

Minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission held on November 7th 2013 at 7 pm in the Youth Hall on Watson Avenue in the Cobble Hill Village.

Those present: John Krug - Chair, Bill Turner, Alan Seal, Jennifer Symons, Lynn Wilson, Ruth Koehn, Annie Ingraham and Director Gerry Giles.

Regrets: Gord Dickenson, Al Garside, Dennis Cage

The meeting was called to order with the approval of the agenda as presented.

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That the minutes of September 26th 2013 be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. The hedge in Farnsworth Park will be trimmed by M Popma Landscaping. Annual maintenance will be included in the new contract currently being advertised.
2. No report was given on the Pacific Northwest Wildlife Society; however, Gerry will email the 1995 Colony Farm Land Use Plan to commission members.
3. It was agreed the replacement trees for the Cobble Hill Common would be 2 Asian Pear and 1 Prune Plum. Volunteers will plant the trees once received.
4. The plants damaged during the Cobble Hill Fair will be replaced by the Shawnigan Cobble Hill Farmers Institute. The FI Board will order them through Dennis once the numbers are known.
5. The Maintenance Contract for Area 'C' along with the remaining South Cowichan areas is now being advertised.

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The Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission strongly encourages the engagement of local contractors to care for area Parks. MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- it was reported the lights in the washroom remain on long after dark. Motion sensor lights need to be installed.
- LED lights are also needed in the washroom. It was noted the CVRD should have a "green policy" in place for all of their buildings and parks.
- a sign should be posted at the washroom that dogs are not permitted inside and tie-ups or hooks to hold the leashes should be installed to restrain the dogs outside while the owners are inside the washroom building.

- entrance / exit signs need to be installed on the roadway leaning into and out of Quarry Nature Park.
- A report was given on the progress of the Historical Wall planned for the Cobble Hill Common. A sample of the polished concrete was shown. Timbers have been listed but no quotes have been received. The Commission was reminded that the cost of the Historical Wall will be borne by the Cobble Hill Historical Society.
- Graham Gidden will be asked to design a new foot bridge at the Cobble Hill Common so that the Cobble Hill Fair can be accommodated each year without removing plants. Gerry is to arrange a time with Graham for him to come to the Cobble Hill Common to discuss the bridge location and size.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. John reported on the South Cowichan Parks Commission meeting and the discussion at that meeting about possible joint funding going toward the Quarry Nature Park washroom supplies.
2. An update was provided on the purple pipe system, which should be operational in time for next summer's irrigation season.
3. The need to update the Cleasby Bike Park jumps in consultation with the user groups was again discussed. The CVRD staff is asked to report on where Bike Park updates are in their work plan and how they intend to involve young people from the area in this work.
4. LED lighting for the Cobble Hill Common sign is also being considered and a report from John will be coming to the next meeting.

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

John Krug, Chair