



CVRD Area G – Saltair/Gulf Islands Parks Commission Minutes November 07, 2016

Attendance: Amanda Redpath, Jackie Rieck, Jason Wilson, Tim Godau, Mel Dorey, Glen Hammond, Greg Taylor, Paul Bottomley.

Regrets: Kelly Schellenberg, Dave Key

Call to Order: 7:13 pm

Chair: Tim Godau

1. **APPROVAL OF EDITED AGENDA** - Motion: To approve the edited agenda: Amanda Redpath. Carried.

2. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** – Motion: To approve the amended minutes from the October 03, 2016 Meeting: Tim Godau. Carried.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

3.1 Wood Chips on Trails — Brian Farquhar working on pilot project for Saltair to use wood chips on trails. No updated information to date. Leaf blowing continues to be a challenge as it removes trail surface and promotes trail erosion, despite earlier decision to cease leaf blowing in Area G trails. Motion: Motion again raised to stop leaf blowing along Saltair trails for safety, environmental, and aesthetic purposes: Jackie Rieck. Carried.

3.2 — Ongoing liaison between Greg Taylor and CVRD regarding specific areas of trail erosion: nothing to date.

3.3 No smoking signage in Saltair Centennial Park — Followed up on by Brian Farquhar, signage in place.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 Halloween 2016 Event —

a) A fantastic success. Signage near mailboxes is good advertising, but some areas of Saltair were missed. As all Area G taxpayers support the event, it would be good to ensure all residents advised. Motion: To strive to have all Area G community mailboxes receive signage for Halloween & Easter events at least two weeks in advance: Jason Wilson. Paul Bottomley: suggests motion tabled until Dave Key in attendance. Tabled.

b) Halloween 2017 Budget. Paul Bottomley: suggests table discussion until Dave Key in attendance. Tabled.

5. **REPORTS**

5.1 Director Report –

a) Appreciation Event: Will be held at Station House.

b) Commission Termination Dates: April 1, 2017. Purpose for change is to be more stringent with members to ensure there is a proper format for appointments. The process will be streamlined and the positions more widely advertised.

c) Property Acquisition: Question raised regarding money from reserve being used for current acquisition. Parks Commission has not been consulted regarding property acquisition. Mel presents previous Parks Commission debates regarding property acquisition as reason to not consult. Parks Commission members wonder why they're not being consulted regarding which properties to acquire. Mel explains it's optional to consult with the Parks Commission regarding property acquisition for parks.

5.2 CVRD Report –

- a) CVRD Parks Manager, Brian Farquhar, to use Saltair as a pilot project for wood chips.
- b) Laminated poster of Stocking Creek Park to be provided by Brian F. — Tim has not received yet.
- c) Trans Canada Trail — BC Rural Dividend Program Grant Application for \$500K submitted by CVRD. BikeBC & other grant opportunities need to be actively pursued. Of note Brian Farquhar has said Area G's section of the TCT has been pushed to the top of the list after the Malahat.

5.3 Centennial Park –

- a. Mel discussed further tree planting along the west side of Centennial, near ball diamond #1. Amanda suggested it was better to keep the side areas of the main field clear of trees as it is better for sporting activities. Two ornamental trees situated near the concession and Ball Diamond #2 are in need of “staking support”. Tim to follow up with CVRD staff.
- b. Field drainage — No funds available to address. Assessment was going to be conducted but no money available.

5.4 Diana Princess of Wales Park – No report

5.5 Parkinson/Clifcoe Connector Trail – No report

5.6 Stocking Creek Park – No report

5.7 Beach Accesses – Commission members challenged to think of a potential beach access in the south end of Saltair. Jason Wilson suggests Seacloud Road as he believes the road rights extend right to the beach.

5.8 Saltair Ball League – No report

5.9 Ladysmith Parks & Recreation – We have still heard nothing from them. Paul Bottomley explained that after the last terms the commission received no volunteers. Tim Godau voiced that as we pay taxes to Frank Jamiesen we would like to know what's happening there. He will speak with Julie Turney as we have a seat on the Ladysmith Parks & Recreation Commission.

6. NEXT MEETING

Monday, December 05, 2016, Saltair Community Centre. Jason Wilson taking over as scribe.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion: To adjourn meeting at 8:45 pm. Tim Godau. Carried.

Submitted by: Jason Wilson, November 25, 2016 @ 3:26pm.