

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'A' PARKS, RECREATION AND  
CULTURE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016  
7:00PM**

***(CEDAR HERITAGE CENTRE)***

**Attendance:** Alec McPherson, RDN Director, Chair  
Jim Fiddick  
John O'Connor  
Angela Davies  
Graham Gidden  
Andrew Thornton

**Staff:** Hannah King, Superintendent of Recreation Program Services  
Ann-Marie Harvey, Recording Secretary

**Regrets:** Kerri-Lynne Wilson  
Bernard White  
Patti Grand

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair McPherson called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

**DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATION**

None

**MINUTES**

MOVED Commissioner O'Connor, SECONDED Commissioner Fiddick that the Minutes of the Regular Electoral Area 'A' Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting held February 17, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Grants Sub-Committee Guidelines**

The Commissioners discussed the recommended changes to the Grant in Aid guidelines by the Grants Sub-Committee. Commissioners agreed to the main changes of

1. not limiting the maximum funding of \$1500. That \$10,000 total is available for the year.
2. that remaining funding may be carried over to the next budget year at the Board's discretion
3. that applications can be submitted at any time during the year, however there are two deadlines to allow for the timely review of the applications.
4. that as a general guideline, the amount requested cannot be greater than 50% of the total budget for the program, event or project and larger disbursements may be considered at the Commissions discretion.

The Commissioners also discussed the changing of the language where it indicated that applicants must be from EA 'A', that it was clear that the organization can be from outside EA 'A' but must benefit the communities in EA 'A'. Also the wording of having 'up to' three Commission representatives on the committee be added.

MOVED Commissioner Davies, SECONDED Commissioner Gidden that the EA 'A' Recreation and Culture Grants Sub-Committee Guideline recommendations be approved with the amended changes.

CARRIED

### **Canada 150 Recommendations**

Commissioners discussed the recommendations made by the sub-committee.

**MOVED Commissioner Gidden, SECONDED Commissioner Davies** that the following Electoral Area 'A' Parks, Recreation and Culture Canada 150 Sub-Committee recommendations be approved:

1. That the Electoral Area 'A' PRCC grants in aid sub-committee give consideration to grant applications submitted on behalf of groups celebrating the 2017 sesquicentennial events during the fall 2016 and spring 2017 in take periods.
2. That each member of the Electoral Area 'A' PRCC inform community groups regarding the availability of grant funds for events celebrating the sesquicentennial prior to the June 2016 Commission meeting.
3. That the Electoral Area 'A' PRC Canada 150 sub-committee continue to research, notify, and make application or, support community group applications when suitable, to funding opportunities (grants) related to the Canadian sesquicentennial. Secured funds will be directed to the grants in aid budget and will in turn be distributed to successful grant in aid applicants.
4. That the Electoral Area 'A' PRCC Canada 150 sub-committee meet on an ad hoc basis and report back to the Commission as needed.
5. That the members of the Electoral Area 'A' PRCC Canada 150 subcommittee be the point of contact for media inquiries regarding the availability of funding for sesquicentennial groups in the Electoral Area 'A'.

CARRIED

### **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED Commissioner O'Connor, SECONDED Commissioner Thornton that the following Communications/Correspondence be received:

**J. Fiddick, Cedar Community Association to H. King, RDN RE: Grant Thank You**

CARRIED

### **REPORTS**

#### **PARKS**

#### **Monthly Update of Regional and Community Parks and Trail Projects–Feb -Mar 2016**

Commissioners discussed a couple of points on the report.

MOVED Commissioner O'Connor, SECONDED Commissioner Fiddick that the Monthly Update Report be received.

CARRIED

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS**

NONE

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Roadside Trails**

Chair McPherson gave a handout of an email with pricing of different types of trails around the Regional District as a perspective to what the cost of certain trail could cost to construct. He would like Commissioners to come back the June meeting with some suggestions to certain areas that could benefit with a roadside trail for safety and connecting parks around Electoral Area 'A'. There is potential to work with MOTI and use EA 'A' Community Works Funds to contribute to these kinds of projects.

## **COMMISSIONER ROUND TABLE**

**Commissioner O'Connor** – Looking forward to the BCRPA Symposium in Whistler.

**Commissioner Thornton** – Looking forward to the BCRPA Symposium in Whistler.

**Commissioner Fiddick** – Backcountry Horse group doing work up at Spruston Rd, cleaning up garbage, reseeding it, for horse trailer parking. And noted the shooting out that way seems to have minimized.

**Commissioner Davies** – She's been taking some walks lately and discovered the trail down to Cedar Village via Morden Colliery Trail and has been passing the word along about it. She noted the importance of looking at the roadside trails in the community and their safety and accessibility.

**Chair McPherson** – There will be a venue for items like the roadside trails as the RDN Directors will be having their Electoral Area Planning meetings in the Electoral Area's and tacking on a Town hall meeting to the end of them and they are all open to the public.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED Commissioner O'Connor that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15pm.

CARRIED