

**Area D Parks Commission General Meeting Minutes**  
**Bench School**  
**September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Meeting called to order: 1805

**Present:** Kerrie Talbot, Roger Southern, Dave Nisbet, Megan Stone, Lori Iannidinardo, Ryan Dias, Steve Garnett

**Absent:** Bruce Clarke, Val Townsend

**Minutes from last meeting (June 20, 2011)**

Approved

**Area D Preliminary Budget 2012**

Presented by Ryan Dias, CVRD: discussed with the Parks Commission. Next meeting to include a '5 year forecast' brainstorming session.

**Presentation**

Cam Fulton: spoke about the need for a safe walking trail along Wilmot Trail, down to Cowichan Bay Road. Presented some conceptual drawings and discussed various ideas and proposals. Commission fully agrees with this community member's assessment for the need for a safe walking route along this road. Director Lori states she has a lot of feedback from community stating how they feel it is very dangerous and would like a safe trail. Ryan Dias, Cam Fullerton, Kerrie and Lori to meet with Ross Deveau. Ryan to set up a meeting. Cam Fulton would also like a community volunteer trail building day.

**Ongoing Business**

- 1) Seaside Trail is no longer a consideration because adjoining land was clear-cut and there has been a lot of slumping. The cost to build is now prohibitive. Permit will be retained, though.
- 2) Sutherland Road Trail is now top consideration for seaside access trail
- 3) Cowichan Bay Estates: Nature Preservation Area and how we might protect it – Parks would like feedback from CVRD re:snowfencing. CVRD to investigate if it would be at the developer's cost. Discussion: snowfencing or walking trail needed between properties and park to preserve parkland.
- 4) Cowichan Bay Road/Wilmot Road Corner trail: estimated start October 2011. Conceptual design put forth by the CVRD tweaked and then approved by the Parks Commission.
- 5) Interpretive Centre Update: funding approved

## **Letter**

Read to Commission: Guy Johnston urges the Commission to find a way to build a safe biking route between Cowichan Bay and Duncan. Commission agrees this is a need.

## **Meeting Time Change**

Area D Parks Commission meetings now to run from 1830-2030

Meeting adjourned at 2018

Next Meeting on 17 October, 2011, at Bench School, at 6:30pm