

**COBBLE HILL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING  
Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Cobble Hill Hall Dining Room  
MINUTES**

PRESENT: John Krug – Chair, Bill Turner, Gord Dickenson, Alan Seal and Brenda Krug (Secretary for the meeting), Lynn Wilson (at 7:15 p.m.),  
REGRETS: Richard Shaw, Director Gerry Giles, Ian Sparshu

The meeting was called to order by Chair Krug at 7:03 p.m.

Moved/seconded:

*that the agenda be adopted as circulated. Carried*

Moved/seconded:

*that the minutes of the April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 meeting be accepted as circulated. Carried*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

- The Parks Commissions meeting minutes are all posted on the CVRD website and are available for reading. This will provide an exchange of information amongst us.
- The update on the horse trailer parking area was provided: The original budget was given as \$10,000 with the low bid (GT Enterprises) being \$39,000. Money which is available in the Reserve Fund will need to be used to complete this project which will start early next week.
- Richard Shaw sent his Bike Park report by e-mail: “Renovations are complete, thanks to Ryno Bobcat and Ryan Buchinski and a group of 6 or 10 volunteers on a somewhat rainy, muddy Saturday. All is well.”
- The letter of appreciation to Linden Collette was signed by the members present.
- Volunteer John Giles repaired the latch on the wrought iron gates behind the Cenotaph.
- Dog Park: Gerry Giles approached CVRD Staff to ask that they check on Fridays to ensure there are enough disposal bags available for the weekend. John Giles repaired the fountain.
- The Town Hall meeting scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> was preempted by the information meeting regarding the application of the Fisher Road Recycling facility and will now be held on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Works Yard cleanup: Gord Dickenson has been clearing broom and cutting the grass on the site. John and Gerry Giles repaired the man gate. There was discussion regarding fixing the gate on the south west side of the property to provide access on Fair Day. The area will continue to be groomed for use as a parking lot during the Fair. There was further discussion regarding Ministry of the Environment requirements for the amount of clay required to cap the contaminated area as well as capping the test ports flush with this surface to protect them. It was moved/seconded *that signage be posted on the property designating it as a Cobble Hill Park with future usage to be discussed at the*

*Town Hall meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Carried. Gord Dickenson was thanked by the members for his work on this area.*

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mill Bay Historical Church: John will send the Architect's Final Report to the other commission members. There was a description and discussion of the 2 options described in the Report.
  - Option 1 Raising the church to create a basement that could be used as a church hall after demolition of the present hall. \$600,000
  - Option 2 Build a foundation under the church and repair the present hall. \$300,000
  - The commission members were concerned about the costs of the options and also about addressing the mould and other concerns regarding the church hall and cistern that were not covered in the Report. They considered a third option of placing a foundation under the church and demolishing the present hall and cistern. The hall could then be replaced with a modular building on a footprint that would not interfere with the cemetery. The members felt that community consultation on this matter and good financial management of any option chosen are vital to its success.
- Horse Field Expansion: The commission members examined a map of the present horse field and wetlands park noting that the proposal by the Farmers Institute would increase the horse field by approximately one third. The members expressed these concerns –
  - The Twin Cedars residents bordering on the Wetlands Park purchased their properties with the understanding that it backs onto an inaccessible area. – this would become accessible if there was a grassed over horse field extension.
  - There would be aquifer recharge loss
  - The purpose of having a larger horse field for use one day of the year seems out of proportion with invading a sensitive area
  - Has the Farmers Institute explored all other options to solve this problem?
  - The general feeling toward the proposal was not enthusiastic, but there were not enough members without a conflict of interest (Farmers Institute membership) present to hold a vote. The other members will be contacted and polled on this issue.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- The Town Hall Meeting will be Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the Cobble Hill Hall.
- The Parks and Trails Master Plan: John will ask Brian Farquhar when this will be ready

THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Commission is **TBA**.

Submitted by Brenda Krug