



Minutes
Area D Parks Commission
Monday, February 18, 2019
Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre

Call to order: 6:35 p.m

Attendees: Kerrie Talbot, chair, Roger Southern, Dave Nisbet, Cheryl Wirsz, Vivian Moreau.

Regrets: Director Lori Iannidinardo, Steve Garnett.

Guests: Peter Miller

Approval of Agenda: **MOVED** and **PASSED** as amended

Approval of Previous Minutes: **MOVED** and **PASSED**

Correspondence: None

Business Arising from Minutes:

Nothing to report yet regarding success of Coverdale Watson Park playbox, a toy box pilot project in partnership with North Cowichan. A well-used & well received program but number of toys disappeared by end of summer.

Ongoing Business:

Kingscote Trail: CVRD has ceded responsibility of the trail to MoTI until past drainage issues are resolved in conjunction with development of the new subdivision. CVRD doggie bags and dispenser have been removed from Cowichan Bay Rd entrance and moved to end of Ordano. Resident concerns can be directed to MoTI.

Botwood Lane: In conversation between Kerrie and B. Farquhar it was suggested that summer students might undertake some of the desired updates to the park.

MOTION: To request CVRD Parks staff budget for summer students to build trail from Botwood Lane to ocean and install appropriate number of benches

MOVED/ PASSED

2019 Budget: It has been clarified that final consideration of 2019 budget by CVRD board will be Feb. 27.

Heron web cam: Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre web cam project for Wessex Ravine has been delayed 'til summer, due to required increase in height of pole and for hydro installation, as well as imminent arrival of herons. There were 113 nests in 2018.

Federal Grant: CVRD staff have applied for \$1.25 million federal grant to cover several projects around Hecate Park, including connector trail/stairway from Pritchard to CB Road.

Lot 15, Mallard Way: Lot 15 off MLS listings. Kerrie to check with Director Iannidinardo as to CVRD's intent for sale of lot, as in how it will be sold.

Website: Vivian reported that she had completed a list of recommendations for improvements to the CVRD Parks and Recreation website and passed along to Director and Chair.

New Business:

Cannery crosswalk: Discussion.

MOTION: that Commission supports staff sending a letter to MOTI to request crosswalk be installed across Cowichan Bay Road in front of Cannery development.

MOVED/PASSED

Nature Centre grate:

MOTION: That Area D Parks Commission supports Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre request to install (at their cost) a grate at bottom of boardwalk stairway to mitigate drainage/ puddle issue.

MOVED/PASSED

Request staff ensure snow removal contractor is aware that snow can't be pushed up against centre building because of ventilation pipes, drainage etc.

Events: Parks walkabout delayed until Spring.

Adjournment: 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 18, 6:30pm @ CENC.