

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

Monday, May 1, 2023
6:30 P.M.
Oceanside Place (Webstreamed)

In Attendance:	Director L. Wallace	Chair
	D. Foster	Member at Large
	B. Julie Price	Member at Large
	D. Ranson	Member at Large *
	B. Riordan	Member at Large
	R. White	Member at Large
Regrets	R. Ward	Member at Large
Also in Attendance:	R. Daykin	Mgr. Parks Services
	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.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Electoral Area G Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting - February 6, 2023

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Electoral Area G Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held February 6, 2023, be adopted as amended to include B. Riordan in attendance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Parks Quarterly Update Report Q1 2023

Staff provided a verbal update on the Parks Quarterly Update Report Q1 2023.

Highlights included:

* Denotes electronic meeting participation as authorized by Section 10 of "Regional District of Nanaimo Board Procedure Bylaw No. 1862, 2022".

- French Creek Estuary Nature Preserve is in the 2023 workplan for a master plan to be developed and it will set out the future management direction including a vision, key strategies, and objectives to achieve over a 10-year timeframe. A draft plan should come to the committee in the fall. D. Foster updated the committee on the studies currently happening in the park.
- Maple Lane Community Park improvements engagement plan is planned for the fall of 2023 and improvements are allocated to the 2024 budget. The plan will be on the Regional District of Nanaimo Get Involved page and the link will be sent to committee members and social media and a direct paper mail out to the residents in the area.
- French Creek Community Park improvements are planned for 2024. Staff will work with The Friends of French Creek who will be submitting a grant application to the Pacific Salmon Foundation for the October 2023 intake. Improvement plan to include parking, signage, any remaining trail improvements, a couple of look out points, and restoration planting.
- 1236 Island Highway Property – Staff updated the committee that timing of the Wastewater project is still being determined and would feed the timing for the active transportation trail. As the project is a change of land use, there will be public consultation when the project starts.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rivers Edge Trail Improvements Update (verbal)

Staff updated the committee on the more specific trail improvements for the Rivers Edge Trails that have been proposed.

It was moved and seconded that the Rivers Edge Trail Improvements Update be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Director's Update

The Chair provided an update on some of the Regional District of Nanaimo Board current initiatives in Electoral Area G.

ROUNDTABLE

Some committee members provided information about opportunities, issues, or concerns in Electoral Area G.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Time: 7:22 P.M.

CHAIR