

Minutes of the Parks Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 12, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. in the Regional District Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC

PRESENT

Director Mel Dorey, Chair
Director Lori Iannidinardo, Vice-Chair
Director Gerry Giles
Director Loren Duncan
Director Klaus Kuhn
Alternate Director Ray Cadorette

Also: Director Tom Walker (4:00 p.m.)

CVRD STAFF

Ron Austen, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture Department
Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks & Trails Division
Warren Jones, Administrator
Mary Anne McAdam, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded
That the agenda (as amended) be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

M1 - MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded
That the Minutes of the Parks Committee Meeting of June 10, 2009, be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Brian Farquhar reported (Minutes of June 10, 2009, Page 2, Report R-3) that the Nature Conservancy of Canada has accepted an invitation to attend a Parks Committee Meeting to provide an update on initiatives, activities and programs the Conservancy is engaged in within the Cowichan Region.

STAFF REPORTS

**R1 – Cobble Hill Mtn
Recreation Area
Interpretive Forest
Designation**

Staff report from Dan Brown, Parks and Trails Technician, informing the Parks Committee of the Cobble Hill Mountain Recreation Area agreement pertaining to land recently designated as Interpretive Forest by the Ministry of Forests.

It was Moved and Seconded
That a letter be sent to the Ministry of Forests requesting that Forest Recreation Reserve #020, within the designated Cobble Hill Mountain Recreation Area, remain excluded from permitted provincial woodlot activities as allowed within Interpretive Forest designated areas due to the high outdoor recreation, ecological and aesthetic values provided within this 275 acre parcel adjacent to the community of Cobble Hill.

MOTION CARRIED

R2 – Cowichan Valley Trail – 2009 Summer Progress

Staff report from Dan Brown, Parks and Trails Technician, to provide a 2009 summer progress report on the Cowichan Valley Trail Initiative.

It was Moved and Seconded

That staff prepare a report regarding the status of the E & N Corridor and work toward expanding the current agreement so that the Committee and Board can provide direction for this to be included in the year-end budget plan for 2010.

MOTION CARRIED

Loren Duncan would like the small piece behind Keating Farm to be taken into consideration along with this.

R3 – Regional Parks Brochure

Staff report from Tanya Soroka, Parks Planning Technician, and attached sample of the Regional Parks brochure template created by the Parks Planning summer student to be used as the standard for the creation of all Regional Park Site Brochures.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the template layout for the preparation of all Regional Park and Regional Recreation Area brochures be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

Director Giles would like etiquette signage on the mountain trails that would bring to the attention of dog and horse owners the need to clean up droppings left on the trail by their animals.

CORRESPONDENCE

C1 – Nature Conservancy

Correspondence received from the Nature Conservancy of Canada (Katie Blake) regarding Chase Woods property purchase.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Chair send a letter on behalf of the Parks Committee congratulating the Nature Conservancy of Canada on its successful campaign to purchase the Chase Woods property.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION

IN1 – Newspaper Article

Cowichan News Leader Pictorial article by Mike D'Amour, "Duncan connecting to Trans-Canada Trail"

Received for information purposes

IN2 – Newspaper Article

Times Colonist article by Robert Barron (*Canwest News Service*), "TimberWest will require liability insurance for back-country access".

Received for information purposes.

IN3 – Newspaper Article

Cowichan News Leader Pictorial article (*Alberni Valley News*), “Close to \$1 million dedicated to western half of a trail linking the Alberni and Cowichan Valleys”.

Received for information purposes.

BUSINESS ARISING

No business arising.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 – Fuel Management Reduction

Staff Report from Tanya Soroka, Parks Planning Technician, regarding Grant Funding for an Operational Fuel Treatment Program in Five Regional Parks and for the preparation of Fuel Management Prescriptions for these Parks.

It was Moved and Seconded

That applications to the “Community Operational Fuel Treatment Program” and the “Fuel Management Prescriptions Program” for grant funding, available through the Ministry of Forests and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to undertake work in five (5) Regional Park sites, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions from the public.

CLOSED SESSION

It was Moved and Seconded

That the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter Part 4, Division 3, Section 90(1), Subsections as noted in accordance with each agenda item.

MOTION CARRIED

The Committee moved into Closed Session at 4:10 p.m.

RISE

The Committee rose without report.

NEXT MEETING:

To be held Wednesday, October 14, 2009, at 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded

That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Chair

Recording Secretary