

Area D Parks Commission Monthly Meeting,

Bench School, Cowichan Bay, BC

Nov. 21/11

Meeting called to order: 18:37

Present: Lori Iannidinardo, Director, Kerrie Talbot, Chairperson, Bruce Clarke, acting secretary, Stephen Garnett, Roger Southern and Dave Nisbet.
Guest – Ron Cook.

Absent: Megan Stone

Minutes from last meeting (October 17/11) Approved.

Wilmot/Cowichan Bay Road intersection: Ron Cook

Ron Cook, presented pictures and goals (attached) for a Wilmot/Cowichan Bay Road Corner Park. Discussion followed on possible location of a path for the corner, MOT setbacks and intersection regulations, implications for residents of “The Landing” and possible involvement of Cowichan Bay Business Association. No decision was made on this matter as it became part of the second item on the agenda.

Wilmot Road Walking Trial

Much had been done on site by commission members and Cam Fulton of Valhalla Trails since last meeting to determine a proposed route for an extension of the trail down into the village. Discussion continued for the integration of the Wilmot - Cowichan Bay corner within criterion required for the implementation of the Wilmot Road Trail. A second version of the route drafted by Cam was presented to the meeting. Ryan Dias of CVRD Trails and Parks has received this proposal and has discussed it with him. The commission discussion turned to the more general need to seek community input for the concept. A reference to the OCP Steering Committee was proposed as part of a “Walk for Fitness” community goal.

Action: Lori to approach Ministry of Transportation and recommend a site visit to review the Wilmot Trail proposal. The commission recommended specifics be found on signage, parking control, sight lines, drainage, pedestrian management and safety.

Summer Playground Program – a letter has been received from the coordinator of the program at Kerry Park. The letter reviewed the 2011 program and requested program expansion for 2012. Discussion followed for support of expansion of this successful program at Coverdale-Watson Park.

Motion: The summer playground program provide a pilot program for 3 to 5 year olds in 2012 at an estimated cost of \$3890. Also, the main program for 6 to 12 year olds be extended one more week for at a cost of \$4500. **Carried.**

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After Hours Parks Services:

Area Director, Lori Iannidinardo, informed the commission of an incident on Sunday, November 20th when a group using Coverdale Watson Park requested and had been assured the tennis net would be removed for use of the court. As the net was not removed, and no staff were available, Ron Austen (Parks, Recreation & Culture Dept), with the assistance of a local resident, came to the rescue and removed the net themselves.

Action: Staff provides a contact list for after hours parks services.

Coverdale Watson Playground Resurfacing:

CVRD staff are investigating, and applying for a potential grant to install recycled rubber surfacing in the playground area. A letter of support has been sent to staff.

Next Meeting: December 19, location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned: 20:05