

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE AREA F PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (POSAC)

REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015

7:00PM

AT THE ARROWSMITH HALL, COOMBS

ATTENDANCE: Julian Fell, director RDN Board, Chair
Alfred Jablonski
Barbara Smith
Reg Nosworthy

REGRETS: Earl Billingsley
Colin Anderson
David Edgeley

STAFF: Wendy Marshall
Elaine McCulloch

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fell called the meeting to order 7:05 p.m. .

DELEGATION

N. Mongeau – Errington Community Park Playground Proposal

N. Mongeau spoke on behalf of the Errington War Memorial Hall Society. She stated that Errington Community Park needs a Playground for younger children; an Adventure Playground for youths; and a beginner/intermediate small skate park for older children who are just learning skateboard and BMX skills. She understands that this is potentially a very expensive project. She requested further information on what the process is to pursue this idea, how to focus down onto the design and costing, gathering feedback from the Community and generating alternate funding sources.

J. Diewold – Errington Community School Trail Update

Elaine McCulloch presented the update for J. Diewold, who was not present. The interpretive signs have been made and will be installed along the trail by June School year-end.

MINUTES

MOVED R. Nosworthy, SECONDED A. Jablonski that the Minutes of the Electoral Area F Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC) dated March 11th, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

B. Smith advised that she will continue to contact the Nanoose First Nations about the Silver Spur Riding Club's s.57 Application on the Little Mountain Crown Lands. R. Nosworthy questioned the notation that staff provided parks' comments to RDN Planning regarding a rezoning application. E. McCulloch confirmed that the POSAC could comment about subdivision applications, but not rezoning.

COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Fell had received an email from the School District 69 Board that they would be listing for sale three of the lots comprising the old Errington Elementary School.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS

Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trail Projects – Jan-April 2015

Ms. McCulloch referred to the Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects report for March 31, April 15th, and May 20th, 2015, provided to the committee. E. McCulloch advised that the directional signage has been installed at Malcolm Community Park.

Meadowood Community Park Opening (verbal)

A. Jablonski advised that an Architect was designing the upgrade to the Meadowood Community Park portables. There will be a formal park opening on June 22 starting at 3:30 pm. The park is currently open for public use.

Arrowsmith Community Trail (ACT) Update – Price Rd (verbal)

W. Marshall updated that a contractor has been hired to tidy up the (ACT) Price Road Trail.

MOVED A. Jablonski, SECONDED R. Nosworthy to receive the Reports.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE DELEGATIONS

MOVED R. Nosworthy, SECONDED A. Jablonski that the RDN staff be directed to provide preliminary guidance to the Errington War Memorial Hall Society on what steps are necessary to plan a Playground at Errington Park.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Grafton/Cranswick Flooding

Chair Fell reported on the issues centered on the Grafton/Cranswick Flooding. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has studied the area but has made no decisions regarding what to do about the flooding in the area.

2015 – 2019 Work Plan

E. McCulloch handout a sheet outlining the 5 Year Project Planning Worksheet. Added to the high priority for 2016 will be the Errington Playground planning. No amount assessed as yet. Reference was made to the French Creek School Community Park planning; the property is a recent addition to the park inventory. The 2016 Arrowsmith Community Trail (ACT) planning and construction needed clarifying to refer to the specific number - 3.

2015 Budget Summary

The handout referred to the total revenue in 2015 of \$151,711, which includes a carry forward surplus of \$27,711 from the prior year.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED B. Smith to adjourn at 9 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson