



Minutes
Area D Parks Commission
Monday, April 16th 2018
Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre

Call to order: 6:36pm

Attendees: Roger Southern, Steve Garnett, Dave Nisbet, Kerrie Talbot, Miranda Mason, Nathan Mosewich,
(Director) Lori Iannidinaro

Guest(s): none

Approval of agenda: **Moved and Passed**

Adoption of previous minutes: **Moved and Passed**

Upcoming Business:

Upcoming meeting for CVRD directors regarding policy changes relating to Volunteer Parks Commissions.
Lori will liaise with Area D Volunteer Parks Commission.

Reports:

Cowichan Bay Estates – next phase

APC meets Thursday regarding the proposal. Questions arising over which lot is transferred to Parks.
Notes from previous site visit indicate trails seem to be correct, but need delineation of the exit path from trail to Wilmot road with signage indicating path.

Action items:

Request staff delineate boundaries and add signage for path access via Wilmot road.

Request staff provide insight into parks lot acquisition.

Ongoing Business (Updates / Comments):

Cowichan Bay Estates Lot:

Request from commission member for update as to when Lot 15 (already dedicated to Parks as part of previous phase of development) might be placed on the market.

Hof Park –

Report from commission member that property owner adjacent to park is cutting down bush within the watercourse area, and their large privacy hedge is impeding Hof Park parking pad resulting in the loss of parking space.

Action items:

Request staff set boundary markers for Hof Park (including watercourse area) and prune cedar hedge impinging on beach access parking.

Kingscote Heritage trail-

Discussion regarding Kingscote Heritage trail drainage management & responsibility. CVRD staff, MoTI staff, and Developer of 1590 Cowichan Bay Rd working on resolution.

Discussion regarding heavy use of path by the community.

Lanes Road:

Notice from CVRD has been mailed to Lanes Rd & surrounding area residents regarding the off road walking trail, Ravine Parkland & top of bank covenant areas.

Request from Commission that staff delineate walking trail with park boundary markers between 4500-4530 Lanes road.

New Business:

1590 Cowichan Bay Rd – New Housing Development

Motion: Parks Commission to request a site visit with CVRD Parks staff and Developer of 1590 Cowichan Bay Rd to discuss 5% Parkland dedication or cash-in-lieu options.

Motion Approved

Bike racks @ Hecate Park-

Discussion regarding the installation of bike racks in Hecate Park and about complaints from residents regarding the lack of bike-racks throughout the entire village area.

Request CVRD staff explore design options for & installation of bike racks in Hecate Park. Question if bike racks could be sponsored or memorialized. ie) bike rack rather than memorial bench, tree, or bricks.

Beach stairs in front of Nature Centre:

Discussion regarding stairs for beach access in Hecate park beside Nature Centre. Interest in having one single hand rail leading to beach. Thoughts that steps could be made from large stones existing on the beach area (a bobcat or excavator could be used to move stones around to create natural steps to the beach area / water.

Eagleshores Estates Developer request:

Request from the developer's agent to split the cost of beach access for his development property.

Discussion regarding the current easement to shore owned by parks & sensitive nesting site ~ eagles nesting within trees in area. Parks has beach access that has been flagged, however, beach access at this site is not seen as a priority. Any steps or stairs built on park property must be built to CVRD construction standards. Short answer – no interest in splitting cost of stairs at this time.

Polo Field Park (pond):

2 mature red eared slider turtles have been spotted, sunning themselves in the pond. The species is a known invasive species and literature indicates that any sighting of the species should be reported to the local branch of the Ministry of the Environment. (www.bcreptiles.ca/turtles/redearslider.htm)

Meeting adjourned: 8pm

Next Meeting: Monday May 21, 2018 ~ 6:30pm @ Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre