

**CITY OF COFFMAN COVE**

**RESOLUTION 16-22**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COFFMAN COVE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION  
IN THE FY2016 FEDERAL LAND ACCESS GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coffman Cove has identified a critical need to improve the unpaved section of Loggers Lane also known as Forest Highway 51; and,

**WHEREAS**, Forest Highway 51 provides access to hundreds of acres of federally-owned land; and,

**WHEREAS**, Forest Highway 51 connects the communities of Coffman Cove and Thorne Bay; and,

**WHEREAS**, Forest Highway 51 provides access to the Luck Lake Recreation Area; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Luck Lake Recreation Area Improvement Project was completed in 2015 creating a multi-purpose day-use area with restrooms, parking, fire pits, picnic areas, a scenic trail, trash receptacles, boat launch and pavilion; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Forest Service and the City of Coffman Cove are partners in the management and maintenance of the Luck Lake Recreation Area; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that the existing road bed was not constructed to accommodate a main transportation corridor with high volumes of traffic accessing high-use Forest Service recreation areas such as the Luck Lake Recreation Area; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Forest Service and City of Coffman Cove consider improving access to the area as a necessity to the development, utilization, protection, and administration of the Federal Lands and their recreation and resources; and,

**WHEREAS**, the dust from the gravel road poses a health hazard for community members that reside along Forest Highway 51 and makes poor visibility a safety hazard for motorists; and

**WHEREAS**, ownership of the first three miles of Forest Highway 51 was transferred from the US Forest Service to the City of Coffman Cove in or around 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost associated with the maintenance of Forest Highway 51 puts a financial strain on the City of Coffman Cove which is compounded annually by the continued deterioration of the road surface; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coffman Cove recognizes that improving Forest Highway 51 by constructing a smooth paved surface would result in a significant annual cost savings for the City, enhance the quality of life for residents residing alongside the road, enhance the experience for travelers using the road to access Forest Service subsistence and recreation areas and create a safe transportation corridor to be used by all of Prince of Wales Island and visitors to the island; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City is applying for funding in the amount of \$686,800 under the Federal Land Access Program; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City of Coffman Cove authorizes use of \$68,175 from the City’s Timber Receipts Savings Account, to be used as a cash match for the Federal Lands Access Proposal for construction of the Luck Lake Access Improvement Project.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE** City of Coffman Cove on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

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Sharon Toman, Mayor

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ATTEST: Jean Soderberg, Clerk

