

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE EAST WELLINGTON AND PLEASANT VALLEY
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015
7:00PM**

(East Wellington Fire Hall, 3269 Jingle Pot Road)

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

Staff: Wendy Marshall, Manager of Park Service
Lesya Fesiak, Park Planner

Others: Charles Pinker, Alternate Director, RDN
Bernice Lind, resident

Regrets: Doug Cawthorne
Leo Boon

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Young called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

DELEGATIONS

None

MINUTES

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED J. Wilson that the minutes of the East Wellington and Pleasant Valley Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee regular meeting held June 22, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Monthly Updates of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects

Wendy Marshall and Lesya Fesiak answered many questions pertaining to Community and Regional Park projects.

Parks staff have been in discussion with the mountain bike club regarding trail connections between Westwood Lake, the Witchcraft Regional Trail trailhead and Benson Creek Falls Regional Park.

Discussed "no smoking" in parks and whether this should be an ongoing ban. Signs came down after summer.

W. Marshall to confirm if a park boundary sign is in place for Mount Benson Regional Park.

Benson Creek Falls Regional Park Parking Lot

The security company has continued with monitoring the parking situation on long weekends throughout the summer and fall. There have been no issues reported. Mount Benson and Witchcraft Lake Regional Trail – the planning for increased parking at Witchcraft Lake is in the 2016 workplan.

Anders and Dorrit's Park Garden Work Update

The landscaping company did a great job at Anders and Dorrit's Community Park pruning and weeding the beds.

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED J. Wilson that the reports to be received for information.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Meadow Drive Community Park

Different options for benches were presented to the Committee and bench Number 2, a backless concrete bench with a cedar seat was selected.

Different options for toilet facilities were presented to the Committee and the Number 1, Concrete Vault Toilet option was selected.

Different options for the picnic shelter were presented with the costs. The options all had a metal roof which may not be allowed in the subdivision. Staff will check into the building covenant for the subdivision and will get updated contractor quotes before proceeding.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED R. Heikkila, SECONDED J. Wilson that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

CARRIED

Chairperson