

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

Thursday, October 16, 2025
6:30 P.M.
Oceanside Place

In Attendance:	Alternate	
	Director B. Wiese	Chair
	D. Foster	Member at Large
	B. Julie Price	Member at Large
	B. Riordan	Member at Large
Regrets:	Director L. Wallace	Chair
	D. Ranson	Member at Large
	R. Ward	Member at Large
Also in Attendance:	D. Holmes	Chief Administrative Officer
	T. Osborne	Gen. Mgr. Recreation and Parks Services
	R. Daykin	Mgr. Parks Services
	R. Tavella	Parks Planner
	A. Harvey	Recording Secretary
	S. Maliteare	Administrative Assistant

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 G Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting - May 5, 2025

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF PRESENTATION

R. Daykin, Parks Services Manager, re Community Parks and Trails Classification

Rick Daykin presented the Community Parks and Trails Classification System, including its purpose, benefits, project timeline, and proposed designations for Electoral Area G community parks, with feedback requested from committee members and clarification provided on specific park classifications.

REPORTS

Parks Division Q2 and Q3 2025 Update

Staff provided updates on the French Creek Estuary Nature Preserve, highlighting the pond restoration and habitat improvement project, ongoing invasive species removal work and the application of a grant offered through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for a green shores estuary feasibility study.

Staff noted that the interpretive signage has been installed at two locations in French Creek Community Park to highlight the ecological value of the creek, riparian zone, and mature forest.

Staff advised the Committee that efforts to secure a five- to ten-year land tenure for Lot 6, Crown Land on Huckleberry Lane have been delayed due to a strike, with plans to resume the application process in Q1 2026 in collaboration with the Ministry of Transit and Transportation

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Maple Lane Community Park Master Plan

Staff advised the Committee that the Master Plan lays out the approved amenities for Maple Lane Community Park including a bike rack, storage shed, benches, an open field, information kiosk, horseshoe pit, and a modest playground. Staff noted that the new playground will be located away from neighbouring properties. Regular operational maintenance will address the divots in the open field.

It was moved and seconded that the Board approve the Maple Lane Community Park Master Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

K. Roth, San Pareil Resident, re Electoral Area 'G' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee October 16, 2025 – Proposed Maple Lane Community Park Master Plan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ROUNDTABLE

Updates were shared on mapping initiatives for French Creek and Morningstar Creek, supported by the Friends of French Creek Conservation Society and funded by the Pacific Salmon Foundation, to improve outdated GIS maps and fish habitat protection.

A Committee member also highlighted ongoing invasive species removal efforts at French Creek Estuary Nature Preserve, with strong volunteer and community support, and suggested possible potential future fee waivers for invasive disposal at the landfill transfer station.

The Committee inquired about the timeline for the playground at Maple Lane Community Park. Staff confirmed that following board approval of the Maple Lane Community Park Master Plan, a community consultation to vote on playground equipment options will take place later in 2026, with installation of the playground equipment to follow.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 7:19 P.M.

CHAIR