

Corcan-Meadowood Residents' Association

Minutes of Regular Meeting Held Wed. March 22nd, 2017 at 1621 Meadowood Way, Qualicum Beach, B.C.

Attendance: Chris Burger, Elaine Peligren, Tim Peligren, Alf Jablonski, Allyson Wight, Bob Donald, Annie Donald and Dwayne Miller - (via Teleconference).

Regrets: Gerry Anderson

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Alf Jablonski moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Tim Peligren, Carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Tim Peligren moved to approve previous minutes of Feb. 22nd, 2017, seconded by Alf Jablonski, Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Peligren reported the following Bank balances, as at Feb. 28th, 2017:
Highway Access Acct. \$31,222.84 General Account \$5,683.33
Annie Donald moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Allyson Wight, Carried.

Highway Access: Chris Burger reported on-going contact and discussions with various stakeholders and government officials to ascertain the viable next steps in this project.

Park Progress & Community Centre: Alf Jablonski reported the Regional District of Nanaimo was gifted with a substantial portion of land donated by Wicklow West for property along the Little Qualicum River to be added to the Regional Park section for that area (see attached R.D.N. Report – EXHIBIT "A"). As a result, the R.D.N. plans to repair the bridge across the Little Qualicum River to permit pedestrian and ATV access only. These repairs are anticipated to take place later this year.
Progress on the new Community Center project remains at a standstill, until decisions are made as to acceptable positioning of this building.
The R.D.N. has undertaken a District 69 (Oceanside) Recreation Services Master Plan project. We have been given the opportunity to respond to an extensive questionnaire/survey. Chris Burger will respond to this initiative.

Special Events (Canada Day & Halloween): Elaine Peligren reported the Recreational Grant applications are all completed for submission to the Regional District of Nanaimo for both these Events.

Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness: Annie Donald reported no significant recent events. All residents are encouraged to have their emergency preparedness supplies updated and at the ready in case any urgent emergency may occur. During the Spring rainy season, be on the lookout for blocked drainage systems or culverts on, or around, your properties in an effort to avert flooding & back-up water situations.

Fundraising: Elaine Peligren reported good progress on the Raffle for "A Dinner a Month" (12 dinners). This fundraising initiative should be ready by late spring.
Regular Bottle Drives continue on the First Saturday of each month with drop-off available at the Meadowood Store.

Media & Communications: No media announcements at the moment. Revamping of the large sign at the bottom end of Corcan Rd. (at Dorman) will be undertaken to freshen up the messages.

Review of our Constitution & Bylaws: This is an on-going review.

