

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'B' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016
7:00pm**

(WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HALL)

Attendance: Howard Houle, Director, RDN Board, Chair
Sam Betts
Randy Young
Megan Walker

Staff: Elaine McCulloch, Park Planner

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Houle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Softball Association delegation added to the agenda by Howard Houle.

MOVED R. Young, SECONDED M. Walker to adopt the amended agenda.

CARRIED

ELECTION OF SECRETARY

R. Young volunteered to be secretary on a temporary basis.

DELEGATIONS

Gabriola FIDO (Fenced In Dog Park) Committee

Heather Aneoffie of the Gabriola FIDO (Fenced in Dog Park) Committee presented slides of Phase 1, 2, and 3 of a fenced in dog park in Rollo-McClay Park. The Phase one located in 2.4 acres of the south-east corner would contain one double-gated entrance, two single gates, a vehicle access gate, together with dog agility stations, open spaces, dog walking trails, and an open air shelter. Phase 2 would contain a mini park for small dogs with a double gate leading from the parking lot. Phase 3 would extend the Phase 1 by 0.96 acres, and include a rain catchment pond together with single and double gates.

Gabriola Softball Association

Steve Finney of the Gabriola Softball Association presented a proposal to build a 70 ft. softball batting cage in Rollo-McClay Park parallel to the 1st base line on the lower field. The net cage would contain a pitching machine, ball feeder and batting net, with the pitching machine stationary and covered against rain and vandalism. Power would be supplied by extension cord from the gear locker room. All costs and installation would be handled by the Gabriola Softball Association.

MINUTES

MOVED M. Walker, SECONDED R. Young that the the Minutes of the Regular Electoral Area 'B' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held October 6, 2015 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

Western Economic Diversification Canada to E. McCulloch, RDN, **RE: Canada 150 CIPA - Huxley**

E. McCulloch noted that the Regional District of Nanaimo's application to the Canada 150 Infrastructure Program for development funds for Huxley Park was not successful.

MOVED M. Walker, SECONDED R. Young that the correspondence be received.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Monthly Update Regional and Community Parks and Trail Projects – Oct 2015 - Jan 2016

Monthly Update Regional and Community Parks and Trails projects were discussed.

- DeCoursey Islands residents meeting to choose names of the Community Parks
- Village Way discussions with MOTI continue.
- Work on the Coats Marsh trail is awaiting dryer conditions.
- The 5-year Park Operator contract for Descanso Bay Regional Park has been awarded to Jim Demler who has held the contract since the RDN purchased the park in 2004.

Huxley Park Community Park

\$12,000 is budgeted in 2016 for the skatepark design.

The Gabriola Lions Club submitted an application to the Co-op Community Spaces Program requesting \$45,000 towards the development of the children's playground in Huxley Park. If the application is successful, the Lions Club will contribute \$5,000 towards the project, with the RDN funding the remainder. If the grant is successful, the skatepark design will be postponed to a future year and the playground construction will occur in 2016.

707 Signage Plan

R. Young and R. Brockley (GaLTT delegate) presented a plan for posts and signs based on existing trails in the 707, with directions to exits a priority. Four maps would be mounted at the most used 707 entrances. Posts and installation would be provided by GaLTT. R. Brockley also noted the proposal to provide a 707 map on the back of the next year's GaLTT map to allow people to locate their position based on the post numbers. Posts and installation would be provided by GaLTT.

MOVED M. Walker, SECONDED S. Betts that staff be directed to work with GaLTT to review and update the 707 Community Park directional signage.

CARRIED

RDN Electoral Area 'B' Community Parks Project Planning 2015 -2016

- Bells landing grading by Emcon can follow gravel supply delivery.
- Whalebone trails and parks improvements are continuing.
- Joyce Lockwood toilet and garbage can are planned near the entrance.

Parkland Dedication as Part of Subdivision Development Application - 1520 McCollum Rd

H. Houle noted east edge trail is unlikely due to marsh conditions, north edge duplicates existing trails.

MOVED M. Walker, SECONDED S. Betts, that the proposed 5% cash-in-lieu of parkland dedication in conjunction with proposed subdivision of 1520 McCollum Road be accepted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

MOVED M. Walker, SECONDED S. Betts, to direct the RDN Parks staff to review and discuss the Gabriola Fenced In Dog Park (FIDO) committee's proposal for Rollo-McClay Park, with the view to providing a public meeting to discuss the proposal.

CARRIED

MOVED M. Walker, SECONDED S. Betts, that staff be directed to provide support to the Gabriola Softball Association with their installation of a batting cage at Rollo-McClay Park.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED H. Houle that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50pm.

CARRIED

Chairperson