

Area A Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting March 12th, 2013 at Brentwood College boardroom

Present: Director Walker, Joan Pope, Greg Farley, Dave Gall, Cathy Leslie, April Tilson, and Judy Meszaros

Regrets: Ron Parsons

Guest: Maureen Alexander - Mill Bay/Malahat Historical Society and Bamberton Historical Society

Meeting called to order: 7:05 pm

A. Mill Bay/Malahat Historical Society and Bamberton Historical Society:

Maureen Alexander gave a description of the origins, the purposes and activities of both the societies.

She also gave the commission a brief history of the town of Bamberton and of the museum at the site manager's house. The historical society has produced a travelling play, a photo book, and have more recently entered into talks about a movie. The movie is scheduled to show each Sunday in August.

Maureen told us that the Mill Bay/Malahat Society now has a museum at Pioneer Center and offers tours of local sites.

This summer both societies will join with the South Cowichan Chamber of Commerce and Mill Bay Merchants to host "Good Ole Daze" July 13th – 25th, 2013 at the Mill Bay Mall area where there will be a farmers market.

Discussion.

A separate email with the info will be sent to commission members.

B. Draft Area A 2013 Budget –

1. Major and Minor Capital Programs:

- a. **\$26,162 Mill Springs Network** - Summer,
- b. **\$15,000 Mill Bay Wharf Piling assessment/replacement** - Fall,
- c. **\$24,800 McClaren Park Shelter & Site** - Spr/Summer,
- d. **\$13,411 Area A Parks Infrastructure Renewal** - Spr/Summer.

Top Priority - **Mill Bay Wharf and Pilings replacement.**

2. Tax Requisition in Parks Budget – Discussion - keep requisition same

Motion: For Parks staff to draft Area A Major and Minor Capital Project List
Motion passed - unanimous

C. Correspondence:

Chairperson Gall read a letter from the Paterson family requesting a memorial plaque on a bench at the new marina. Discussion followed regarding possible precedent setting actions without a policy in place.

Motion: For Parks staff to formulate a policy on naming benches.

Motion passed

D. Area A Director Update:

Discussion regarding low amount of building permits in Area A, only activity is the Marina.

Announcement - Island Timberlands having a tree planting ceremony, let Director Walker know by Monday the 18th March if intending to attend.

Contaminated Soil and Marina ramp updates.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: April 18th, 2013, 7 pm. Brentwood College