

Cobble Hill Parks Commission Meeting  
May 4th, 2015  
Arbutus Ridge Board Room, Cobble Hill, B.C.

7:00 PM

Present: John Krug - Chair, Bill Turner, Gord Dickenson, Shelley Balme, Dennis Cage, Jennifer Symons, Alan Seal

Also present: Matteus Clement – Area 'C' Regional Director

Regrets: Ruth Koehn, Ansel Koehn, Annie Ingraham. Lynn Wilson

*Moved/seconded that the agenda is approved as amended to include dog bags under new business. Carried*

*Moved/seconded that the minutes of the April 13th, 2015 regular Cobble Hill Parks Commission meeting are adopted as circulated. Carried*

Business arising from the minutes

- Cobble Hill Common future – A discussion was held concerning the various desirable features for the park and the commission hopes that there is clarity soon on the future of this park.

Delegations – None

Correspondence - None

Unfinished business

- Watson Trail upgrade- Still pending
- Boatswain Park upgrade joint meeting scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> changed to May 19<sup>th</sup> with Lynn Wilson, Ruth Koehn, John Krug, Mike Miller and Ryan Dias

New business:

- Parks Chairs Working Group Meeting – Scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup> and the agenda will be circulated to the members for any additional items
- South Cowichan Trails Systems – Director Clement had a meeting with all the South Cowichan Directors to discuss and plan for interconnecting trails throughout the South Cowichan
- Celebration of History Wall Opening Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm – All Regional Directors and Staff have been invited along with the CH Parks Commission members
- Tour of Bright Angel Park – Scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. An opening ceremony to celebrate the wonderful improvements will be held at a later date.
- Commission member length of term was presented to the membership
- Paint colour for Parks facilities – The colour, particularly on the dog park shelter, is very dark and depressing. This item will be discussed at the upcoming Chairs Meeting.

- Dog excrement bags – The question was raised - Would local dog food suppliers be willing to provide their own branded bags at no charge with the benefit of advertising going to them? Also, it was pointed out by dog park patrons that the biodegradable used bags are disposed of in a container lined with a non-biodegradable bag, thus defeating the purpose of the more expensive bags. Moved/seconded *that Staff contact local dog food suppliers to determine if they would be willing to provide branded bags for dog excrement at no charge.* Carried  
Moved/seconded *that would Staff investigate if the advantage of the degradable bags is negated by collection in the large non-biodegradable collection bags?* Carried

Closed session: The commission moved into closed session at 8:10 pm and returned to open session at 8:25 pm

Director's report: As above under South Cowichan Trail System

Volunteer hours: 4 hours

Adjournment: 9:10 pm

The next Cobble Hill Parks Commission Meeting will be held Monday June 1st, 2015 at 7:00 pm, in the Arbutus Boardroom.