

Area D Parks Commission

Monday, 18 March 2013
1830 @ Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre

Present: Kerrie Talbot, Roger Southern, Megan Stone, Dave Nisbet, Lori Iannidinardo, Bruce Clarke,
Regrets: Steve Garnett
Guest: Ron Cook
Meeting called to order: 18:42

1. Minutes from Previous meeting: Amended point #3 c) from “Koksilah Rd” to “Wilmot Road”. Passed.
2. Ron Cook, presented development of a safe walking trail/pathway around the inside corner of Wilmot Rd/ Cowichan Bay Rd intersection (right turn uphill from Cowichan Bay Rd onto Wilmot Rd). During his onsite discussions with MoT engineer Mike Pearson, it appears that re designing this intersection would allow room to extend the Cowichan Bay Village Walkway uphill to Wilmot Rd. Area D Parks Commission fully supports this potential re design, and in order to move this project forward will:
 - a) Request that CVRD staff revisit this site with the MoT engineer to discuss approval-in-principal to re engineer the intersection.
 - b) Consult with CVRD Parks staff on an appropriate design for extending the existing walkway.

Motion: The CVRD is asked to consider the Commission's here-by submitted list of priorities for the Cowichan Bay / Wilmot Rd intersection for review. The Commission would ask that the CVRD then speak with Mike Pearson of MoT to discuss redesign of the intersection, and to facilitate the Cowichan Bay Village Walkway extension design, and implementation. Motion: passed.

- List of priorities: 1) redesign of the intersection to increase pedestrian and vehicle safety. 2) install a barrier system so that vehicles can not park or drive on the pathway. 3) create an easier gradient than is currently achieved by the Cowichan Bay Village Walkway and the currently existing gradient existing at the inside corner of the intersection.4) a path that is 2 people wide is preferred.
3. Letters: reviewed
 4. New Business:
 - a) re: memo from CVRD for Draft Capital Projects List 2013
 - Parks Commission questions whether the \$10,353. is above the \$30,000. designated by the Commission in the 2013 budget (as discussed at our 17/Sept/2012 Commission meeting) for the replacement of the Coverdale Watson play structure. Kerrie to query CVRD and bring back the answer to the Commission for further discussion if it is not.
 - Motion: Providing the \$10,353. is in addition to the money budgeted for the

replacement of the play structure at Coverdale Watson park, the Commission prioritizes its use to be: 1) support the construction of the pathway at the Intersection (at Cowichan Bay Rd and Wilmot Rd) and 2) help to define the Wilmot Rd to Wessex Ravine agricultural green space buffer. Motion: passed

- b) Parks and Trails Masterplan – community consultation
 - public open house May 2, 2013, 7pm at the Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre.

5. Ongoing Business:

- a) Martin Family subdivision
 - Property value reassessment has come in lower than original assessment therefore the Martin family will be reimbursed the appropriate amount by CVRD from funds held in trust.
- b) Coverdale Watson and Wilmot Rd surveys: Commission members to review and give feedback to Kerrie as soon as possible
- c) Kerrie attended the CVRD 'Chairs' workshop, and noted that many of the other Parks Commission Chairs, or at least a representative from their Parks Commission, also sat on the APC (Area Planning Commission). Kerrie also gave feedback to the CVRD that Parks Commissions were involved too late in the development process, especially in regards to subdivision approval.

Next meeting 15 April 2013 @ 1830

Meeting adjourned @ 2035