

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

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

REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016

AT THE ARROWSMITH HALL, COOMBS

7:00 pm

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

STAFF: Wendy Marshall
Elaine McCulloch

GUESTS: Kurtis Kril and Dorothy Roi

CALL TO ORDER

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

DELEGATION

None

MINUTES

MOVED A. Jablonski, SECONDED R. Nosworthy, that the Minutes of the Electoral Area F Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC) dated March 9, 2016 be adopted, as amended as follows: The third sentence of the Monthly Update of Community Parks on page 4 was deleted and replaced with: R. Nosworthy requested that there be clearer definitions for the acronyms in the Parks Reports.

CARRIED

MOVED by R. Nosworthy, SECONDED by A Jablonski, that the Minutes of the electoral Area F Arrowsmith Community Trail (ACT) POSAC sub group meeting held Thursday, November 26, 2015 be adopted, as amended as follows: The Trail Project/Action /Priority Chart be replaced with the chart from the original meeting minutes and entitled "Trail Development Priority Summary".

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

REPORTS

Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trail Project – February to May 2016

Ms. McCulloch referred to the Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects report for February to May, provided to the committee.

Arrowsmith Community Trail (ACT) Update (*verbal, map*)

Ms. McCulloch advised that concrete barriers would replace entrance boulders on the Cranswick Trail. The project has cost \$19,000. R. Nosworthy suggested a need for more rocks between the path and the ditch. Ms. McCulloch said that the situation would be reassessed once the vegetation planted matures.

Ms. McCulloch referred to the Palmer bushwhacking morning spent with B. Smith, R Nosworthy and K Kril. They explored the densely wooded gazetted road between Station Road and Gorman Close. She suggested that it would need to be surveyed.

Caruthers Road: Ms. McCulloch advised that the agreement with adjoining the landowner needs completing and the installation of a culvert.

Meadowood Park

Chair Fell advised that there was no qualifying bid as yet and other options are being explored. There was some discussion about the upcoming Blue Grass Festival to be held at the Park.

E&N Regional Trail Update

Ms. Marshall advised that the E & N Rail Trail is proceeding and is expected to finish by the end of the year. This has been funded by the Federal gas tax for regionally significant projects.

2016 Work Plan

Ms. McCulloch reviewed the Planning Worksheet, revising some of the priority project timelines. R. Nosworthy questioned the inclusion of the Errington Community Park playground construction and the autonomy favoured by the Errington Memorial Society.

MOVED R Nosworthy, SECONDED A. Jablonski that the Parks and Recreation Department consider providing the Errington War Memorial Society a position on the POSAC committee.

CARRIED

Chair Fell pointed out that there are 2 sources of funds available for Parks and Trail development: Property tax from Area F resident and the Federal Gas Tax Infrastructure. The slow up occurs because there is only so much time allotted by RDN staff for each project.

There was discussion on whether the POSAC has 2 vacancies or three vacancies. Ms. Marshall will enquire.

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

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

None

AJOURNMENT

MOVED B. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson