



Date: June 14, 2018.

Time: 7:30 P.M.

MINUTES of Electoral Area E Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting held at the Glenora Hall at the above time and date.

PRESENT: Gregg Shoop (V/Chair and Secretary), Irene Evans, Gretchen Hartley, Howard Heyd, Patty John, Mike Lees and Paul Slade. **APOLOGIES:** Frank McCorkell (Chair) and Larry Whetstone.

ALSO PRESENT: Alison Nicholson (Director).

AGENDA: Adopted with additions

ACCEPTANCE OF PAST MINUTES: Motion to adopt Minutes of the last Regular Meeting held on March 8, 2018. Moved/Carried.

MATTERS ARISING: 1. BBQs: Dates to be decided at the next meeting.

2. Currie Park: Washrooms are nearing completion.

3. Parks and Trails Volunteers Policy: Draft policy referred by Regional Services Committee to co-ordinator of volunteers who has yet to be hired.

4. Glenora Trailhead Park: Zip-line again operational.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Electoral Area E **Draft** Community Parks and Trails Master Plan (April 19, 2018):

- The draft was received favourably by the commissioners, especially the priority given to roadside trails and those proposed for the abandoned CN rail right-of-way. The intent to add environmentally sensitive sites (such as that discussed in recent correspondence between T. Soroka and G. Gordon) and to prepare plans for the management of existing amenities were also applauded.
- Concern was expressed that once in place the plan might be adhered to too rigidly.
- To some commissioners the budget, as outlined for the next ten years, might prove too ambitious; oversight in the drafting stage was questioned.
- Commissioners recommend that an educational component aimed at trail etiquette be added eg. proper disposal of 'doggie' bags, equestrians to dismount and remove manure from the trail, cyclists to announce their approach to hikers and equestrians etc.
- Mention in the plan of the Cowichan Fish and Game Club led to some discussion of the impact of the gun range on users of the Glenora Trailhead Park. Anticipating that the CVRD will be making a submission to BC Parks current review of the situation, the commissioners shared the opinion that any live-fire straying into the Area E park would be intolerable and best prevented by an indoor firing-range.

2. Wake Lake : The recent acquisition of a property on the west end was noted with approval.

NEXT MEETING: 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, July 12, 2018 with Sathlam Hall suggested as the venue in order that we might visit Currie Park.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 P.M.

Certified correct by: Chairperson:

Corkill

Secretary:

Shoon

Date:

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