



MEETING MINUTES

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Committee:	Parks and Trails Advisory Committee		
Date:	November 1, 2016	Call to Order Time:	1:00 pm

Attendees:

John Boquist	A	Laura Hooper, Staff	P
Councillor Brenda Parkinson	P		
Jim Bouthillier	P		
Debbie Clarkston	P		
Ross Reid	P		
Mark Zeigler, Meeting Chair	P		

P-Present, A-Absent, G-Guest

Approval of the Agenda:		Moved	√	Carried	√
Amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarification that Public Input will be added near the beginning of each Committee agenda, in accordance with the District of Sooke's procedural bylaw.• Public Input should be restricted to items already on the agenda for discussion.• Committee Roundtable will also be restricted to items already on the agenda.• Any new business items can be added during the "approval of the agenda".				
Approval of Minutes:	October 4, 2016	Moved	√	Carried	√
Amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous minutes reviewed with Corporate Officer.• Motion on location for an off-leash dog park, can move or rescind.• Motion on staffing is not in the purview of the Committee.				

Agenda Topic:	Dog Park – Off Leash
Presenter:	Jasmine Guay – Jasmine's Excavating
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Guay indicated that she had been asked by a member of the public to address the Committee regarding suitable locations for an off-leash dog park. Ms. Guay provided an overview of two locations she feels have potential as an off-leash dog park.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ John Phillips Park – trails already established.○ Behind Sun River Nature Trail Park – trails already there, fenced. Nothing fancy – high bank side. Dogs can go for a swim, dog run, 2 spots in the area.○ There would be a need for increased parking.

Agenda Topic:	Public Input
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Thomas spoke in favour of the Horne Road – Goodmere Road connection as it creates a loop around the water and brings the people into the centre of town. • Margarita Dominguez stated that problems are increasing by not having a dog park and asked about Whiffin Spit Park being used as an off-leash park. Helgesen park is too small. • Denise Hansen stated that Whiffin Spit is a migratory bird stopover, recognized by Birds Study Canada. Birds funnel into the area, eel grass and songbirds from South America contribute to biology of area. Not in favour of allowing dogs roam freely on Whiffin Spit. We should have a place to let dogs run. A basic dog park exists in Langford behind Western Foods. • Mary Brooke stated that she enjoys walking Whiffin Spit but has not used it at all in the last 5 years due to the dogs that are allowed there. Very few locations go to the water, so we should not jeopardize that. Definitely need a dog park, just not Whiffin Spit. 	

Agenda Topic:	Off Leash Dog Park
<p>The Parks and Trails Advisory Committee meeting chose not alter its previous motion related to off-leash dog parks.</p> <p><u>From October 4, 2016 Parks and Trails Advisory Committee meeting:</u></p> <p>MOVED M. Zeigler - R. Reid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To recommend that Council develop a public consultation plan to examine locations for an off-leash dog park. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	

Agenda Topic:	Official Community Plan
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Hooper provided a brief update on the Official Community Plan process. • Staff will update Council on the process first and then further information will be available. • Committee was reassured that there has been a lot of input from the public. There is an Environmental Open House, E/D Planning. Information is available on the District's website. 	

Agenda Topic:	Budget vs. Actual Report
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee received a written staff report highlighting key expenditures which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Refurbishment of Broomhill Park and Brooks Park play structures. ○ Committee expenditures in John Phillips Memorial Park. ○ Capitalized maintenance of Ponds Park Corridor. <p>The General Ledger account for Park Enhancement Program is expected to be overbudget by \$18,000 to accommodate Sunriver Nature Trail expenses.</p>	

Agenda Topic:	Horne Road to Goodmere Road
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Discussion:

- Committee received a written staff report and discussed two options and determined that the low-cost option using volunteer labour and low-impact trail construction was the best option.

MOVED M. Ziegler – R. Reid

THAT the Parks and Trails Advisory Committee recommend that Council direct staff to proceed with the construction of a trail connection between Horne Road and Goodmere Road, using volunteer labour and low-impact construction techniques, as outlined in the November 1, 2016 Parks and Trails Committee staff report.

CARRIED**Agenda Topic:**

John Phillips Memorial Park

Discussion:

- Location of 4 picnic tables and 2 benches has been marked and maps.
- First bench location is by municipal staircase, with a view of the ponds and trails.
- Four picnic benches by pond, 2 tables close together with a view of Olympic Mountains.
- Bathroom included in the 2017 budget.

Next Meeting:

December 6, 2016

Adjournment Time:

2:15 pm

Moved:

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Carried:

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