

Minutes of the Parks Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in the Regional District Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC

PRESENT

Director Mel Dorey, Chair
Director Lori Iannidinardo, Vice-Chair
Director Loren Duncan
Director Klaus Kuhn
Director Dave Haywood
Director Ian Morrison
Director Gerry Giles
Director Phil Kent

CVRD STAFF

Ron Austen, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture Department
Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks & Trails Division
Warren Jones, Administrator
Laura Gale, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair noted changes to the agenda which included adding one item of New Business (correspondence associated with SR7)

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 August 12, 2009, be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

There was no new business arising from the Minutes.

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 – Job Opportunities Program – JOP Work Crew Projects Update

Staff report from Dan Brown, Parks and Trails Technician, informing the Parks Committee of Job Opportunities Program (JOP) work crews projects update.

It was Moved and Seconded
That a letter of appreciation be sent to Cowichan Tribes acknowledging their efforts to bring together the working partnerships to successfully achieve approval of the Job Opportunities Program work crews and for administering a successful program.

MOTION CARRIED

SR2 – Cobble Hill Mountain Recreation Area Update – Fall 2009

Staff Report from Dan Brown, Parks and Trails Technician, informing the Parks Committee of Cobble Hill Mountain Recreation Area Update – Fall 2009.

It was Moved and Seconded

That a letter of appreciation be forwarded to Dan Brown, Parks Planning Technician (Trails) for his work with volunteer and the community on the Cleasby Bike Park and the Cobble Hill Mountain Regional Recreation Area.

MOTION CARRIED

SR3 – Cowichan Valley Trail Completion Initiative – Fall 2009 Update

Staff Report from Dan Brown, Parks and Trails Technician, informing the Parks Committee of Cowichan Valley Trail Completion Initiative – Fall 2009 Update.

It was Moved and Seconded

That staff organize an official trail opening event for the first section of the Cowichan Valley Trail constructed within the E & N Railway corridor in Chemainus, with the date for the event to be planned with the input of the Regional Parks Committee Chair and Director Haywood.

MOTION CARRIED

SR4 – Heart/Stocking Lake Regional Park – Crown Tenure Permit Access and Interim Management Plan Preparation

Staff Report from Tanya Soroka, Parks Planning Technician, informing the Parks Committee of Heart/Stocking Lake Regional Park – Crown Tenure Permit Access and Interim Management Plan Preparation.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Board Chair and Corporate Secretary be authorized to execute the necessary documents to secure access to the recently acquired Heart and Stocking Lake Regional Park property across adjoining crown lands legally described as Lot A, Blocks 1 and 731, District Lot 121, and Part of the Unnumbered part, Oyster District, Plan VIP78445 (PID: 026-313-031); and that an Interim Management Plan be developed by staff.

MOTION CARRIED

SR5 – Timberwest Forest Corporation Trail Licence Agreements for two segments of the Cowichan Valley Trail

Staff Report from Tanya Soroka, Parks Planning Technician, informing the Parks Committee of TimberWest Forest Corporation Trail Licence Agreements for two segments of the Cowichan Valley Trail.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Board Chair and Corporate Secretary be authorized to execute the documents to secure Trail Access License Agreements across TimberWest's privately owned lands legally described as Lot 691, Block 5, Bright and Oyster Land Districts as well as the property Block 1242, Malahat Land District, VIP 78495 for segments of the Cowichan Valley Trail.

MOTION CARRIED

**SR6 – Recreation
Infrastructure Canada
Program Trail
Funding Approval**

Staff Report from Brian Farquhar, Parks and Trails Manager regarding Recreation Infrastructure Canada Program Trail Funding Approval

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Board Chair and Corporate Secretary be authorized to execute the necessary documents applicable to the approved Recreation Infrastructure Canada Program's \$650,000 funding assistance to the expansion and construction of major sections of the Cowichan Valley Trail.

MOTION CARRIED

**SR7 – 2010 Working
Paper Budgets:
Regional Parks (280)
and Regional Parkland
Acquisition Fund (285)**

Staff Report from Brian Farquhar, Parks and Trails Manager regarding Recreation Infrastructure Canada Program Trail Funding Approval 2010 Working Paper Budgets: Regional Parks (280) and Regional Parkland Acquisition Fund (285).

It was Moved and Seconded

That the following staff report recommendations be forwarded to an upcoming 2010 budget planning session of the Regional Services Committee for consideration:

Increase the Regional Parkland Acquisition Fund requisition by \$415,000 in the 2010 budget.

Increase the Regional Parks (280) requisition to include \$175,000 for capital project work on the Cowichan Valley Trail and \$65,932 for the cost-sharing with the Community Parks and Trails (279) of a Parks and Trails Planner position (35%), a Parks Coordinator – Capital Projects (35%) and parks vehicle (35%) in support of the increasing activities and expenditures of the program

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence of November 22, 2009, received from Ian Graeme supporting an increase in the Regional Parkland Acquisition Fund for the 2010 budget.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the letter from Ian Graeme dated November 22, 2009, regarding the Regional Parkland Acquisition Fund be forwarded to all Board Members for information.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

C1 – CeeVacs

Correspondence received from the Ceevacs Roadrunners Half Marathon – Thank you letter.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the letter be received and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION

- IN1** October 13, 2009, *Globe and Mail* article by Rebecca Lindell, “BC moves to regulate Recreational off-road Vehicles”
- IN2** October 15, 2009, *CVRD News Release* article by Brian Farquhar, Parks Manager “Cowichan Valley Regional District Acquires new Regional Park; Stocking Lake/Heart Lake Regional Park”
- IN3** September 22, 2009, *Times Colonist* article by Bill Cleverley “Parks Crackdown Works”
- IN4** November 19, 2009, *Times Colonist* article by Bill Cleverley “Parks Levy should be Doubled: CRD Committee”

NEW BUSINESS Director Duncan raised the issue of recent problems at Chemainus River Park and asked that staff follow up.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS There were no questions from the public.

NEXT MEETING To be held Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT It was Moved and Seconded
That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary