

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

DATE: May 6th, 2013

TIME: 7:00 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, Dave Key, Kelly Schellenberg and Glen Hammond

ABSENT:

Member: Hans Nelles

ALSO PRESENT:

Director: Mel Dorey

Guests: Ian and Leena Cameron of 10741 Chemainus Rd,
Keith and Victoria Parkinson of 10755 Chemainus Rd,
Ann Myhrer of 10819 and 10821 Chemainus Rd,
Steen and Betty Hjort of 10751 Chemainus Rd,
Susan Stubbington of 10801 Chemainus Rd.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded to move “Agenda Item #5 “Parkinson Trail” to the forefront of the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of Area “G” Parks Commission Meeting of April 8th, 2013 be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

PARKINSON TRAIL:

-Harry welcomed the above listed, property owners of the lands bordering the proposed Parkinson Trail.

-Harry recited correspondence received, respectively, from Ann Myhrers and Lynne Smith and an E-mail from Dan Brown (CVRD)

-Property owners voiced their concerns against the proposed trail and a lively discussion ensued.

-Commission member's Kelly Schellenberg and Tim Godau articulated our "Park's Mandate" and explained the Commission's reasons for potentially using a designated "Hwy's" route, to build a new 5ft wide trail that could provide an easy connection from Clifcoe Rd through to the Thicke Rd entrance of Stocking Creek Park.

-Mel summarized the Property owner's "main issues" opposing the construction of a new trail:

- disruption of animal habitats
- land owner's security, privacy and safety
- proposed trail is too close in proximity to Centennial Park's fitness trail
- original budget of \$17,000 doubled to \$34,000
- costs to taxpayer's
- Saltair does not need anymore trails.

-Commission members concluded, for the time being, to shelve the proposed trail project.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to place the Parkinson Trail Project on hold until further studies can be conducted, and should there be any advancement regarding the "Trail Project", property owners shall be provided with a written notice from the CVRD.

MOTION CARRIED

CVRD UPDATE:

-No report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-CVRD is reviewing/revising "Volunteer Work Protocol and Purchasing Policies".

-Harry recited CVRD "Interim Volunteer Work Party Protocol".

-Saltair Ratepayer's monthly meeting has been rescheduled to June.

CENTENNIAL PARK:

-Palm Tree planting locations are as follows:

1. Finch Place entrance of Stocking Creek Park
2. End of Thicke Rd parking lot in grassy picnic area (Stocking Creek Park)
3. Centennial Park; next to picnic shelter
4. Top of Boulder Point beach access
5. Gardner Rd culvert
6. Skinner Rd lookout
7. Thicke Rd Entrance
8. Ladysmith border "Welcome to Saltair" sign.

-Mold issue in public washrooms has been treated.

PRINCESS DIANA PARK:

-Commemorative kiosk/benches are being worked on by CVRD.

STOCKING CREEK PARK:

-The official opening of the Stocking Creek Staircase and Len Platt Dedication, will be held on Sunday, May 11th, 2013 at 11:00 am. Details have been posted on Saltair postal boxes. Refreshments and cake will be provided. Complimentary tree seedlings will also be given away.

BEACH ACCESSES:

-It was noted in Lynne Smith's correspondence that the Clifcoe staircase has become slippery in some sections. CVRD to follow up.

SALTAIR BALL LEAGUE:

-Ball players are demonstrating good behaviour and maintaining the park in a neat tidy manner.

LADYSMITH PARKS AND REC:

-May meeting was canceled.

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting is scheduled on June 3rd, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Water Board Office.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.