

Minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Arbutus Ridge Board Room

Those present: John Krug – Chair, Dennis Cage, Gord Dickenson, Annie Ingraham, Ruth Koehn, Alan Seal, Dan Massen, Lynn Wilson, Brian Farquhar and Director Gerry Giles.

Apologies: Bill Turner.

Call to order by John Krug at 7 p.m. with the adoption of the agenda as presented.

The minutes of the September 19<sup>th</sup> 2012 were corrected to include the addition of the Hatch Point Trail after Manley Creek. The minutes were then adopted as corrected and circulated.

### Business arising from the Minutes:

- 1) The 2012 Budget was reviewed with Commission members asking a variety of questions about the proposed 2012 Cobble Hill parks expenditures and programs.

Moved/second

that the Cobble Hill summer student program be increased from 4 days to 10 days in 2012. Motion Carried

A discussion took place regarding the 5% increase in the Easy Living contract plus the \$4,200 addition to their maintenance budget to look after the Cobble Hill Common. It was suggested we remove from the \$4,200 portion of the maintenance budget and see if the Shawnigan Cobble Hill Farmers Institute would mow the Cobble Hill Common area in exchange for its use at the Cobble Hill Fall Fair and other times throughout the year.

A question was raised about either real or perceived conflict of interest. After an extensive explanation and discussion it was agreed that \$4,200 would be moved from the maintenance portion of the budget to a separate line item regarding the Cobble Hill Common and that a partnership with the Institute would be explored.

Moved/second

that the meeting resolve into closed session at 8:05 p.m. Motion Carried

the meeting moved out of closed session at 8:30 p.m.

Moved/second

that \$25,000 be included in the budget for further work on the Common in 2012. Motion Carried

Moved/second  
that the 2012 budget be recommended as amended. Motion Carried

- 2) Updates on projects included the trail on Watson Avenue, the purple pipe system, the sewer connection to Evergreen Independent School and on the slab that was poured for the sport court at Evergreen. It was agreed the Watson/Twin Cedar pathway will need to be widened and stabilized near the Watson Avenue entrance.

### New Business:

The request for easement by the Cobble Hill Improvement District across the Fisher Road Park property was reviewed.

Moved/second  
that it be recommended to the CVRD Board that access be granted via an easement agreement between the CVRD and the Cobble Hill Improvement District across the small walkway portion of the Fisher Road property near the Motherwell/School District 79 location. Motion Carried

A discussion took place about smoking and fire safety on Cobble Hill Mountain. As the Mountain is a regional recreation area leased from the province and not within the jurisdiction or mandate of the Cobble Hill Parks Commission it was agreed this matter would be referred to both Dan Brown and Regional Parks.

The parking lot at the corner of Hutchinson/Empress/Cobble Hill Road was also brought forward as an item for discussion. It was suggested that the cars parking along the east side of the parking lot presented a visual obstruction to traffic traveling on south Cobble Hill Road. Commission members agreed to look at this item while the director would also discuss it with Ross Deveau of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

The Director's report included an invitation to the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner being held on Saturday, November, 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Cobble Hill Hall.

Next meeting scheduled for November 24<sup>th</sup> 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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John Krug, Chair