



**Minutes
Area D Parks Commission
Monday, February 20, 2017
Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre**

Call to order: 6:37 p.m.

Attendees: Roger Southern, Steve Garnett, Kerrie Talbot, Dave Nisbet, Nathan Mosewich, Anne Bomford (Alternate Director).

Regrets: Lori Iannidinaro (Director), Miranda Mason

Guest(s): Clare Carver

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of previous minutes: Approved

Correspondence: None

Reports: Discussion re: Gas Tax \$\$ for potential Parks trail.

New Business:

Koksilah Rd resident, Clare Carver, inquired into the steps necessary to instigate a plan for development of an off-road walking/cycling path along Koksilah road leading from Crossroads @ TCH towards Bench Elementary (Cowichan Bay Road).

Discussions re: regulatory bodies, provincial and regional, suggestions of regional stakeholders to contact for support, and where and how to start.

Action item: Clare to prepare a proposal and petition to gauge public support and report back to Parks and Trails Commission.

EASC meeting of Feb 15, 2017

Report from Kerrie regarding latest EASC meeting and the collective response from Area Directors regarding the future of CVRD Parks & Trails Commissions. Any actions in changing the current structure have been deferred and the current obligations for commission members will extend to Dec 31, 2017.

Ongoing Business:

Whippletree rezoning application:

Report from CVRD staff regarding Whippletree rezoning application and potential Parks amenity. Commission would like to re-broach the conversation regarding amenity once firm POA is developed.

Hecate Park: Re-naming – Report from Lori that Cowichan Tribes have indicated they would like to re-name Hecate Park.

Upcoming events:

A parking charette will be held in March to discuss parking issues & resolutions in the village area. Date, time & location tba.

Meeting adjourned: 7:44 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday March 20, 2017 - 6:30 p.m. @ CENC