

**Minutes: Area A Parks Commission  
15 May 2014, 7:00 PM Brentwood College Boardroom.**

Attending: David Gall, Chair, Mike Walker, Director, Brook Adams, Greg Farley, John Ramsey, April Tilson.

Regrets: David Crowe, Judy Meszaros, Deryk Norton, Ron Parsons.

Call to order: 7:10 PM

1. Notice of Appreciation Day for Volunteers (and their spouses)

Saturday 21 June, 4:00 - 6:00 PM at the Mill Bay Community League Hall

If you are able to attend please contact April Tilson [adtilson@gmail.com](mailto:adtilson@gmail.com) and she will contact Maureen Alexander - [250-743-9196](tel:250-743-9196)

2. Mill Bay Boat ramp –We were shown a schematic for Handy Road if the ramp on First Nations land is built. They were looking at constructing the ramp next June at low water but the engineer says that it can be built at any time without needing the cement work. The process has been used successfully in many places on the mainland. The breakwater and dock will be built first. There will be no fee for launching and the first 11 vehicles parking will not be charged. There will also be a no fee wash station and washrooms. Eventually there will be three km of boardwalk along the road. The First Nations have aquiculture plans for near Verdier Point. If there is not a Letter of Understanding between the CVRD Chair Rob Hutchins and the First Nations representative by December 2014 bonds in place will be used to build the ramp at the end of Handy Road.

3. Recommendation of work for Student Summer Work Program

No further suggestions

4. Recommendations of any trails that need upgrade or other work

Lilmac trail needs work in mud areas. Kerry Park Trail is the Community League responsibility. April will contact Julie Rosenthal.

5. Director Walker's Report

a. The Directors are studying the hogweed and Japanese knapweed issues as well as other invasive species to develop a policy on how to deal with it first on public property and then with private property owners.

b. The CVRD continue to monitor the fill on the First Nations Land

c. Director Walker has begun discussions with the Limona Group and plans are in for 17 condos in the south east end of Barry Road. They also have plans to build another bridge over the stream to begin later development of the area between Barry Road and the commercial section. The Stone Bridge has been grandfathered in so will remain.

d. There has been a rezoning application to CVRD for a Baptist church off Butterfield Road.

e. The Falconridge area will have more park dedication. It has passed first and second reading of the CVRD and there will be a public meeting in the fall. \$25,000 will be put toward playground equipment.

f. Greg spoke about the possibility of people having put in tires and cleaning the bottoms of their boats beside the pier at the end of Kier Road. Director Walker will have Ryan Dias look into it.

g. Director Walker also announced that he has resigned his work with Thrifties to spend more time in his position as Director.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 PM**

**Next meeting: June 19, 2014 Boardroom Brentwood College 7:00 PM.** There will not be meetings in July or August.