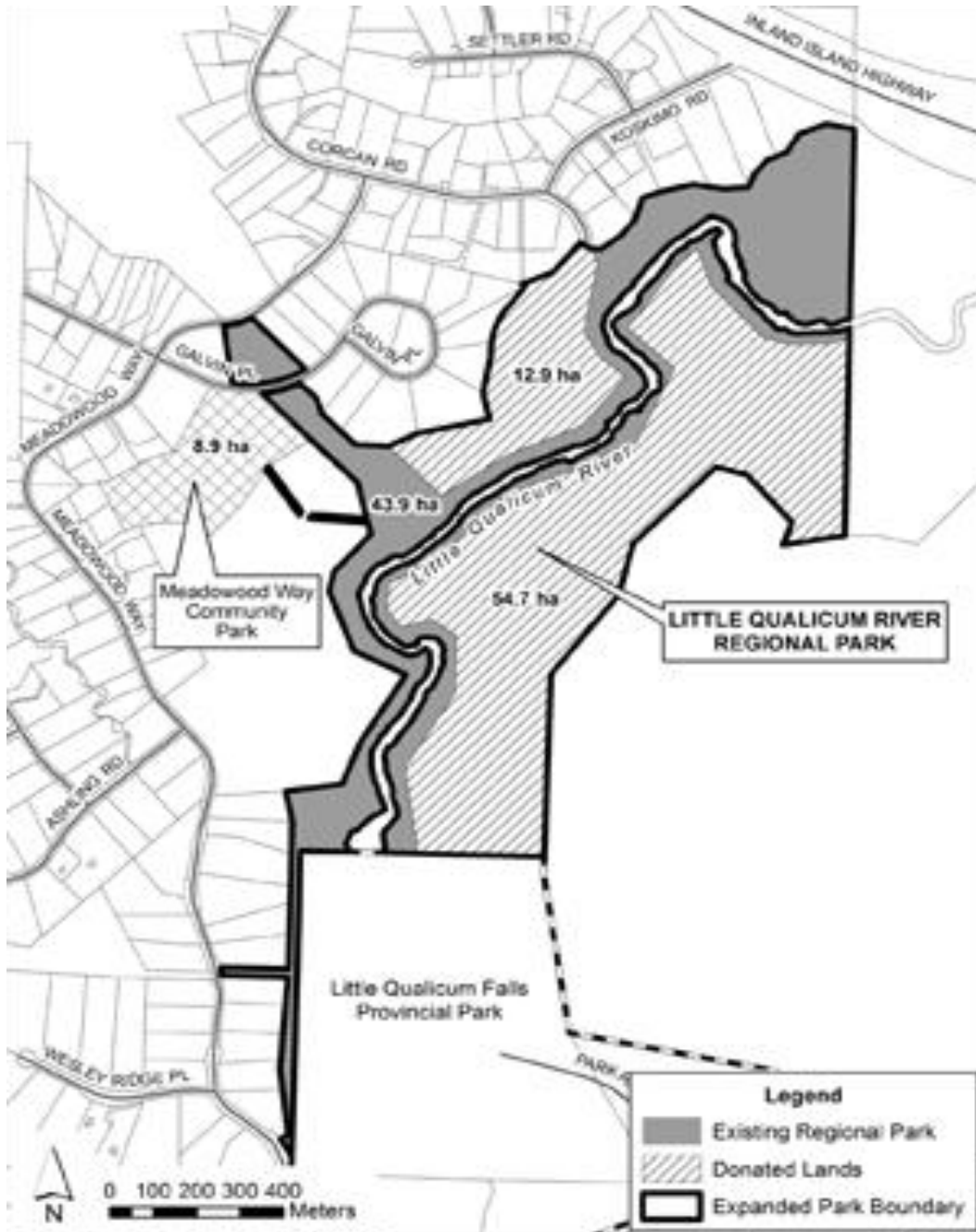
Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 12th, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. at 1621 Meadowood Way, Qualicum Beach

NOTE: AMENDED DATE for Next Meeting Changed to: Tuesday, April 11th, 2017 ... same time, same place. This amendment will be ratified at next Regular Meeting.

Adjournment of Regular Meeting: Tim Peligren moved to adjourn Regular Meeting at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Allyson Wight, Carried.

Regional District of Nanaimo News Release - March 14, 2017

Donation Expands Little Qualicum River Regional Park



A new parkland donation to the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) has more than doubled the size of Little Qualicum River Regional Park. The gift, donated by Wicklow West Holdings, Ltd., and valued at \$1.837 million, includes 68 hectares adjacent to the existing park in Electoral Area 'F'. The lands were transferred to the RDN on March 3, 2017, expanding the park from 44 to 112 hectares.

"On behalf of the RDN, I want to thank Wicklow West Holdings Ltd. for making a significant and lasting contribution to our region," said RDN Chair Bill Veenhof. "The new park lands are a wonderful addition to the greenway along Little Qualicum River."

The donated land opens up a much larger green belt for park users to enjoy. The park runs along both sides of Little Qualicum River, immediately downstream from Little Qualicum River Falls Provincial Park and connects to the RDN's Meadowood Community Park. The donation also increases the conservation value of the park which protects salmon and trout habitat as well as a variety of plant communities.

"This land transfer creates a lasting benefit for the community and the environment," said Wally Campbell, Director of Wicklow West. "We are proud that the expanded park will be part of our company's legacy in the region."

Wicklow West has been developing rural properties in the area since the 1980s.

The expanded park is now open to the public with the main trailhead located off Corcan Road in Qualicum Beach. The RDN will develop additional signage and the bridge within the park will be repaired later this year.

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