

**Area D parks commission General Meeting Minutes**  
**Cowichan Bay Pub**  
**March 15, 2010**

**Present:** Kerrie Talbot, Lori Iannidinardo, Steve Garnett, and Donna Einarsson

**Regrets:** Val Townsend, Megan Stone

**Minutes** The January 18 2010 Minutes were approved

**Ongoing Business**

1. Permits to Construct for trails are still outstanding for Evelyn Place, Seaside and Deighton Roads.
2. Owners of the property along Deighton are amenable to discussion with Area D Parks regarding future potential acquisition of all? portions of? their property. Brian Farquar will be asked for advice / ideas to present to the owners.
3. Diana Martin has advised we could come at any time to view the land allotted to Parks for a trail as part of her development.
4. While the sewer station is being upgraded on Evelyn Place we need to meet with Ross Deveaux, CVRD Engineering Dept and CVRD Parks management to discuss a trail there.
5. Ryan Dias was asked to arrange for removal of the debris that's been dumped into the ravine at the end of Pritchard Rd., as well as a no dumping sign and fencing. The sign is in place, but no other action taken yet. Kerrie will query.

**New Business**

1. Tanya Soroka and Mary Hof are planning a Hof park and trail cleanup on May 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:30am. Bring gardening tools like rakes, etc. There will also be a presentation about invasive plant species by Melissa Noel.
2. The developer of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of Cowichan Bay Heights on Wilmot Rd is negotiating for sewer units. We need to be proactive about the potential for acquiring wildlife corridors where possible.
3. Mill Bay Church & Historic Cemetery draft feasibility study has been done. Kerrie will ask Tanya for copies of the study for Parks Commission members.
4. Coverdale Watson Park upgrades are to be done this summer. The washrooms will be revamped and the tennis court repurposed to a multi-use / regulation size court. Steven's brother might be able to donate kiln chain to string along posts next to the parking lot. Wood or cement posts?
5. Hayes property, on which it is proposed to have a DYI boat repair and storage facility is under Integrated Land Management. No decisions yet.
6. Regional Park Acquisition – we're interested in knowing if the 10 land areas are written in stone or could other lands be added, as there is none near Cowichan Bay.
7. Donna sent an email to the local camera club asking them to not disturb the Heron Rookery in the Bay.
8. Will contact Brian Farquhar re: advertising for another Commission member.

Adjourned at 7:30pm