

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

**DATE:** June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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:** Paul Bottomley, Tim Godau, Glen Hammond, Kelly Schellenberg and Hans Nelles.

**ABSENT:**

**Member:** Dave Key

**Director:** Mel Dorey

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as submitted.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of Area “G” Parks Commission meeting, dated May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CVRD UPDATE:**

-A meeting for all Area Chairpersons, is scheduled in June 2013, date pending.

-Commission members would like an update regarding “Land acquisitions”.

-Harry reviewed Parks and Trails Division staff “action items”. For details, refer to individual “Reports” sections.

-May 21<sup>st</sup> budget print out shows a surplus of \$163,000 for Saltair Parks.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Mel Dorey absent. No report.

## CENTENNIAL PARK:

-To date, Easy Living Landscaping contractor is doing a good job of servicing the Parks. A few minor housekeeping items needing attention were recognized.

- Doggie Bag dispensers were empty.
- Clumps of grass clippings were left on the field. Perhaps a mulching lawn mower blade would solve that issue?
- A complaint was noted that trash is not being picked up in both parking lots and around dug-outs, mainly on the weekends.

-A discussion ensued regarding the Mountain View Drive parking lot landscaping project. Parking curbs need to be centered and anchored, plus the pile of gravel/weeds should be removed. Members came to the conclusion to proceed with the CVRD's beautification designs.

## **MOTION:**

**It was moved and seconded to proceed with Graham Gidden's landscape design "Proposal #1" with the following modifications:**

- Remove juniper horizontalis next to drainage ditch and plant grass.**
- Remove cedar column hedge and juniper shrubs and plant 3 Windmill Palms in this space.**
- Remove juniper horizontalis on the bank and plant grass seed.**
- Trim bottom branches of far right cedar tree.**
- Remove chain link fence and posts, replace corner with split rail cedar fence.**
- Do not build 1.5 metre wide cart path trail as there will not be enough parking and members feel that any fencing would be damaged by automobiles.**
- Erect a split rail fence beside the main entrance gate.**

## **MOTION CARRIED**

-Since the Parkinson Trail project has been suspended, it was suggested to use those funds to build a new roof for the public washrooms and concession buildings in 2013. Harry to follow up.

## PRINCESS DIANA PARK:

-Harry will check on CVRD's progress regarding the commemorative benches and kiosk for Diana Hall and Patricia Doornbosch.

### PARKINSON TRAIL:

-Harry to follow up on Clifcoe rd Highway's lease status.

### STOCKING CREEK PARK:

-The gate to Kon Keffer's property has been vandalized again.

-Brent Wilson will have a bear proof trash bin and doggie bag dispenser installed at the Finch Place entrance.

-Brent Wilson will arrange for installation of a handrail on the staircase north of the Falls and top up the trail stairs with cart path.

-There is a tree down on the lower creek side trail and another is down across the artery trail that connects to the Falls trail. It was suggested to have the Summer students brush out this artery trail and build a set of stairs at a steep section. To avoid further confusion, this path has been named the "Huckleberry Trail".

-A uplifting and positive "Thank You" email was received from Lillian Lamb expressing her gratitude for Saltair Park's system and tennis courts. Its good to hear words of encouragement and thanks!!

### BEACH ACCESSES:

-Brent Wilson will arrange to have the bolstering of the last set of stairs on the Clifcoe Road beach access completed. He will also have the slippery staircase issue addressed by the maintenance contractor.

-Stuart Rd pathway has been completed. Split rail fencing and trail look great!

-Skinner Rd beach access needs the hedge trimmed and a large crop of Knotweed needs to be dealt with.

### SALTAIR BALL LEAGUE:

-no report.

### LADYSMITH PARKS AND REC:

-no report.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Next meeting is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Water Board office.**

**Wishing you all an enjoyable Summer!!**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm