

Minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on Tuesday, March 9th 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Arbutus Ridge Golf Club.

Those present: John Krug, Lynn Wilson, Bill Turner, Gord Dickenson, Alan Seal and Director Gerry Giles.

Regrets: Richard Shaw, Ian Sparshu, Linden Collette

The meeting was convened by Director Giles who called for nominations for the position of Parks Commission Chair. John Krug was nominated: he accepted the nomination. John was elected by acclamation and he assumed the Chair.

The issue of the Hatch Point Trail was moved to the top of the agenda and it was

*Moved/seconded
that the agenda be adopted as amended.*

Motion Carried

*Moved/seconded
that the minutes of the November 10th, 2009 meeting be accepted as distributed.*

Motion Carried

An update was provided on the Hatch Point Trail. It was agreed that John Krug, John Giles and Gordon Dickenson would attend to the repairs needed at the Telegraph Road end of the trail.

BUSINESS ARISING:

The Cobble Hill Parks and Trails Master Plan is not ready. Hopefully this document will be ready for the Parks Commission's review soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. An update was provided on the possibilities of a washroom being located at Quarry Nature Park. John and Gerry visited the facilities at the Glenora Trail Head and at Marble Bay in Youbou. The Marble Bay washroom would work well in our setting.
2. The Commission agreed to approach the Parks Commissions from Areas A, B, and D to see if there is interest in exchanging minutes so that all Commission members are aware of what is transpiring in each area.
3. The 2010 Annual General Meeting was discussed and there was general agreement was that the meeting went well. The power point presentation was seen as beneficial in that people got to view all of our parks.

4. The Dog Park repairs are done. Gord, John, John and Gerry spread gravel in the muddy areas with help from Darren Forrest and his slinger truck. The water fountain has also been repaired.
5. An update on the horse trailer parking was provided by Gord and John. It was agreed this work should be undertaken soon as given the increase in use we are rapidly running out of parking space for those visiting the park.
6. The Farmers Institute request for cooperative use of a portion of the Wetlands Park to accommodate the Cobble Hill Fall Fair horse show was discussed. It was agreed that we would ask the Parks Department to GPS these fields so we have an idea of where the boundary is that separates these two properties. The Commission can then explore this option further. If a general agreement can be reached for cooperative use then a written undertaking should be drafted similar to what the CVRD/Institute pathway agreement is.
7. John indicated that Jamie Clark has request permission on behalf of the Farmers Institute to use the old Highways Works Yard property for parking on Fair Day.

Moved/seconded

that parking for the Cobble Hill Fair be provided at the Old Highways Works Yard site subject to the appropriate agreement with insurance being undertaken.

Motion Carried

8. The Eel grass sign at Cherry Point Beach was discussed at some length.

Moved/seconded

that the Eel Grass sign be approved.

Motion Defeated

9. An appropriate name for Train Station area was discussed. The suggestion of "Porter Place" was made at the Parks Annual General Meeting. Since then the name "Wilton Place" has also been suggested as named after the Wilton Place Hotel. The Island Corridor Foundation needs to approve the name and the installation of a historical sign at the site. It was agreed that this would also be discussed at the upcoming Town Hall meeting.
10. John reported he thought the request to the Historical Society for an historical sign for the Train Station from would be favourably met.
11. A general discussion of our projects priorities took place. It was agreed the following are the 2010 priorities:

- Washroom, parking, small dog park and horse trailer parking at Quarry Nature Park
- Cleaning Highways Works Yard
- Parks and Trail Master Plan

Old Business:

- a) Disc golf update was tabled until Ian could attend and provide more information.
- b) A discussion of South Cowichan Parks meeting was held over for Ian.
- c) The inspection of the property at the corner of Fisher/Telegraph for acquisition was discussed. It was agreed this item would not be pursued.
- d) Bicycle Park repairs and expansion was held over until Richard could attend.
- e) The Historical Church and Hall Feasibility Study was distributed to Commission members and it was agreed this item would be placed on the next agenda.
- f) The Train Station budget was briefly discussed. The Commission will need to examine its parks budget to determine where the remainder of the funds will come from.

*Moved/seconded
that the meeting resolve into Closed Session.*

Motion Carried

*Moved/seconded
that the meeting rise with no report.*

Motion Carried

Moved the meeting adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

John Krug, Chair