



PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting held on Thursday, December 15, 2016 in Council Chambers at Village Hall, 2697 Sunnyside Road, Anmore, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Paul Weverink (Chair)
Mike Dykstra
Susan Mueckel
Bruce Scatchard

OTHERS PRESENT

Luke Guerin, Operations Superintendent
Steve Sheldon, Tri-Cities Off Road Cycling Association (TORCA)
Herbert Mueckel, Anmore Resident

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Weverink called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Nil

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

“That the Agenda be approved.”

Carried Unanimously

4. DELEGATIONS

Nil

5. MINUTES

(a) Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on September 15, 2016

It was Moved and Seconded:

“That the Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting held on September 15, 2016 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried Unanimously

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

8. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Anmore Trail Network

Members discussed with Steve Sheldon and Herbert Mueckel possibility of connection and integration of Anmore’s trail network.

Herbert Mueckel provided the following historical information:

- In the early-1980’s, the Mueckel family applied for partial government funding trail projects to provide assistance to people who were unemployed.
- 20 km of trails (approximate) were built around Buntzen Lake area, which took about five and half years to complete.
- The work had to be planned, registered and approved by government jurisdictions.
- At the time, the trails were emphasized as use for horseback riding, as well as biking and hiking.
- Trails included areas within Anmore, prior to incorporation, Buntzen Lake, the outskirts of Belcarra Park and provincial Crown land.

Herbert Mueckel advised that, when building and obtaining ‘good’ trails, the following important steps should be taken:

1. Scouting the terrain to minimize steep slopes
2. Finding locations with good ground surface
3. Constructing good drainage
4. Keeping up with maintenance

Herbert Mueckel provided background information on the Wilderness Recreation and Parks Association (WRAP) that had started in 1998 to maintain trails, advising that the Association had more than 100 volunteers and was registered in Victoria, insured. With the tremendous increase in insurance costs, WRAP was shut down in 2005, and all tools

purchased by WRAP, including a GPS unit, were turned over to the Village as they were required to be submitted to a government authority.

Following are highlights of Committee discussion with Steve Sheldon:

- TORCA consists of approximately 230 people, with membership of \$20.00 paid annually, including \$10.50 for insurance.
- TORCA's hopes to educate people about their presence and what they are about.
- Riders would like an alternative to East Road by connecting through trails instead.
- TORCA is helping to redevelop trails in Coquitlam (e.g. Riverview Forest and others in Burke Mountain).
- TORCA is currently growing a great relationship with the City of Port Moody, and is developing two multi-use trails that are legally sanctioned and recognized, along with another four trails that are under review.
- The Buntzen Lake Park Manager informed Herbert Mueckel that some trails that have not been maintained may have to be closed.
- Trail running and dog walking groups have offered assistance with maintaining trails.
- Discussions are needed with BC Hydro regarding Buntzen Lake trails; this may not be a Village priority at this time.
- TORCA has started dialogue with a BC Hydro park land representative.
- The trail network is a noted priority in the Anmore Official Community Plan.
- The Village lacks resources to maintain all trails within Anmore. TORCA could possibly assist, if the Village declares specific trails as 'multi-use'.
- TORCA could help to educate and empower people with creation of a trail association.
- TORCA might be able to provide assistance for a Village trail that connects with a mountain bike trail, if it cannot be maintained by the Village.
- Bella Terra and Pinnacle Ridge trails could be deemed as priority trails.
- In future, TORCA would like to be included in dialogue and offer their resources where future development in the Village provides an opportunity for trails that would benefit mountain bikers.

It was Moved and Seconded:

“That the Village consider partnering with TORCA to build and maintain multi-use trails where opportunity exists; and that the Village review TORCA’s Whistler Trail Standard and consider adopting it for our Parks Master Plan as the standard for our multi-use trails; and that the Village review TORCA’s insurance and advise if TORCA can work in the Village without any liability issues or concerns.”

Carried Unanimously

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was Moved and Seconded:

“To adjourn the meeting.”

Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Certified Correct:

C. MILLOY

Christine Milloy
Manager of Corporate Services

Approved:

P. WEVERINK

Councillor Paul Weverink
Chair, Parks and Recreation Committee