

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

DATE: April 8th, 2013

TIME: 7:03 pm

MINUTES of the electoral Area “G” Parks Commission Meeting held on the above noted date and time at the Water Board Office: 10705 Chemainus Rd, Saltair, BC.

PRESENT:

Chairman: Harry Brunt

Secretary: Jackie Rieck

Members: Tim Godau, Paul Bottomley, Hans Nelles, Dave Key, and Kelly Schellenberg

ABSENT:

Member: Glen Hammond

ALSO PRESENT:

Director: Mel Dorey

Guests: Brian Farquhar (CVRD) and Ron Maddin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve Agenda as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of Area “G” Parks Commission Meeting of March 11, 2013 be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Guest speaker: Ron Maddin presented a land purchase proposal.

CVRD UPDATE – Brian Farquhar

-Closed Session (Land Acquisition/Disposition)

-Brian Farquhar addressed outstanding items from March 11th, 2013 Minutes, please refer to each “Reports” category for further details.

-All future Park's maintenance services ie: lawns, hedges, washrooms, garbage will be contracted out. Advertisements for the service contract will be advertised in local newspapers as well as RFP documents will be made available on the CVRD website. Update to follow at next meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Mel Dorey

-Mel attended a recent Saltair Ratepayers meeting and reported that Ladysmith had been approached by Couvedon (the Real Estate Division of Timber West) to consider a boundary expansion that would involve annexing 57 hectares of Timber West land that is located in Area G Saltair and some 300 hectares in Area H North Oyster. This land is located west of Ladysmith, adjacent to the new turf soccer field at the end of 4th Ave, way in behind “The Diamond” and not in our watershed at Stocking Creek Lake. Concern was expressed by attending Saltair residents that Ladysmith was taking land from Saltair without giving anything in return.

CENTENNIAL PARK:

-Basket ball court has been power washed.

-The mold on the ceiling of the public washroom will be treated and repainted. A new roof renovation is planned for next year.

-To incorporate Mel's palm trees at the Mountain View Drive entrance, a CVRD landscape design was presented. Mel requested a group site meeting with Graham Gidden. Mel will email members as to the time and date, the meeting will take place.

-Discussed possibility of having heated washrooms open year round versus the Port o-potty, which costs \$108.00 per month.

-Some of the “lines” on the tennis courts are lifting. Brian to follow up. Tennis benches have been painted and refurbished.

PRINCESS DIANA PARK:

-Graham Gidden has plans underway for the commemorative benches and plaques to honour Patricia Doornbosch and Diana Hall.

PARKINSON TRAIL:

- CVRD staff are still in the process of finalizing M.O.T (highway's) permission paperwork.
- \$17,000 is budgeted to begin trail project with the aid of "Summer Students".

BEACH ACCESSES:

- Split rail fence between Clifcoe Rd and Stuart Rd is in need of repair.
- Bolstering of the last set of stairs on the Clifcoe Rd beach access is planned.
- Stuart Rd trail entrance still requires re-designing of pathway. Please see previous Minutes. Ryan Dias to follow up.

STOCKING CREEK PARK:

- Len Platt's "Dedication Ceremony" is scheduled to take place on Sunday, May 12th, 11:00 am at the "Finch Place Entrance. Len's Forrester colleagues will be attending. Tea/beverages and snacks will be provided.
- Harry to follow up on the Volunteer Work Party date and time.
- Staircase north of the Falls requires a hand railing. Soil has settled in the new stairs and cart path top-up is needed.
- Thicke Road has been graveled and potholes are filled.
- A Trash Bin is required at Finch Place Entrance.
- Another incident of vandalism occurred to the gate to Keffer property.
- Kelly Schellenberg will meet with Shirley Blackstaff to prepare Flora and Fauna information sign posts.

SALTAIR BALL LEAGUE:

- Brent Wilson met with Saltair Ball representatives and discussed fees, schedules, insurance and rules.
- Saltair Slo-Pitch league has a face book site. Their first tournament of the year is scheduled for April 26, 27, and 28th, 2013.

LADYSMITH PARKS AND REC:

- Along with the Maritime Festival, a Seafood festival is being planned
- Invasive species clean-up is in the works.
- Ladysmith planning to host a possible Volunteer Fair.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- A very big “Thank You” to Dave/Cindy Key and Crew for hosting another wonderful Saltair Easter Event!! The Bouncy Castle was a huge hit! 55 children attended including 150 adults. Judy Durban provided musical entertainment.
- Discussed the notion of hosting a Summer Carnival. Dave will present to his Event Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- It was noted that Christine Nelles was no longer on the “Appointed Members List”. Mel apologized for not contacting Christine to inform her that we were over our member allocation. His intention in 2012 was to increase membership, but was unsuccessful in this endeavour. We all appreciated Christine's valuable contribution at our meetings and especially, her physical participation at our Trail improvement work parties. Thank you Christine!
- Hans Nelles has been appointed “Alternate Director.

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting is scheduled for May 6th, 2013 – 7:00 pm at the Water Board Office at 10705 Chemainus Rd. Saltair, BC.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.

