



Minutes
Electoral Area D – Cowichan Bay Parks Commission
Monday, October 16, 2017
Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre

Call to Order: 6:37 p.m.

Present: Kerrie Talbot (Chair), Dave Nisbet, Nathan Mosewich, Roger Southern, Steve Garnett, Lori Iannidinardo (Director, Area D)

Regrets: Miranda Mason

Guests: Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks & Trails Division

Approval of Agenda: Moved and carried.

Adoption of previous minutes of September 18, 2017: Moved and carried.

Correspondence: Jenna Cragg (Forests, Lands & Natural Resources) re Heron Rookery and deceased Chinook Smolt PIT (Passive Integrated Transponder) tags.

Brian Farquhar suggested a “Good news story” re the protection of the ravine and the Heron rookery. Not so much for the Chinook smolts.

Kerrie will work on this with Brian.

Reports: 2018 Parks Budget (Brian). Spoke of the process and how it has changed again, for the better. Budgets now approved in December for the following year.

Also spoke about the required Asset Management Plan

Discussion ensued on various wants and desires including Lanes Road, Cowichan Bay Estates, and Botwood Lane.

Summer Playground Program: Total cost came in just under budget, but Kerry Park (manage the program) asking for an increase in funding (\$3400.00) to provide for a second youth leader for the afternoons to assist with large numbers of participants. The program has been very successful and there is more demand than staff can safely manage during the afternoons.

Motion: To increase Summer Parks Program budget by \$3400.00 for 2018. 2nd. Passed

Maple Grove: Hedgerow being excessively pruned by over-zealous park maintenance contractors.

Cowichan Bay lot owned by Parks: When is it being sold? Now in process.

Discussion over Memorial benches and memorial trees. In a holding pattern Trees keep dying. The suggestion of Memorial Rocks didn't fly.

Hof Park needs some TLC.

Ongoing business: Volunteer Parks Commission. Some concerns raised, some praise given, some misunderstandings which all seemed to be reduced after clarification from Brian.

Motion to adjourn: 8:38 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting will be November 19, 2017