

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

**Monday, June 17, 2019
6:00 P.M.
Gabriola Arts Centre**

In Attendance:	Director V. Craig	Chair
	D. Kilbourn	Gabriola Recreation Society
	K. Clifford	Member at Large
	T. Gambrill	Member at Large
	C. McMahon	Member at Large
	T. Wojcik	Member at Large
Regrets:	R. Brockley	Member at Large
Also in Attendance:	E. McCulloch	RDN Parks Planner

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order, welcomed the public and 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 with the following additions: under Delegations - Nick Doe RE: 707 Community Park signage Update and under Reports - Directors Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Electoral Area B Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting - February 4, 2019

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Electoral Area B Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held February 4, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

D. Kilbourne, Gabriola Recreation Commission

D. Kilbourn gave a presentation on behalf of the Gabriola Recreation Commission (GRS) providing an overview of the programs being offered, the Role of GRS, and long-range visioning for parks and recreation facilities.

R. Brockley, Gabriola and Area Land and Trails Trust

R. Brockley gave a presentation on behalf of the Gabriola and Area Land and Trails Trust (GaLTT) highlighting the ongoing projects including invasive species control, accessibility survey, conservation covenants, 707 Community Park signage, mapping project, trail building and maintenance, and community engagement.

DELEGATIONS

D. Walkley, McConvey Road Paving Society, RE: Request for Regional District of Nanaimo contribution towards McConvey Road Chip-sealing Upgrade Project

D. Walkley gave a presentation requesting an Regional District of Nanaimo Parks contribution towards chip-sealing McConvey Road. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) has declined the group's request for them to chip-seal McConvey Road, therefore the group is collecting a \$4,500 contribution from each land owner along the road to have it privately paved (MoTI has provided permission for this). Two of the properties along the road are Regional District of Nanaimo Parks: Cox Community Park and Descanso Bay Regional Park.

N. Doe, re: 707 Community Park Signage

N. Doe gave a presentation highlighting his concern that the 707 Community Park property addition will impact the ecological integrity of the Coats Marsh ecosystem. He requests that the Regional District of Naniamo considers this impact when installing signs in the park land addition. He would like the signage plan to be developed through public consultation and input.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

N. Doe, re: Coats Marsh Regional Park and the Potlatch Density Additions

R. Brockley, re: Gabriola Island, Coats Marsh Regional Park and 707 Community Park Additions

T. Cameron, Gabriola Resident, re: Improvements for Accessibility at Descanso Bay Regional Park

A. McLuckie, Gabriola Softball Association, re: Rollo McClay Sidewalk Upgrade

W. Boyte, Gabriola Resident, re: Disc Golf at 707 Community Park

L. Young, Gabriola Resident, re: Bell's Landing

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Parks Update Report – January to March 2019

It was moved and seconded that the Parks Update Report – January to March 2019 be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5-year Project Plan - Electoral Area B Spring 2019

D. Kilbourn reported that the Gabriola Skatepark campaign signs are now outdated and should be replaced/removed.

It was moved and seconded that the 5-year Project Plan: 2020-2024 for Community Parks in Electoral Area B be approved with the addition of Rollo Park Management Plan to 2022, the addition of Disk Golf feasibility assessment to Additional Project Suggestions, and the transfer of Bells Landing Water Access Boat Launch Feasibility Study from 2022 to Additional Project Suggestions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Directors Report

Director Craig provided a verbal report on the following:

The Regional District of Nanaimo Board approved terms of reference for a new Parks and Trails Strategic Plan. The strategic plan process will include examination and evaluation of parks services, creation of an implementation plan, clarification of goals and action items, development of a service model, and emphasis on financial sustainability. The process will involve consultation and engagement with the public, stakeholders, partners and other government agencies.

The Regional District of Nanaimo Board Strategic Plan for 2019-2022 has been approved. The Plan includes the board's vision, mission, and goals, and it will serve as the basis for directing policy and regulatory decisions as well as driving Regional District of Nanaimo staff in the delivery of plans, projects, and services. The vision is for the region is to protect natural assets, respect diverse communities, and enhance the well-being of all residents.

A Development Cost Charge (DCC) study for regional parkland acquisitions and improvements for community parks in five of the seven Electoral Areas has been initiated.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 8:25PM

CHAIR