

MINUTES OF ELECTORAL AREA “G” (SALTAIR/GULF ISLANDS)
PARKS COMMISSION

DATE: June 1st, 2015

TIME: 7:00 pm

MINUTES of the electoral Area “G” Parks Commission meeting held on the above noted date and time at 3850 South Oyster School Road, Saltair Community Building.

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Tim Godau

Secretary: Jackie Rieck

Members: Paul Bottomley, Glen Hammond, Harry Brunt, Dave Key and
Amanda Redpath

ABSENT: Kelly Schellenberg

GUESTS: Debbie Neil

DIRECTOR: Mel Dorey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Approve regular agenda with addition of item no. 13 “Urban Trail”
guest: Debbie Neil to speak on Urban Trail.

Motion Carried

ACCEPTANCE OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTIES:

Motion: It was moved and seconded to adopt the Minutes of Area G Parks
Commission meeting held on May 11th, 2015.

Motion Carried

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-John Morris's variance request on his development application was denied by the Electoral Area Service Committee.

-A public hearing will be held on June 15th at 7:00 pm, Saltair Community Centre for the Keith Christie development application and a request for Area G OCP Amendment: Temporary use of permits for agriculture(ie poultry).

CVRD REPORT:

-Several emails were received by Tim Godau regarding the missing donated benches in Princess Diana.

Tim Godau reported that the two donated benches placed in Princess Diana Park have been removed by the maintenance contractor. Brent Wilson (CVRD) had advised Tim that the benches do not meet CVRD standards and Commission must have CVRD consent and approval before placing any items in the parks.

It was noted that the benches were requested and donated by elderly citizens who needed rest stops along the main path way. The Commission would like the benches returned to Princess Diana park.

Motion:

It was moved and seconded to have donated benches returned to the Commission.

Motion Carried

-Director Dorey will meet with Graham Gidden(CVRD) to review bench standards regarding the memorial bench that Dennis Plante wants to build.

SALTAIR COMMUNITY CENTRE:

-Director Dorey reported that Community volunteer committee has split over forming a Non-Profit Society. Some volunteers have dropped out and the remaining members are regrouping and moving forward to form a society. A Needs Assessment draft has been completed and the committee are planning to send out a questionnaire by July 1st, 2015.

-Tim Godau will set up a meeting with Ryan Dias to discuss the Bus stop shelter plans.

CENTENNIAL PARK:

-Fence repairs are still outstanding. Tim Godau to follow-up.

-Paul Bottomley reported the emergency generator has been removed by the maintenance contractor for either replacement or repair.

-It was urgently noted, our emergency preparedness supplies and plans are in need of complete overhaul. Commission request CVRD staff assess and provide us with the necessary emergency procedures and supplies. Mel Dorey to follow up.

-CVRD has applied dust treatment to Centennial parking lots.

DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES PARK:

-Foundations have been laid for the informative kiosk and central area benches. A new park sign will be placed at the east entrance.

-Brush out of trails is required. Tim Godau to follow up.

PARKINSON/CLIFCOE CONNECTOR TRAIL:

-Commission would like to move forward with the initial phase of the Clifcoe section of the Parkinson/Clifcoe trail plans. Mel Dorey will follow up

Motion:

It was moved and seconded to have CVRD notify property owners bordering trail path and to procure agreement with MOT for the Clifcoe section.

Motion Carried

STOCKING CREEK PARK:

-It was noted that the trails are being overcome by foliage. Brush out on all Stocking Creek trails is requested. Tim Godau to follow up

-There are two danger trees requiring removal. They are both marked with orange tape. One tree is on the Trans Canada Trail and the other on the Stocking Creek main trail near the Falls path. Tim Godau to follow up with CVRD

BEACH ACCESSES:

-No report

SALTAIR BALL LEAGUE:

-Amanda Redpath reported that the first league tournament was a success. She thanked Harry Brunt for opening the dumpster for extra garbage disposal. It was noted that the league would like a portable toilet (Mountain View Drive side) be available for the months of June and July only. Tim Godau to follow up

Motion:

It was moved and seconded to accommodate the Saltair Ball League by ordering a portable toilet to be placed on the Mountain View Drive side of Centennial Park.

Motion Carried

LADYSMITH PARKS & REC:

-Glen Hammond gave an update: Prospect of shower only fee at Frank Jameson Center was voted down by city council. Code of conduct signage is being reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Urban Trail: Guest speaker: Debbie Neil

-Common denominator polled from wish list at Saltair's most recent public meeting was to have a safe designated bike/walking path along Chemainus road.

-Debbie strongly urged Director Dorey to look into getting a designated bike path plan shelf ready to apply for the 2016 "Bike BC" grant.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 pm

NEXT MEETING: September 8th, 2015 at 7:00 pm Saltair Centre