

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO
MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA A PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE
COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 8, 2025
7:00 P.M.
Cedar Heritage Centre

In Attendance:	Director J. Stanley	Chair
	G. Beaudin	Member at Large
	J. Fiddick	Member at Large
	L. Mann	Member at Large
	A. McPherson	Member at Large
	B. Rowland	Member at Large
Regrets:	S. Nash	Member at Large
Also in Attendance:	R. Daykin	Mgr. Parks Services
	G. Donn	Mgr. Recreation Services
	H. King	Sup't. Recreation Program Services (South)
	K. Wiley	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

It was moved and seconded that the following minutes be adopted:

Electoral Area A Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee Meeting - June 18, 2025

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

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

J. Wasyluk, Electoral Area A Resident, re Restored Basketball Courts

R. White, Electoral Area A Resident, re Cedar Community Park Courts

J. Dunn, Electoral Area A Resident, re Pickleball Courts

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Parks Division Q2 and Q3 2025 Update

This item was moved to after Correspondence to allow for an update and discussion on the improvement of the Cedar Community School Park.

Staff advised that they are awaiting feedback from the school district which will inform the next steps for the court and park improvement online survey. The Committee discussed the strong support for pickleball, acknowledging the recent opposition and balancing the needs of the community.

Staff provided an update on the Hallberg Community Park draft concept plan, including recent open house feedback, community engagement efforts, and the next steps for the project. The open house held in September had diverse community attendance, where feedback was collected on desired park features such as spinning equipment, zipline, outdoor fitness, benches, and other playground elements.

The Committee discussed Regional Park projects, Hamilton Marsh acquisition and the Nanaimo River Regional Trail bridge. The Chair noted that these initiatives fall outside the scope of this committee and encouraged members to attend the Regional District of Nanaimo Committee of the Whole meeting on November 25th, where a report on the Nanaimo River Regional Trail bridge project will likely be presented.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks Division Q2 and Q3 2025 Update report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water Access Tour Discussion

The Committee reviewed several potential water access sites, considering factors such as parking, ease of access, suitability for families, and community demand, narrowing the focus to the Pace and Barnes Road sites.

It was moved and seconded that staff provide cost evaluations for developing water access sites at Pace Road (A18) and Barnes Road (A25) in Electoral Area A, to inform future priority decision-making.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONTINUED)

Cedar Village Active Transportation Network Plan - Project Introduction and Engagement Plan

Staff advised the Committee that the plan aims to create a roadside path with separation from traffic, prioritizing safe and active routes between local schools and through the Cedar Village area. They noted the upcoming engagement session on November 26th, with invitations being extended to Committee members, interested parties, and the broader community to provide feedback on the transportation plan.

It was moved and seconded that the Cedar Village Active Transportation Network Plan - Project Introduction and Engagement Plan report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Electoral Area A Recreation and Culture Quarterly Update Q2 2025

Due to time constraints, this item will be considered at the next Electoral Area A Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee meeting in November.

South Wellington Community Centre Update - Verbal Update

Staff provided an update on the South Wellington Community Centre, highlighting construction progress with the fire suppression tank replacement as the next milestone and a spring opening planned. The Committee members determined that a guided tour for Committee members and South Wellington and Area Community Association (SWACA) scheduled for November 12th at 4:00 PM works for most Committee members. Staff will lead a community-driven naming process for the South Wellington Community Centre, inviting public input and forwarding a shortlist to the Committee for a final recommendation to the Regional District of Nanaimo Board approval. The Chair noted that budgeted funds for additional park features at South Wellington have been deferred due to financial pressures from other major projects.

NEW BUSINESS

Director's Update

The Chair shared insights from the recently approved Recreation and Parks Master Plan for Electoral Area B, noting the plan's strategies, such as optimizing recreation service delivery and expanding water access, are consistent with Electoral Area A's ongoing projects and priorities.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 9:00 P.M.

CHAIR