

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO
MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA B PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, May 15, 2023
5:00 P.M.**

Gabriola Agricultural Coop (Agi Hall) (Webstreamed)

In Attendance:	Director V. Craig	Chair
	K. Clifford	Member at Large
	T. Gambrell	Member at Large
	D. Kilbourn	Member, Gabriola Recreation Society
	L. Lazzarotto	Member at Large
	H. Skinner	Member at Large
	L. Webster	Member at Large (joined electronically)
Also in Attendance:	R. Daykin	Mgr. Parks Services
	A. Gore	Supt. Parks Planning, Research & Development
	J. Vander Klok	Parks Planner
	A. Harvey	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Chair respectfully acknowledged the Coast Salish Nations on whose traditional territory this meeting took place.

The Committee did a roundtable of introductions.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended to add Gabriola Recreation Verbal Report to Committee Presentations, Commons Parking and Mallet Creek Bridge to the Parks Quarterly Update and Regional District of Nanaimo Providing Tree Seedlings to New Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Electoral Area B Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting - February 13, 2023

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Electoral Area B Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held February 13, 2023, be adopted as amended to correct that H. Skinner, not K. Clifford, answered questions about the Gabriola Land and Trails Trust presentation and correcting "to" to "told" under Director's Update.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

H. Skinner, Gabriola Land and Trails Trust, re Gabriola Land and Trails Trust Report for Electoral Area B Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee

H. Skinner gave a summary of the Gabriola Land and Trails Trust (GaLTT) report and thanked Regional District of Nanaimo staff volunteers from the Giving Back Committee who assisted in coordinating a joint GaLTT / GISKA (Gabriola Island Shore Keepers Association) shore clean-up / invasives species removal event at Gabriola Sands Provincial Park on May 13, 2023.

D. Kilbourn, Gabriola Recreation Society, re Gabriola Recreation Society (GRS) Report (verbal)

D. Kilbourn advised the committee of Gabriola Recreation Society's spring and summer initiatives and staffing.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

E. McCulloch, Senior Park Planner, re Participation in the RDN's Gabriola Recreation and Electoral Area B Parks and Trails Master Plan Advisory Committee

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair called for 2 nominations for the positions on the Gabriola Recreation and Electoral Area B Parks and Trails Master Plan Advisory Committee.

D. Kilbourn nominated T. Gambill, and L. Lazzarotto seconded the nomination.

K. Clifford nominated H. Skinner, and D. Kilbourn seconded the nomination.

T. Gambill and H Skinner accepted their nominations.

It was moved and seconded that Tim Gambill be appointed to the Gabriola Recreation and Electoral Area B Parks and Trails Master Plan Advisory Committee as a representative from the Electoral Area B Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved and seconded that Hugh Skinner be appointed to the Gabriola Recreation and Electoral Area B Parks and Trails Master Plan Advisory Committee as a representative from the Electoral Area B Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Parks Quarterly Update Report Q1 2023

Staff provided an update for the Parks Quarterly Update Report Q1 2023 including items regarding parking at The Commons, a change table in the vault toilet at Huxley Community Park, Mallet Creek Bridge, and the survey for the Paisley Place pathway. Staff answered questions from the committee members.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks Update Report Q1 2023 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Options for 707 Community Park Fuel Management

Staff gave an overview of the Options for 707 Park Fuel Management report and answered question from the committee members.

The committee discussed having an Ecological Wildfire Management Plan done for the 707 Community Park. After a discussion it was determined to wait until the RDN Wildfire Resiliency Plan has been completed so the information from that plan could inform an Ecological Wildfire Management Plan.

It was moved and seconded that staff begin work on community outreach that will inform the development of a potential draft 2024 Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) grant application for a demonstration plot in the 707 Community Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Orlebar Point and Brickyard Beach Management

It was moved and seconded that the Regional District of Nanaimo move forward with developing an agreement with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to assume responsibility for infrastructure at Orlebar Point and be considered in the 2024 financial plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved and seconded that staff investigate the possibilities of assuming site management and infrastructure improvements at Brickyard Beach.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rollo McClay Field Improvements Options

It was moved and seconded that the Rollo McClay Field improvement options report be received for information and the proposed field maintenance plan and related cost implications be included in the 2024 Budget review and discussions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Director's Update

The Chair gave an update on some of the RDN Board current initiatives.

D. Kilbourn left the meeting at 7:49 P. M.

Regional District of Nanaimo Providing Tree Seedlings

The committee discussed different organizations that provide seedlings for residents on Gabriola to replant trees on their properties.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 7:53 P.M.

CHAIR