

Minutes  
Area D parks Commission  
Monday, May 25 2015  
Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre

Call to order: 6pm

Attendees: Kerrie Talbot (Chair), Cheryl Delbridge, Dave Nisbet, Kerry Gortan, Roger Southern, Steve Garnett, Lori Iannidinardo (Director, Area D)

Scheduled site visit to all our Parks & Trails in Area D. Comments as follows.

Maple Grove:

Hedgerow against back fence looking lush and healthy, but immediate area around it should not be mowed.

Accessible ramp into the park is too steep ~ can this be fixed?

Robert Service Memorial:

Both memorial benches need a little TLC – cracked & missing tiles, pitch from overhanging branches dripping onto them.

Concrete slab under picnic table cracked & needs more fill underneath.

Trees: branches pruned back for visibility (bus stop sign), dripping pitch. Ivy removal.

Gateway / Hecate / Wessex Ravine:

Post barrier loose @ Gateway – could be cemented in a little deeper. Oyster shell / graveled areas are weedy – top dressed or? Gate latch a little difficult, but great to have the gate there. Concrete outside of back fenced area being undermined by wave action. Status of lease queried.

Hecate looking great – lower branches on conifers near Nature Centre could be trimmed back on the road side for safety (bicyclists), and flowering plum tree @ park entrance has a low hanging branch that blocks visibility for drivers leaving the park.

Thumbs up for the Heron nesting site signs @ Wessex Ravine.

Coverdale Watson Park:

Playground replacement well under way – great news!

Cees & Miep Hof beach trail:

Path to beach could use a light ‘brushing out’ @ the beach entrance.

Hof Trail:

Broom busting needed beside stairs @ Paradise Close

Sutherland Drive beach trail:

Concern expressed re: excessive tree cutting / limbing & underbrush removal. Land has been altered so dramatically that Commission members requested a site visit with Parks staff to re clarify where trail comes in off Sutherland & through the property. Trail needs to be defined with CVRD Parks posts prior to house construction.

Sparwood off road trail:

Surveyors flagging noted – anything that would affect use of this trail?

Bomford Trail: ditto

Tom Bannister Park:

Dead dogwood tree – replace with alternative / hardier species?

Lanes Road off road Trail:

Concern expressed re: possible encroachment into covenanted portion of properties, as well as designated park land.

Meeting adjourned: 9:07

Next meeting: Monday June 15, 2015