

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE EAST WELLINGTON AND PLEASANT VALLEY
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015
7:00PM**

(EAST WELLINGTON FIRE HALL, 3269 JINGLE POT ROAD)

Attendance: Maureen Young, Director, RDN, Chair
Rick Heikkila
Bruce Erickson
Leo Boon

Staff: Elaine McCulloch, Park Planner

Others: Charles Pinker, Alternate Director, RDN Director

Regrets: Doug Cawthorne
Judith Wilson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Young called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Leo Boon was welcomed as a new member of East Wellington and Pleasant Valley POSAC.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY

B. Erickson accepted nomination for secretary.

DELEGATIONS

Randy O'Donnell – Mount Benson Regional Park Trail Head Parking Issues

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED L. Boon to receive late delegation - Randy O'Donnell.

CARRIED

Mr. O' Donnell explained the parking at Witchcraft Lake is inadequate. There are up to 45 cars parked along road and emergency access area on weekends and holidays. Need a much larger parking area. The land around the parking lot is Nanaimo City Park but parking lot services the trail to Mount Benson Regional Park.

MINUTES

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED B. Erickson that the minutes of the East Wellington and Pleasant Valley Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee regular meeting held October 27, 2014 be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Letter from RDN Staff to MoTI pertaining to expanding and paving of Jingle Pot Road by 1.5 meters on both sides for safety of pedestrian / cyclist.

Meadow Drive Community Park: discussed that the burying of two water tanks on the fire department's leased park land is on hold for now.

REPORTS

Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects - October, 2014 Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects - Nov-Dec 2014

Ms. McCulloch took questions from the committee regarding the two monthly reports.

Benson Meadow Roadside Path Update

- Benson Meadow Roadside Pathway was remediated the full length along Meadow Drive.
- The cost of the pathway remediation project was \$42,000 and funded by Electoral Area 'C' Community Works Funds (Gas Tax Funds).
- RDN is now responsible for maintenance of pathway.
- Discussed that walkers, cyclist, and equestrian use the pathway. No motorcycle or ATV's are permitted.

Anders and Dorrit's Park House Removal Update

- Cost of house removal was \$17,000 for asbestos removal and \$11,000 for house and shed removal and lot cleanup.
- Saved grape arbor and grape vines and also saved concrete foundations. A wood stove was reclaimed and is currently stored at the parks yard.
- Five concept designs have been done by VIU students for the plaza / picnic area.
- Main gate to be locked open for parking.

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED L. Boon that the Reports be received for information.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATION

The committee discussed the issues Mr. O'Donnell spoke in his delegation about park at Witchcraft Lake.

MOVED L. Boon, SECONDED B. Erickson that the information regarding the parking issues at Mount Benson Regional Park trailhead be forwarded to the Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

2014 Accomplishments

Discussed 2014 accomplishments.

2015 Work Plan

Discussed 2015 Work Plan

EW/PV 5 Year Planning Review (2015-2019) (handout)

EW /PV 5 year planning was reviewed.

Meadow Drive Park: \$32,000 budget for shelter / barbecue area.
\$1,000 for benches
\$42,000 for Meadow Drive roadside path

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONED L. Boon that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10pm.

CARRIED

Chairperson