

Minutes of the Parks Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at 3:35 p.m. in the Regional District Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC

**PRESENT**

Director Mel Dorey, Chair  
Director Gerry Giles, Vice-Chair  
Director Ian Morrison  
Director Loren Duncan  
Director Lori Iannidinardo  
Director Mike Walker  
Director John Lefebure  
Director Ruth Hartmann (4:00)

Also: Director Pat Weaver and Barbara Lines; Rob Hutchins (3:45) in attendance

Absent: Director Mary Marcotte

**CVRD STAFF**

Ron Austen, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture Department  
Warren Jones, Corporate Administrative Officer  
Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks and Trails Division  
Mary Anne McAdam, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Chair noted changes to the agenda, which included two items of New Business

It was Moved and Seconded

That the agenda, be amended with the addition of the following two items of New Business:

- NB1 Sansum Point Fundraising by The Land Conservancy (TLC)  
– staff verbal update
- NB2 Plastics in Parks – Lori Iannidinardo

and that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**M1 - MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Minutes of the Parks Committee Meeting of November 9, 2011, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING**

There was no business arising.

**DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**R1 – 2012 Planning and Construction Program**

Report from Dan Brown, Parks Trails Technician, regarding 2012 Planning and Construction Program.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the report be received for information.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R2 – “Adopt-a-Trail”  
application by the  
Chemainus Rotary  
Club**

Report from Dan Brown, Parks Trails Technician, regarding “Adopt-a-Trail” application by the Chemainus Rotary Club.

It was Moved and Seconded

That staff be directed to develop an “Adopt-a-Trail” program for the Cowichan Valley Trail.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R3 – Geo-cache Sites  
along the Cowichan  
Valley Trail**

Report from Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks and Trails Division, regarding request to install Geo-cache Sites along the Cowichan Valley Trail.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the request from Island Spirit 2012 to install and maintain “Legacy Geo-caches” along the Cowichan Valley Trail be approved, and that a \$700 contribution from the 2012 regional parks and trails budget be provided to Island Spirit 2012 for the purchase of medium size geo-cache containers to be used along the trail.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R4 – Friendship  
(siiye’yu) Trail to  
Cowichan Commons  
Maintenance Request**

Report from Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks and Trails Division, regarding Friendship (siiye’yu) Trail to Cowichan Commons Maintenance Request.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Friendship (siiye’yu) Trail, within the E&N Rail Corridor between Duncan and the Cowichan Commons, be included as part of the regional trails system and maintained by the CVRD under the Regional Parks and Trails budget; and that this section of the trail be incorporated into the CVRD’s trail licence agreement with Island Corridor Foundation.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R5 – Kinsol Trestle  
Finishing Elements**

Report from Ryan Dias, Parks Superintendent, Parks and Trails Division, regarding Kinsol Trestle Finishing Elements.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the following finishing works for the historic Kinsol Trestle project be endorsed:

- parking area at Glen Eagles Road
- site furniture and access stairs
- interpretive signage and donor recognition kiosk shelter
- new north and south viewing platforms

With application of up to \$100,000 from the draft 2012 Regional Parks Capital Budget and assistance from in-kind contributions towards completing the works.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no correspondence items.

**INFORMATION**

**IN1 – Times Colonist News Article**

Times Colonist news article of February 19, 2012, "Region's Parks Attract Record Numbers"

It was Moved and Seconded  
That this article be received and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

**IN2 – Presentation Certificate**

Thank-you certificate received from Shawnigan-Kinsol Half Marathon & Half a Half – October 30, 2011.

It was Moved and Seconded  
That this be received and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1 – Sansum Point Update**

Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks and Trails Division, provided a verbal update on Sansum Point fundraising by The Land Conservancy (TLC),

The verbal update on Sansum Point was received as information.

**NB2 – Plastics in Parks**

Director Lori Iannidinardo shared information on how plastics impact wildlife along our trails; would like to see CVRD Parks and Trails strive toward a plastic-free environment.

Moved and Seconded  
That CVRD Green Team be asked to investigate options to promote the elimination of plastic food and beverage containers being brought into regional parks and trails.

MOTION CARRIED

**QUESTION PERIOD**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Chair

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Recording Secretary