)**

Moved G. Wiebe, Seconded V. Voros that the Monthly Update of Regional and Community Parks and Trails Project May 2015 to Sept 2015 be received.

CARRIED

### **District 69 Recreation Commission Report – Verbal Update**

G. Wiebe provided a summary of issues being discussed at the Commission.

### **Fairwinds Regional Parks Management Plan – Verbal Update**

Ms. Fesiak stated that the final Fairwinds Park Management Plan was submitted to the RDN Board who voted on June 23<sup>rd</sup> to “approve the Plan in principle”, pending the completion of an approved “Enos Lake Protection Plan”. The RDN Board has approved a new name: Qwiyulass Regional Park.

### **Claudet Community Park –Verbal Update**

Members of POSAC were given a tour of the site prior to the meeting. A map of the park amenities was handed out.

Director Rogers provided a brief summary about work that has been undertaken in this park over the past few months. Work completed to date includes removal of trees along NWB Road, a trail circuit and building a parking area. Project costs are through Community Works Funds and not the Area E Community Parks budget. Future work includes posting of two signs and placement of a fence to protect eco- sensitive areas.

MOVED D. Young, SECONDED V. Voros that a split rail (type) fence be placed around the perimeter of the new parking lot at Claudette Community Park.

CARRIED

### **Blueback Community Park – Verbal Update**

A map showing proposed drainage for the Blueback Park was tabled.

Ms. Marshall provided members with an update on this project. Clearing of vegetation occurred in early summer on the site. Upon completion of this phase, the contractor ran into major site drainage issues. An expert was hired to design a drainage plan which has caused some delays in project completion. Due to the wet-site conditions, and added cost of drainage planning and installation, the proposed project costs (as of May 2015) have risen.

Director Rogers indicated that if this project has a budget shortfall, he will request Community Works funds be allocated to complete this high profile project.

### **Stone Lake Community Park – Verbal Update**

Ms. Fesiak provided a brief update concerning the “restoration” of this community park that was impacted from landowner who ignored a setback.

G. Wiebe raised a concern about new RDN parks signs that were recently installed at the park. His concern is that they seem to convey a negative or "intrusive" message, due to the size of the signage and what is "not allowed". Ms. Marshall noted that the signs meet RDN park standards.

### **Directors Report – Verbal Update**

Director Rogers indicated that this was a busy period for him, especially on the Claudet Park file.

MOVED G. Wiebe, SECONDED D. Mitchell that the verbal reports be received.

CARRIED

### **New Business**

#### **Finalization of the 5 Year Parks Project Plan (2015 - 2019)**

A table was provided at the meeting.

A subcommittee was formed after the May POSAC meeting. Members included: P. Law, V. Voros and D. Mitchell.

P. Law (on behalf of the subcommittee) provided a brief commentary about how the subcommittee met to develop park projects and how they prioritized them. A field visit by committee members, lead to a final list of the high priority projects that were submitted to RDN parks staff in June 2015.

All POSAC members participated in a review of the (proposed) 5 Year Project Plan.

MOVED D. Mitchell, SECONDED G. Wiebe that the proposed "Oakleaf Park" plan be deemed the highest priority for funding in 2016.

CARRIED

Ms. Fesiak indicated she would take the 5-Year Project spreadsheet, submitted by the Committee and generate a "Draft 5-Year Project Plan".

Director Rogers requested the draft 5 Year Project Plan "not include" the following categories:

- CPTS Project Suggestions
- Additional Project Suggestions

The project list should be simplified to include just "High and Medium" projects.

MOVED D. Young; SECONDED V. Voros that staff aim to simplify the 5 Year Park Plan spreadsheet by removing CPTS Project Suggestions and Additional Project Suggestions.

CARRIED

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Rogers suggested that the 5 Year Project Plan should identify some Park Planner time/resources to the subject of "road end" management options. The members generally agree that this issue, which seems to be unique to Area E, be scoped into parks planner workplan.

## **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC**

Director Rogers invited anyone in attendance to ask questions about Community Parks issues.

Ross Peterson - provided a comment to Committee members that the "Road End" issue – Public Access and Commercial Operator use, is not new to Area E. There was a review of this issue 10 years ago. He asked that the file be reviewed before any further time is expended on this issue.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED G.Wiebe, SECONDED D. Mitchell that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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Chairperson