

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO
MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'B' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, June 18, 2018
7:00 P.M.
Gabriola Arts Centre**

In Attendance:	Director H. Houle	Chair
	D. Kilbourn	Member, Gabriola Recreation Society
	K. Clifford	Member at Large
	R. Brockley	Member at Large
	G. Borsuk	Member at Large
	T. Gambrill	Member at Large
Regrets:	C. McMahon	Member at Large
Also in Attendance:	E. McCulloch	RDN Parks Planner

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order and respectfully acknowledged the Coast Salish Nations on whose traditional territory the meeting takes place.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended to add Park Acquisition to New Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Electoral Area 'B' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting - April 9, 2018

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Electoral Area 'B' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held April 9, 2018, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

T. Cameron, re: Accessible Beach Access Development, Descanso Bay Regional Park

T. Cameron presented on the issue of making parks on Gabriola more accessible for those who are mobility challenged. Cameron suggested that while Twin Beaches (Gabriola Sands Provincial Park) may also be a prime candidate for accessibility projects, it is a BC Parks issue. He suggested Descanso Bay Regional Park would be a good place to start, starting with clearing the logs out of the way and creating a mobility path from the day use parking lot to the foreshore.

It was moved and seconded that the delegation's information be referred to the Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Parks Update Report – Winter 2018

It was moved and seconded that the Parks Update Report - Winter 2018 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

5-year Project Plan – Electoral Area 'B'

It was discussed that the 2019 project priorities should include the installation of infant change tables in the Rollo McClay CP washrooms and that an accessibility assessment of the washrooms also be conducted.

It was moved and seconded that the Electoral Area 'B' 5-year Project Plan be received and approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Signage Strategy – Electoral Area 'B'

It was moved and seconded that the trails and parks associated with the Whalebone Area of Gabriola be designated as the pilot project for the new signage strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Park Acquisition

G. Borsuk proposed that there may be landowners on Gabriola who are willing to potentially donate or set aside their land as parks. Discussion found that POSAC members were supportive of the idea, further promotion and encouragement of donation of land to the RDN for parks should be supported by the POSAC. However, POSAC members were not willing to actively seek out donors, rather allow those donors to approach the RDN, as there is a myriad of ways land can be protected and set aside, through programs ranging from municipal to federal.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 8:23 PM

CHAIR