

**NOTES OF THE REGULAR PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM,
ON THURSDAY, 2009-MAR-12, COMMENCING AT 4:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Members: Commissioner Fred Pattje
 Commissioner Brian Dempsey
 Commissioner Maureen Young
 Commissioner Barry Sparkes

 Regrets: Commissioner Brent Meunier

 Staff: Jeff Ritchie R. Tweed, Recording

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

(a) The Regular Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS & NOMINATION / APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR:

It was moved and seconded that Commissioner Barry Sparkes be appointed as Chair of the Parks Committee for his term of appointment to 2010-FEB-08, with Commissioner Fred Pattje to serve as alternate Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

3. MEETING DATES / TIME:

(a) Review of the 2009 Parks Committee meeting dates and 4:00 p.m. start time.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission review the Parks Committee meeting start time and approve an amendment from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month in order to better accommodate the members of the Parks Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS: (None.)

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

6. ADOPTION OF MEETING NOTES:

(a) Meeting Notes of the Regular Parks Committee Meeting held Thursday, 2008-APR-10 at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Bowen Park Complex.

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

7. DELEGATION(S):

It was moved and seconded that the Delegation be received. The motion carried unanimously.

(a) Mr. Pat Barron

Mr. Pat Barron requesting that a plinth with plaque be erected at Maffeo Sutton Park in recognition of the Concerned Citizens Committee. (Note: Request to appear as a delegation to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting attached as information. Also, see under Item 13.(a) under "Other Business".)

Mr. Barron provided additional information with regard to his presentation. Mr. Barron felt that the plinth should be erected at the point of land where the Millstone River meets the ocean at the northeast corner of Maffeo Sutton Park. The Concerned Citizens Committee is prepared to raise the funds to erect the plinth and plaque.

Staff's Recommendation: *That the Parks Committee direction is sought.*

8. CHAIR'S REPORT: (No report)

9. STAFF REPORTS: (None.)

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

11. CORRESPONDENCE: (Action) (None.)

12. NOTICE OF MOTION: (None.)

13. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Bench and Plaque at Maffeo Sutton Park.

Staff Recommendation: *That the Parks Committee direction is sought.*

At the Inaugural meeting of the Parks Recreation and Culture Commission held 2009-FEB-25, the matter of the request from Mr. Pat Barron of 1911 Valley Oak Drive, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 6N1 to Nanaimo City Council for placement of a bench and plaque at Maffeo Sutton Park to commemorate the 14 volunteers of the concerned Citizens Committee whose work resulted in the retention of Maffeo Sutton Park as public land, and which had been referred by Council to the Commission was reviewed. The Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission referred this matter to the Parks Committee for review of alternatives to a bench and plaque.

It was moved and seconded that the Parks Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission support Mr. Barron's proposal and have a plinth and plaque, subject to confirmation of location, erected to recognize the

Concerned Citizens Committee for the preservation of the lands now known as Maffeo Sutton Park. The motion carried unanimously.

(Note: Staff to attend site and take photographs of the site location for presentation to Commission.)

(b) Steps at Pipers Lagoon.

Staff Recommendation: *That the Parks Committee direction is sought.*

At the Inaugural meeting of the Parks Recreation and Culture Commission held 2009-FEB-25, the matter of a letter from Mr. Robert H. Dean of 3699 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 1G2 to Mayor Ruttan requesting that some form of steps be carved into the rocks, or be built, and placed to give full access to the full peninsula was reviewed. The Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission referred this matter to the Parks Committee for their review and advice.

It was moved and seconded that Staff meet with Mr. Dean on site and return to the Committee with recommendations following this meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Dog Off-Leash Project.

Staff Recommendation: *That the Parks Committee direction is sought.*

Repeated requests from the public for additional dog off-leash parks within the City of Nanaimo have been received.

It was moved and seconded that Staff identify potential sites with some access to water for dog off-leash parks and report back to the Parks Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS:

(a) Mr. Pat Barron

Mr. Pat Barron requesting that a plinth with plaque be erected at Maffeo Sutton Park in recognition of the Concerned Citizens Committee. *(Note: Request to appear as a delegation to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting attached as information.)*

(Note: This matter was dealt with under Item 13(a) – Other Business.)

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) Urban Forestry – this matter will be coming to Commission in April;
- (b) Concessionaires in Maffeo Sutton Park – staff would like to bring a Report to the Parks Committee in April to be forwarded for the 2009-APR-22 Commission meeting;
- (c) Bowen Park Improvement Plan – update on the improvement plan to be brought to the Parks Committee;
- (d) Community Gardens Policy – currently being worked on – to be available to anyone in the City – this policy will hopefully include the Urban Farming issue;
- (e) Loudon Park Improvement Plan – Boathouse Update – there is a new concept plan under review with staff. The draft plan will be presented to the Parks Committee in May.

16. QUESTION PERIOD: (No questions.)

17. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:05 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next Meeting of the Parks Committee to be held, if required, Thursday, 2009-APR-09, commencing at 5:00 p.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room. The motion carried unanimously.



Barry R. Sparkes, Chair
Parks Committee

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION:



Jeff Ritchie, Senior Manager
Parks Operations



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