

**NOTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PARKS COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM,  
ON THURSDAY, 2012-OCT-11, COMMENCING AT 5:00 P.M.**

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PRESENT: Commissioner Ian Thorpe, Chair

Members: Commissioner Diana Johnstone  
Commissioner Donald Rinald  
Commissioner Maureen Young

Regrets: Commissioner Graham Savage

Staff: Jeff Ritchie C. Kuziw, Recording

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

NONE.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MEETING NOTES:

(a) Meeting notes of the regular Parks Committee meeting held Thursday, 2012-JUN-14, at 5:05 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

It was moved and seconded that the Meeting Notes be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

NONE.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT:

(a) **Request for Ban of Training collars in Dog Off-Leash Parks.**

At the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting held on 2012-SEP-19, a delegation appeared before Commission requesting that Commission support the ban of training collars in dog off-leash parks.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission heard from a number of supporters of a ban or bylaw that would make it mandatory to remove training

collars in dog off-leash parks. Some of the supporters wished for an outright ban or bylaw in all dog off-leash parks; whereas, others felt that it should be applied to contained dog off-leash parks only.

Commission determined by motion that they would refer the matter to the Parks Committee for review and report back to Commission.

Delegations: (10 minutes)

1. Ms. Judy Rozsas, 2229 Northfield Road, Nanaimo, BC V9S 3C3, requesting a ban on training collars in enclosed off-leash dog parks.

It was moved and seconded to receive the delegation. The motion carried unanimously.

Staff discussed issues of current dog off-leash park signage, bylaw enforcement and the process of implementation of any changes.

Discussion was had on which dog off leash parks, enclosed or non-enclosed or all parks, should have the collar ban implemented.

Correspondence:

NONE.

*Recommendation: That the Parks Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the addition of the wording on the signage of the enclosed dog off-leash parks, (the Beban Dog Park and the Northfield Dog Park), to contain the wording "all correction style choke collars must be removed before entering this enclosed dog off-leash park".*

It was moved and seconded to adopt the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORTS OF PROJECT COMMITTEES:

NONE.

8. STAFF REPORTS:

NONE.

9. CORRESPONDENCE: (not related to a Report to the Parks Committee)

- (a) A thank you card was received 2012-OCT-04 from Mr. Saul Hilchey, Nanaimo Gyro Club member, expressing thanks to Commission for their support and attendance at the Forest Drive Gyro Park grand re-opening on Sunday, 2012-SEP-23.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION:

NONE.

11. OTHER BUSINESS:

NONE.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE.

13. QUESTION PERIOD:

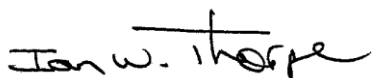
NONE.

Commissioner Johnstone left the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:38 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next meeting of the Parks Committee to be held, if required, Thursday, 2012-NOV-08, commencing at 5:00 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

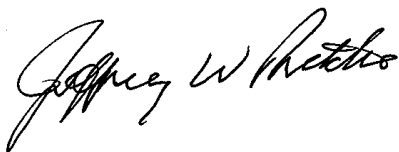
The motion carried unanimously.



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Ian Thorpe  
CHAIR  
PARKS COMMITTEE

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



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Jeff Ritchie  
SENIOR MANAGER  
PARKS & CIVIC FACILITIES

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