

Area D Parks Commission Monthly Meeting,
Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre, Cowichan Bay, BC
April 15/13

Meeting called to order: 18:40

Present: Lori Iannidinardo, Director, Kerrie Talbot, Chairperson, Bruce Clarke, acting secretary, Roger Southern, Steve Garnett and David Nisbet.

Staff: Tanya Soroka, Parks and Trails Planner, CVRD

Guests: Jana and Larry Myhre

Absent: Megan Stone, secretary.

Minutes from last meeting (March 18/13): Approved

NEW BUSINESS

Area D Parks & Trails Master Plan

Tanya Soroka reviewed structure, input and recommendations in the draft plan for the Commission. Discussion centered on systems and opportunity for community input to the recommendations, pg. 57, at the May 2nd Open House meeting at the CENC.

Action: Commission amendment suggestions to be submitted to the chair by April 27.

Coverdale Watson/Wilmot Road Survey Results

Tanya Soroka presented a "Survey Summary" from the 99 responses.

The commission accepted the results and will consult them going forward.

WCAAP Application Available

Director invited the Commission to suggest a list of tourism positive projects with using the 60/40 formula:

- Day lighting Wessex Creek
- Green shores extension Gateway to Hecate Park
- Wessex Road Bird Blind

As the application deadline is imminent, the director will forward the suggestions and report back on the feasibility of an application.

Open House May 2nd

Notifications have been made. Arrangements centre on acquiring public feedback to the recommendations in the master plan. This will be organized and presented by Tanya Soroka in and around the CENC.

CVRD Request for Summer Student Projects Suggestions

The Commission discussed and provided a list of Summer 2013:

- Roadside trail preparation along Cowichan Bay Rd, from Park Place to Koksilah Road
- Preparation of expansion of Coverdale Watson toward Wilmot Road
- Clearing of buffer for trail from Wilmot Road to Wessex Road
- Theik Park cleanup

ONGOING BUSINESS

Summer Playground Program Schedule

The expansion of the program for 2013 is reflected in the budget commitment.

Grape Escape, July 6th

A request has been received and confirmed for a water station to be allowed at Maple Grove Park – off road check point with no actual event activity in the park.

Tom Bannister Memorial Dogwood

A second incident of damage to this tree has been experienced. Commission discussion on replacement and possible alternative recognition.

Wood Recycle Bin

Thanks to Lew Penny for his fine work and dedication for the construction of a wood recycle box next to the Nature Centre.

Next Meeting: May 27, CENC.

Meeting adjourned: 20:45