

**NOTES OF THE REGULAR PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM,  
ON THURSDAY, 2010-MAY-13, COMMENCING AT 5:00 P.M.**

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PRESENT: Commissioner Barry Sparkes, Chair

Members: Commissioner Fred Pattje  
Commissioner Brian Dempsey  
Commissioner Maureen Young

Absent: Commissioner Brent Meunier

Staff: Jeff Ritchie R. Tweed, Recording  
Bill Corsan

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:02 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, 2010-MAR-11, at 5:00 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. DELEGATIONS: (None.)

6. CHAIR'S REPORT:

- (a) Ms. Ros Davies & Ms. Kate Lowe – Parkland in Cinnabar Valley.

Ms. Ros Davies, , and,  
Ms. Kate Lowe,  
appeared as a delegation before the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission requesting that the Commission designate the 100 acre parcel overlooking Cinnabar Valley as parkland.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, at their meeting of 2010-APR-28, moved and seconded that this matter be referred to the Parks Committee for review and reporting back to Commission.

Staff introduced Bill Corsan, Manager, Real Estate Division, who provided some history on the subject property. This 98-acre property was purchased 1955-APR-25, for \$4,000.00 as a future landfill site. Although a number of ideas have been brought forward for the uses of this property and requests for purchase of same, the land has been held ever since in its natural state (notwithstanding some illegal logging occurring over the years). Current assessment is at \$569,000.00. There are no current identified uses for this property; however, the Real Estate Division would like to do more research on this property prior to making recommendations to the Committee.

Committee requested that Staff set up a site tour of this property for Committee members and Staff, including Bill Corsan, prior to making a recommendation to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.

It was moved and seconded that the matter be referred to Staff for review, in consultation with the Regional District of Nanaimo, and reporting back to the Parks Committee with recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Costs Incurred for Dog Pickup Bags – Commissioner Lance.

Commissioner Lance advised the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission that as it is costing approximately \$40,000 per year for bags and pickup of dog deposits, and raised the idea of whether Council could be approached to consider adding \$5.00 to dog licensing for 2011, and have this money go into an account to offset the dog bags and pick up. Commissioner Lance provided some comparisons from other municipalities.

Discussion ensued, with some options such as advertising on dog bags (ex. dog stores, veterinary offices, suppliers) proposed.

During the question period, Mr. Fred Taylor spoke regarding this matter with specific reference to the suggestion that dog licensing fees be increased by \$5.00/year. He advised that there are many people who, while they may license their dogs, do not take their dogs off their property and as such do not use the bags or park facilities. As this can be the case, it is unfair to expect everyone to pay increased license fees.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, at their meeting of 2010-APR-28, moved and seconded that this matter be referred to the Parks Committee for review and reporting back to Commission.

Staff advised the Parks Committee that there is a company that would like to put dog dispensers into the parks and put advertising on the dispensers and the bags - this

would potentially result in an overall reduction in the cost of dog bags. As the City does not have an obligation or commitment with the current supplier, Staff would like to explore these possibilities further prior to a recommendation that the cost of license fees be raised.

It was moved and seconded that Staff explore the potential for reducing the cost of dog pick up bags in order to maintain license fees at the current level and report back to the Parks Committee at their next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES: (None.)

8. STAFF REPORTS:

(a) Bayshore Park Drive Tree Removal Request.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission do not amend their original motion of 2010-NOV-25.

Note: The Staff Recommendation should read: That the Parks Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission do not amend their original motion of 2009-NOV-25.

Discussion was held.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation, as amended, be adopted. The motion carried. ***Opposed:*** Commissioner Dempsey.

9. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (staff reports): (None.)

10. CORRESPONDENCE: (Action) (None.)

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11. NOTICE OF MOTION: (None.)

12. OTHER BUSINESS: (None.)

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) Steps at Pipers Lagoon – Staff to meet with Mr. Dean and return to the Parks Committee with recommendations. Staff provided an update, noted that a letter would be sent to Mr. Dean advising him that steps would not be built in Pipers Lagoon Park as requested, and recommended that that Item 13.(a) be removed.
- (b) Request for Advertising Signage at May Bennett Park – Staff to review and return to the Parks Committee with a Report.
- (c) Bayshore Drive Park Tree Removal Issue – Staff to contact Mr. Harry Wipper and return to the Parks Committee with information.

- (d) RFP Maffeo Sutton Park – update.

It was moved and seconded that Item 13.(a) "Steps at Pipers Lagoon", Item 13.(c) "Bayshore Drive Park Tree Removal Issue", and Item 13.(d) "RFP Maffeo Sutton Park", be removed from Unfinished Business. The motion carried unanimously.

14. QUESTION PERIOD:

- (a) Mr. Fred Taylor – advised that Helen Roberts the past Manager of the Nanaimo Animal Shelter did an area assessment (in a target neighbourhood only) of actual count of dogs and found that only one-third of the dogs in the target neighbourhood were licensed.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:34 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next Meeting of the Parks Committee to be held, if required, Thursday, 2010-JUN-10, commencing at 5:00 p.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

The motion carried unanimously.



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Commissioner Barry Sparkes, Chair  
Parks Committee

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



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Jeff Ritchie  
Senior Manager, Parks Operations

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R. Harding, Director  
Parks, Recreation and Culture