



**TOWN OF COMOX**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

STAFF REPORT  
Meeting Date: Sept 8 2021

<b>TO:</b> Mayor and Council	<b>FILE:</b> 0890-20 / DL194
<b>FROM:</b> Jordan Wall, Chief Administrative Officer	<b>DATE:</b> Sept 2, 2021
<b>SUBJECT:</b> DL-194, Northeast Woods, Transfer to Komoks First Nation	

Report Approved:



**RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:**

- 1) THAT notice of disposition for Lot 1 District Lot 194 Comox District Plan EPP31743 be made with the intent for sale to K’omoks First Nation
- 2) THAT Council authorizes the sale of Lot 1 District Lot 194 Comox District Plan EPP31743 to K’omoks First Nation for the price of \$10
- 3) THAT Council authorizes the Town to enter a 99 year lease with K’omoks First Nation for the use of Lot 1 District Lot 194 Comox District Plan EPP31743 as a public park

**PURPOSE**

To finalize the transfer of the Lot 1 District Lot 194 Comox District Plan EPP31743, also known as a portion Northeast Woods, to the K’omoks First Nations (KFN) and enter into a 99 year lease with KFN to use the lands as a public park.

**STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGE**

Chief Administrative Officer Strategic Plan Item

**BACKGROUND**

The portion of Northeast woods in District Lot 194, previously owned by the Province, have been used by the Town of Comox residents for recreational space likely since the beginning of the community. In 2012, the Town and K’omoks First Nation entered into an agreement to seek a crown grant from the Province to have the land granted to the Town of Comox then sold by the Town to KFN for \$10. Further, at the time of sale KFN will lease the lands back to the Town at a rate of \$10 for the term. The land will then be used as a public park for the next 99 years. The lease will then be required to be extended by mutual agreement of both parties, which KFN is under no obligation to grant.

When the land is transferred, KFN will have the right to name the park. The Town will be responsible for erecting a sign that displays the new name and contains KFN cultural and historical information.

**a. Financial**

An entrance sign with the new park name and cultural information will need to be constructed on the site. Estimated cost of \$3,000-\$7,000. The Town will continue to be responsible for maintenance and use of the park.

**b. Public Relations**

Two news releases will be developed in conjunction with K'ómoks First Nation. The first will announce the scope of the agreement and that it has been finalized, the second to unveil the parks new name and interpretive sign installation, which could be supported by a joint photo opportunity with Town and KFN representatives. This information will be posted to the Town's website and social media channels to increase awareness of the initiative. The required disposition of property public notices would also be undertaken.

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