



DATE: October 5, 2015

TIME: 7 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE AREA E PARKS COMMISSION:

Held on the above noted date and time at Glenora Hall.

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Frank McCorkell

Vice-Chairperson and Secretary: Gregg Shoop

Members: Irene Evans, Gretchen Hartley, Howard Heyd, Patty John, Mike Lee, Fran O'Brien, Paul Slade.

ALSO: Alison Nicholson (Area E Director) and Brian Farquar (Manager, Parks and Trails).

ABSENT: None

1. AGENDA: Adopted as circulated.
2. BUDGET INFORMATION: Brian Farquar prefaced his remarks by outlining the five year budget cycle which is to replace the current one year cycle. Staff are supportive of the new approach which has begun with drafts in preparation now for approval in November and in place for the beginning of 2016. The five year cycle will allow better planning, installation, maintenance and replacement of assets and equipment. Furthermore, surpluses will not simply roll-over but be used to build up a new reserve fund. He then led the Commission through a line-by-line discussion of three documents: Electoral Area E Community Parks 2016-2020 Budget Planning; Area E – Major/Minor capital Improvements Snapshot (2007-2014); and Electoral Area E 2016 COMMUNITY PARK BUDGET DRAFT (see attachments). Commissioners asked many questions, received and shared much information. There was lively discussion, especially about plans and funding for the toilet and septic field at Currie Park and the desire of residents for trails throughout and linking the communities of Area E.

MOTION: It was Moved and Seconded that three new benches be installed in Currie Park using monies raised and donated locally. CARRIED.

MOTION: It was Moved and Seconded that the Area E Parks Commission support in principle the Electoral Area E 2016 COMMUNITY BUDGET DRAFT as presented by Brian Farquar. CARRIED.

3. NEXT MEETING: AGM (November) – to be decided by Alison Nicholson, the Area E Director.

4. AJOURNMENT:

MOTION: It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m. CARRIED.

Certified as Correct: *G. Shoop*

Recording Secretary

Date: *Oct 8 2015*

Chairperson *FR McCorkell*