

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

DATE: March 2nd, 2015

TIME: 7:04 pm

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

PRESENT:

Members: Harry Brunt, Kelly Schellenberg, Jackie Rieck, Tim Godau, Paul Bottomley, Dave Key, and Amanda Redpath

Guests: Debbie Neil, Sheila and Norm McAulay, Val and Jack Ouelette, Vern Kornet, Lynne Smith, Jim Whittaker, and Stan Piper

Director: Mel Dorey

Absent: Glen Hammond

CALL TO ORDER:

Director Mel Dorey welcomed Commission members and guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Approve Agenda as submitted.

Motion carried

APPROVAL OF RE-APPOINTMENTS FOR 2015 Term:

Director Mel Dorey announced all previous members of Area G Parks Commission have been re-appointed for the 2015-2016 term.

Motion:

It was moved and seconded to elect Tim Godau as Chairperson, Kelly Schellenberg as Vice-Chair and Jackie Rieck as Secretary, with Amanda Repath as her alternate.

Motion Carried

Mel Dorey and Tim Godau thanked Harry for his many years of dedicated service in the position of Chairperson.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

Motion:

It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of Area “G” Parks Commission Meeting held on January 6th, 2015, noting a spelling correction of the name: Graham Gidden, under the Centennial Park heading.

Motion Carried

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-APC (Advisory Planning Committee) of Area G will be meeting to advise on two separate development permit requests. First meeting is scheduled on March 12th, 2015, 7:00 pm, at the Saltair Community Centre regarding Development Permit Application 5-G-14DP property #10862 Chemainus Road, (Stocking Creek Open Market) and Kenny Knudsen will also be requesting a special permission variance to house 90 chickens on his property. Keith Christie's development application will be going to a public meeting in the near future.

-CVRD Budget should be finalized by the end of March.

-Water Committee will be meeting on April 1st in Ladysmith to discuss water distribution and supply.

-Two donated benches will be placed in Princess Diana Park, a third bench is planned to be placed near the Stocking Creek Bridge and a fourth memorial bench is being constructed by Dennis Plante.

PRINCESS DIANA PARK:

-A delegation of Saltair residents were in attendance to address the Commission regarding a significant area of dead trees on the northeast side of Princess Diana Park. It was reported, in their opinion, that the area had been flooded a number of years ago due to a man-made change in the water course run-off. Homeowners near the park have experienced increased ground water levels on their properties which have caused serious drainage issues and could potentially cause further damage if the watercourse is not rectified. A petition asking for an investigation has been circulated throughout the neighbourhood and to date 60 signatures have been collected.

-It was further noted by Jackie Rieck, that the standing water and dead tree situation was mentioned in the **Parks Commission Minutes of September 9th, 2013**, where it was requested the CVRD investigate. In the **Minutes of November 4, 2013 Park Meeting**, the Commission was informed that **Brent Wilson (CVRD)** was organizing an assessment by an Arborist.

-Mel Dorey, Harry Brunt and 3 CVRD staffers toured the area on March 1st, 2015 and will report their findings and recommendations to the Commission as soon as possible.

Motion:

It was moved and seconded to request the CVRD conduct an immediate and urgent investigation of the watercourse/ground water situation in Princess Diana Park as well as affected residential properties. Commission requests to be apprised of all findings/recommendations and time frames for all action required.

Motion Carried

-Brent Wilson is dealing with the exposed culverts and current tree fall in Princess Diana.

-It was mentioned that a person had fallen a tree for fire wood purposes from Princess Diana Park. Commission recommended that such acts should immediately be reported to the CVRD Bylaw officer and if possible, photos should be taken as evidence.

CVRD REPORT:

-No report.

SALTAIR COMMUNITY CENTRE:

-Director Dorey reported there will be “A Needs Assessment Survey going out to the community. “Cowichan Social Planning” and Bernie Jones will be lending a hand in developing the public survey.

-Currently, the Daycare operation is paying rent and covering utility costs. Gas Tax funds may be available for any necessary upgrades such as heating and roofing.

-Dave Key will be installing a safety hand rail in the front entrance of the building.

-Discussed having Summer Students do some painting at the Centre.

-Public is encouraged to attend and provide input at the next Society meeting on March 9th, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

CENTENNIAL PARK:

-Dan Brown met with Commission members, on January 27th, 2015 to plan a trail to connect main park with Community Centre property. Dan will follow up with plans and cost.

-The chain link fence on the wooded bark mulch trail (Mountain View Drive entrance) has been cut open and peeled back to access a trail on private property. Tim Godau will follow up with Brent Wilson.

-Easter Event is planned for Sunday, April 5th, 2015 at 11:00 am. Harry Brunt will provide refreshments.

-Drainage project planned for Concession and Washrooms this season.

CLIFCOE CONNECTOR TRAIL(Parkinson Trail):

-Tim Godau and Mel Dorey request an on-site meeting with Dan Brown to plan the trail connecting Cliffcoe to Chemainus Rd. Tim Godau will follow up.

STOCKING CREEK PARK:

-Kelly Schellenberg and Jackie Rieck will meet with Shirley Blackstaff to plan additional “Flora and Fauna” signage throughout the park trails.

-Two tree falls still require removal in Stocking Creek. Tim Godau to follow up.

-Wooden Staircase to the Waterfall is extremely slippery. Commission requests CVRD install metal nosing as a safety precaution.

BEACH ACCESSES:

-Erosion is still problematic at the Seaside Development beach access. CVRD to follow up.

SALTAIR BALL LEAGUE:

-AGM was held on February 8th, 2015. League is carefully screening new team applicants.

-Scott Bastian will be liaison for the league.

-May 1st, 2015 will be the first “Frost Breaker” tournament.

-Season end tournament will be held on July 26th, 2015.

-Harry Brunt will provide a dumpster key for the Executive to place extra trash on tournament weekends.

LADYSMITH PARKS & REC:

-No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Harry Brunt enquired about applying to BC transit to have a bus stop at Byron's Grocery store, as BCTransit already has an established route from Ladysmith to Chemainus via Chemainus road. Director Dorey suggested this item be brought forward at our next public meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 7th, 2015 at 7:00 pm, Saltair Community Centre.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:05 pm

