

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO
MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, March 7, 2024
1:00 P.M.
Board Chambers (Webstreamed)**

In Attendance:	Director B. Rogers	Chair
	Director S. McLean	Vice Chair
	Director J. Stanley	Electoral Area A
	Director V. Craig	Electoral Area B
	Director L. Melanson	Electoral Area C
	Director L. Salter	Electoral Area F
	Director L. Wallace*	Electoral Area G
Also in Attendance:	L. Grant	A/Chief Administrative Officer
	C. Crabtree	Gen. Mgr. Corporate Services
	T. Osborne	Gen. Mgr. Recreation & Parks
	B. Routledge	Mgr. Solid Waste Services
	P. Thompson	Mgr. Current Planning
	S. Snelgrove	Deputy Corporate Officer
	S. Patrickson	Recording Secretary
D. Gonzales	Administrative Assistant	

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Electoral Area Services Committee meeting held February 8, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

Electoral Area G Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting - January 29, 2024

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting - February 15, 2024

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Electoral Area G Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee

Classification of Community Park Land

It was moved and seconded that the classification of community park land be considered during the parks and trails master planning process for Electoral Area G.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agricultural Advisory Committee

Request for Comment on Non-Farm Use in the Agricultural Land Reserve, Application No. PL2024-006 - 2946 Palmer Road, Electoral Area F

Tina Johnston provided a verbal presentation and was available to answer questions.

It was moved and seconded that the Board support the Non-Farm Use Application No. PL2024-006 (ALC File No. 70240) to allow a dog training facility outdoors and within an existing building; and recommend that the Agricultural Land Commission consider the potential impact that the proposed non-farm use would have on existing and potential farm operations.

Opposed (1): Director Craig

CARRIED

Request for Comment on Non-Farm Use in the Agricultural Land Reserve, Application No. PL2023-146 - 950 Clarke Road, Electoral Area F

It was moved and seconded that the Board recommend that the Agricultural Land Commission not approve Non-Farm Use Application No. PL2023-146 (ALC File No. 69818) to permit the mining of a quarry of sand and gravel, and the placement of topsoil fill for agricultural use.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024 Agricultural Area Plan Implementation Project Terms of Reference

It was moved and seconded that the Board endorse the proposed 2024 Agricultural Area Plan Implementation Project Terms of Reference included as Attachment 1 and direct staff to proceed with the project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING

Development Variance Permit

Development Variance Permit Application No. PL2023-114, 416 Grovehill Road, Electoral Area H

The Chair called for members of the public wishing to speak to Development Variance Permit Application No. PL2023-114, 416 Grovehill Road, Electoral Area H.

No one in attendance wished to speak.

It was moved and seconded that the Board approve Development Variance Permit No. PL2023-114 to increase the permitted parcel depth of Lot A in relation to subdivision application No. PL2022-102, and subject to the terms and conditions outlined in Attachment 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other

Temporary Use Permit Application No. PL2021-201, 4299 Biggs Road and 7155 Weigles Road, 3743 and 3751 Bell Road, Electoral Area C

Toby Seward, Seward Developments Inc, provided a verbal presentation and answered questions from the Committee.

The Chair called for members of the public wishing to speak to Temporary Use Permit Application No. PL2021-201, 4299 Biggs Road and 7155 Weigles Road, 3743 and 3751 Bell Road, Electoral Area C.

No one in attendance wished to speak.

It was moved and seconded:

1. That the Board receive the Report of the Community Engagement and Written Submissions as provided in Attachment 2.
2. Following public notification, that the Board approve Temporary Use Permit No. PL2021-201 to allow a recycling and waste transfer facility, gravel mart and accessory educational or retail buildings.
3. That the Board direct staff to complete the required notification for Temporary Use Permit No. PL2021-201.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bills 44 and 46 Requirements and Implementation Status

It was moved and seconded that the Board receive the report on Bills 44 and 46 Requirements and Implementation Status for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY UTILITIES

River's Edge Water Quality Improvement Project - Seeking Board Direction for Type of Participating Area Approval

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

Correspondence - B. Colclough, Chair, REWAC, re River's Edge Water Quality Improvement Project – Seeking Board Approval for Type of Participating Area Approval

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved and seconded that the Board of the Regional District of Nanaimo endorse the use of a petition process to obtain participating area approval for the borrowing required for the River's Edge Water Quality Improvement Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Directors' Roundtable

Directors provided updates to the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 2:24 P.M.

CHAIR