

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

**DATE:** September 14, 2015

**TIME:** 7:00 pm

**MINUTES** of the Electoral Area “G” Parks Commission Meeting held on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 3850 South Oyster School Road, Saltair Community Building.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Tim Godau  
Secretary Jackie Rieck  
Members Paul Bottomley, Kelly Schellenberg, Dave Key and Harry Brunt  
Director Mel Dorey  
Guest Lynne Smith

**ABSENT:** Members Glen Hammond and Amanda Redpath

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Chairperson Godau requested “Closed Session be added as item #13 on agenda

**Motion: It was moved and seconded to accept the amended agenda.**

**Motion Carried**

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** **Motion: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of Area G Parks Commission Meeting of September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be adopted.**  
**Motion Carried**

**REPORTS:**

**R1-DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

-MOT will be widening Olsen Rd. Princess Diana Park will need an area for parallel parking spaces.

-”Welcome to Saltair/Ladysmith” sign located at the border of Ladysmith and Saltair is in need of refurbishing and vegetation pruning. Ladysmith has agreed to pay for half the estimated cost of \$3000.00.

**Motion: It was moved and seconded to release funds of up to \$1500.00 for the “Welcome to Saltair” sign refurbishment.**

**Motion Carried**

**R2-CVRD REPORT:**

-Draft 2016 budgets are to be completed by end of November. CVRD staff will attend next Parks meeting to discuss any budget revisions if needed.

### R3-SALTAIR COMMUNITY CENTRE:

-Director Dorey reported that a six person temporary board of directors has been formed. The non-profit society has been registered and constitution/ bylaws are in place.

-There will be an AGM public open house scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Entertainment and, refreshments will be provided. Prizes will awarded for filling out a questionnaire regarding potential use of the facility.

### R4-CENTENNIAL PARK:

-Dave Key and his group of volunteers are in the planning stages of the October 2015 Halloween Event.

**Motion: It was moved and seconded to release funds of \$2500.00 for the purchase of fireworks for the 2015 Centennial Park Halloween Event. Motion Carried**

-Fence repairs have been completed.

-Tennis court repair required as a large crack has surfaced at the north end of the court. Tim Godau to follow up with Ryan Dias.

-Paul Bottomley has replenished the water bottle supply in the emergency container. The generator has been serviced and Paul will start it monthly to ensure it runs efficiently.

-Hands rails and main gates have been re-painted. Discussed the need for a "Centennial Saltair Park" sign at the Mountain View Drive entrance. Director Dorey will follow up.

-Fire hazard abatement may be required in the wood chip trail. Tim Godau will follow up with CVRD.

### R5-PRINCESS DIANA PARK:

-Discussed Olsen Rd upgrade and the parking space situation. An on-site meeting will be scheduled with Brian Farquhar, MOT representative, Mel Dorey, Harry Brunt, Paul Bottomley and Tim Godau. Rocky Beach Rd to be considered as a potential parking area. Harry to follow up on meeting date and time.

-Informative Kiosk, benches, garbage bin and new signage have been installed. Looks great.

-CVRD will be installing two culverts near Kess marsh area.

-In response to several letters received regarding the removal of gnome and fairy decor, the commission refers to CVRD policy of maintaining the parks in their natural wilderness setting.

-Guest Lynne Smith suggested a compromise be considered regarding the gnome and fairy decor due to its popularity with small children. She suggested a designated area in Centennial park near the playground might be a good location and that the decor be made of natural materials and first be approved by the Commission. Commission members agreed to consider the notion and will discuss with CVRD staff. Tim Godau to follow up at October meeting.

**R-6 PARKINSON/CLIFCOE CONNECTOR:**

-No report.

**R7-STOCKING CREEK PARK:**

-Reviewed email from Lynne Smith, dated August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 regarding motorcycles on the Stocking Creek park trails. Email was referred to CVRD bylaw enforcement. Commission has requested appropriate signage be installed at the Thick Rd entrance to the park.

-Chairperson Godau thanked Kelly Schellenberg and her husband for installing further interpretive signage as well as cleaning existing signs.

-Huckleberry trail staircase and railings have been installed. Nice work CVRD staff and students!

**R-8 BEACH ACCESSES:**

-A request was received regarding a potential beach access be installed at the end of Oyster Way and Whitecap Pl. Director Dorey reported that currently, it is a low priority due to budget constraints. It will be considered in the distant future.

**R-9 SALTAIR BALL LEAGUE:**

-No report

**R-10 LADYSMITH PARKS & REC:**

-Paul Bottomley reported that Ladysmith is not having a meeting this month.

**R-11 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

-No report

**R-12 NEW BUSINESS:**

-No report

**R-13 CLOSED SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT: 9:01 pm**

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

