

Regional District of Nanaimo Recreation and Parks

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The CMRA was formed to facilitate community development in the Cocran-Meadowood Way Corridor. We are working to improve the living conditions through better Hi-way access, better road conditions, and improving walking conditions, create a community park and trail development to link the provincial, regional and community parks.

Presentations have been given by CMRA at an RDN board meeting and POSAC meeting to ask for park development. These meeting showed interest from both levels and boosted our belief that action would be taken in the near future.

Our committee was pleased to hear in 2010 that Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee (POSAC) area F had allocated \$20,000.00 for park planning and design of the Meadowood Way community park. We have now discovered the funds were transferred to development of the Kopernick to Errington elementary trail.

At our AGM meeting in November (which RDN members attended) of 2010 we had proposed to our community items that our commit would work on to improve our area. Due to a conflict with a school board meeting about the closing of Kwalicum Secondary School our meeting was not a full cross section of our communities residence. When the residence in attendance (mostly 45 and up) were asked what was their priority. Votes were taken and hiway access was the primary need. We feel that as a result of that meeting the RDN members took this as a lack of interest in park development.

Meadowood park planning and development has now been moved back to 2012.

We are still very interested in creating our own community park with trails, play areas for children, community hall and sports facilities.

In addition we recently have been studying the additional need for neighbourhood emergency preparedness.

Due to the restriction of exit roads our community park would be a logical location for residence to gather and obtain emergency evacuation which may require a landing area for air lifting.

We will be contacting you in the near future and wish to have a meeting with you and your staff to discuss this issue.

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