

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE EAST WELLINGTON AND PLEASANT VALLEY
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015
7:00PM**

(EAST WELLINGTON FIRE HALL, 3269 JINGLE POT ROAD)

- Attendance:** Maureen Young, Director, RDN, Chair
Rick Heikkila
Bruce Erickson
Doug Cawthorne
Judith Wilson
- Staff:** Wendy Marshall, Manager of Park Service
Elaine McCulloch, Park Planner
Lesya Fesiak, Park Planner
- Others:** Charles Pinker, Alternate Director, RDN Director
- Regrets:** Leo Boon
- Residents:** Bernice Lind
Valerie Jones
Carl Jones

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Young called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M.

INTRODUCTION

New Area C - East Wellington / Pleasant Valley Park Planner - LESYA FESIAK.

The Committee welcomed Lesya Fesiak the new RDN Parks representative for the East Wellington Pleasant Valley Parks and Open Space Committee. Ms. McCulloch explained the new park portfolios that parks staff have been assigned. The committee thanked Elaine for all her help as Park Planner for last 7-8 years.

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED B. Erickson to receive the late delegation.

CARRIED

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 March 30, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Creekside Park – Committee members confirmed that the vehicle parking issue has greatly improved since the addition of new signage by Park staff and the implementation of regular parking monitoring by Footprints Security.

REPORTS

Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – April 2015

Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – May 2015

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

Benson Meadow Roadside Path Update

The Committee confirmed that ATV and motor cycle use on the pathway has decreased since the placement of boulders by Park staff.

Creekside Trail

The Committee discussed the presence of an informal pathway along Creekside Place. An absent delegate had suggested to Chair Young for a formal development of the path, however the path would not connect to the existing Meadow Drive roadside trail. No action was discussed.

Anders and Dorrit's Park House Removal Update

The committee discussed house removal and septic tank / septic field demolition.

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED D. Cawthorne that the Reports be received for information.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Anders and Dorrits' CP-VIU Student Design Concepts

Five design proposals by VIU Horticulture Program students were presented to the committee by Ms. McCulloch. The student designs will be used for reference only when developing a park master plan in the future.

Meadow Dr. CP: Picnic Shelter & Bathroom Discussion

The Committee did a walk through at Meadow Drive Community Park to discuss picnic shelter, toilet and bench design and locations. Ms. Fesiak will meet with Committee member Doug Cawthorne and a timber framer in July or August to review picnic shelter design options. Cost estimates and design options for all three amenities will be provided at the next meeting.

2015 Area C-EW/PV Community Parks Budget Summary

The budget was discussed by Committee Members and Ms. McCulloch who also provided clarification on Regional vs. Community budgets.

Comments from Public

Residents Valerie and Carl Jones noted that POSAC Meeting notices had been posted too late for the June 22, meeting. The meeting had been moved forward one week but notices were not posted earlier so there was a short timeline before the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONED B. Erickson that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00pm.

CARRIED

Chairperson