

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'H' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY  
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017  
10:00 AM**

**(Lighthouse Community Centre, Qualicum Bay)**

**ATTENDANCE:** Bill Veenhof, Chair, Director, RDN Board  
Nancy Robertson  
Valerie Weismiller  
Dagmar Seydel

**REGRETS:** Vanessa Howard, secretary

**STAFF:** Elaine McCulloch, Parks Planner

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Veenhof called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

V. Howard was not present at the meeting. E. McCulloch agreed to take the minutes for the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the regular Electoral Area 'H' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held March 1, 2017, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS**

**Andrew Girouard Re: Noonday Road Trail Development Request**

The delegation requested that the POSAC consider undertaking improvements to the existing undeveloped road right-of-way (ROW) located south of the Highway 19A between the highway and Bovanis Road. The public currently trespasses over private property to get to the Noonday Road public beach access via Gladys Rd. It is suggested that a trail along this ROW would provide the public direct access to this beach access.

**Jeanette Runions Re: McColl Rd. Water Access**

The delegation requested that a public beach access be developed and beach access signs be installed along the developed portion of McColl Rd. between Highway 19A and the waterfront. There is concern that the neighbours have developed their driveway within the road ROW in such a manner that rip rap boulders block public access to the beach. The delegation urged the POSAC to reconsider their previous decision not to proceed with public access development and signage at this site.

### **Guy Jellis Re: McColl Rd. Water Access**

The delegation requested that a public beach access be developed and beach access signs be installed along the developed portion of McColl Rd. between Highway 19A and the waterfront. There is concern that the neighbours have developed their driveway within the road ROW in such a manner that rip rap boulders block public access to the beach. The delegation indicated that local residents were told when they purchased their properties that there was a public access at this site and urged the POSAC to reconsider their previous decision not to proceed with public access development and signage at this site.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

It was moved and seconded that the following correspondence be received:

Jeanette Runions , (and RDN reply) RE: Water Access #29 Concerns  
Guy Jellis, (and RDN Reply) RE: McColl Rd. Water Access

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Highway 19A Thames Creek Road Pullout Improvement Request**

The POSAC members visited this site after the last meeting to assess the delegation's request for the RDN to restore the view out from the Highway 19A pullout located near Thames Creek. The site is currently managed by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and maintained by Emcon. Maintaining this view corridor would potentially involve the removal of smaller trees and limbing up the larger trees as well as ongoing shrub pruning.

It was moved and seconded that no further action be taken regarding the request for the Regional District of Nanaimo to undertake improvements to the Thames Creek pullout on Highway 19A.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **Monthly Update Regional and Community Parks and Trail Projects: Fall 2016**

It was moved and seconded that the parks quarterly update for January to March 2017 be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS**

#### **Noonday Road Trail Development Request**

Committee members to look at the proposed Noonday Rd trail development site located south of the Highway 19A in advance of the next meeting.

It was moved and seconded that the Noonday Rd trail development be added to the next POSAC meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**McColl Rd. Beach Access**

It was moved and seconded that staff be directed to contact the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding encroachment onto the McColl Rd undeveloped Right of Way.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Five-Year Plan (2017-2021)**

It was moved and seconded that Electoral Area 'H' Five-Year Plan be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Chair