

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO****MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING****Tuesday, October 3, 2023****10:00 A.M.****Board Chambers (Webstreamed)**

In Attendance:	Director E. Hemmens	Chair
	Director J. Stanley *	Electoral Area A
	Director V. Craig	Electoral Area B
	Director L. Melanson *	Electoral Area C
	Director Rogers *	Electoral Area E
	Director L. Salter *	Electoral Area F
	Director L. Wallace	Electoral Area G
	Director S. McLean *	Electoral Area H
	Director B. Geselbracht *	City of Nanaimo
	Director P. Manly *	City of Nanaimo
	Director S. Wood *	City of Parksville
	Director M. Swain *	District of Lantzville
	Director T. Westbrook *	Town of Qualicum Beach
Regrets:	Director L. Krog	City of Nanaimo
Also in Attendance:	T. Osborne	Gen. Mgr. Recreation and Parks
	R. Daykin	Mgr. Parks Services
	S. Snelgrove	Deputy Corporate Officer
	A. Gore	Supt. Parks Planning, Research & Development
	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 amended to include the following late correspondence items to item 7.1. Englishman River Regional Park - Park Management Steering Committee:

B. Riordan, Mid Vancouver Island Habitat Enhancement Society (MVIHES), re Motion that staff review and report back to the Committee on the establishment of a Park Management Steering Committee for the Englishman River Regional Park and Conservation Area

L. Brookes, Arrowsmith Naturalists, re Motion that staff review and report back to the Committee on the establishment of a Park Management Steering Committee for the Englishman River Regional Park and Conservation Area

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee Meeting - May 2, 2023**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee meeting held May 2, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REPORTS**

**Parks Division Updates - Q3 2023**

It was moved and seconded that the Parks Division Update - Q3 2023 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Coats Marsh Weir Decommissioning Update**

It was moved and seconded that the Coats Marsh Weir Decommissioning Update report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Benson View Regional Trail and Ammonite Regional Trail - Recreation Sites and Trails BC Partnership Agreement Renewal 2023**

It was moved and seconded that the renewal of the 10-year Partnership Agreement with Recreation Sites and Trails BC for those portions of the Benson View Regional Trail and Ammonite Falls Regional Trail that are situated on Crown land in Electoral Area C, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director B. Geselbracht joined the meeting at 10:46 A.M.

**Morden Colliery Regional Trail – Nanaimo River Bridge Feasibility Study**

It was moved and seconded that the truss bridge option be selected for crossing the Nanaimo River on the Morden Colliery Regional Trail and staff be directed to proceed with detailed design, costing and associated studies required to advance to construction pending project budget approval as part of 2024 and Five-year Financial Plan Budget review process.

Opposed (5): Director Hemmens, Director Craig, Director Salter, Director Wallace and Director Swain

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that staff review the application of Active Transportation grants for the Nanaimo River pedestrian crossing at Morden Colliery Regional Trail.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Appointment of a Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee member to the Benson Creek Fall Regional Park Creekside Place Staging Area Advisory Committee**

The Chair called for any committee members to volunteer to be the Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee member to the Benson Creek Falls Regional Park Creekside Place Staging Area Advisory Committee. Director J. Stanley volunteered for the appointment.

It was moved and seconded that Director J. Stanley be appointed as the Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee member to the Benson Creek Falls Regional Park Creekside Place Staging Area Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

**Englishman River Regional Park - Park Management Steering Committee**

It was moved and seconded that staff review and report back to the Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee on the establishment of a Park Management Steering Committee with The Nature Trust of BC, Ducks Unlimited Canada and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy for Englishman River Regional Park per Section 6.1.1 of the 2008 Englishman River Regional Park Management Plan.

Opposed (1): Director Salter

CARRIED

**IN CAMERA**

It was moved and seconded that pursuant to the following sections of the *Community Charter* the Committee proceed to an In Camera meeting:

- 90(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality
- 90(1)(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 11:06 A.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 11:54 A.M

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CHAIR