

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

DATE: October 7th, 2013

TIME: 7:06 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, Kelly Schellenberg, Paul Bottomley, and Hans Nelles

ABSENT:

Members: Glen Hammond and Dave Key

ALSO PRESENT:

Director: Mel Dorey

Guest: Brian Farquhar

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of Area “G” Parks Commission Meeting, held on September 9th, 2013.

MOTION CARRIED

CVRD UPDATE:

-Brian Farquhar asked the Commission not to limit their project plans to the current year, but to identify and plan future projects for 2014 and 2015. This will allow CVRD to budget and prepare for projects well in advance.

-Brian presented the **ELECTORAL AREA G'S 2014 COMMUNITY PARK BUDGET PLANNING DRAFT**. Commission reviewed and discussed budget in detail. 2014 Surplus forecast of \$10,800 is unspecified for the time being.

-Brian presented new information regarding the usual Agenda items. Please refer to "Reports" section for detailed account.

-Tree hazard assessments will only be conducted in situations where a particular concern is brought to the attention of CVRD

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-New easy-roll totes for curbside collection have been delivered to all Saltair residents.

-Seaside Manufactured Home development have most of their permits in place, however, the developer is seeking permission to alter their original plans from pre-fab homes to stick built homes.

-Trans-Canada Trail progress between Saltair in Chemainus has come to a halt. Funding has been expended and CVRD is hoping future grants will come available in 2014.

CENTENNIAL PARK:

-Mountain View Entrance project should be completed by October 15th. It was observed that the ditch running parallel with the new split rail fence could use a clean out of alder trees and black berry brambles. There was also a request to CVRD to ensure all the roots of the invasive plants be thoroughly removed from the new planting zone.

-Easy Living landscape contract expires at the end of December 2013. Commission has requested CVRD amend the maintenance contract to include: "using a **mulching blade** on ride-on mowers" this will eliminate the issue of large grass clumps being left behind on the field.

-It was noted that members were unhappy about the recent paint job of the ceiling in the Picnic Shelter. The contractor painted over wasp nests, and did not power wash away mold before painting. The student paint project was also not prepped before hand. Students painted over rust, mold and old flaking paint. This lead to a discussion of other past jobs not being completed properly. Having to pay twice for work that should have been done correctly the first time around is not a cost effect way to use taxpayer's dollars. Members urged that there be accountability and supervision by the CVRD. Brian Farquhar to follow up with Ryan Dias

Kelly Schellenberg exited meeting at 8:05

-For the 2014 Baseball season, CVRD will address the Saltair Ball League regarding the Park's "No alcohol" policy and the Commission's request that all ball players be out of the Park by 9:30 pm. CVRD will dialog with By-law Enforcement and the RCMP to set up a friendly walk-through.

-Volunteer work party for bark mulch application is still in planning process.

-Chain link gate removal and bollard replacement at Lytton entrance next to Harry Brunts home, still needs to be done.

-Complaints have been voiced from the public that the Mountain View drive gate is not being unlocked. This gate should be opened daily and locked in the evening through out the year, not just in the Summer months. There is confusion as to who is responsible for this task. Brian informed Commission that CVRD contracts the gate keeper and he is paid a monthly honorarium. Tim Godau offered to open and close Mountain View Dr Entrance. Brian will have Ryan Dias contact Mr. Godau to arrange details and a key.

-It was also noted that the new split rail fence was built in front of the post that supports the park gate in its resting position. Brian will follow up with CVRD staff.

-The "Saltair" section of Centennial Park sign at the South Oyster School entrance has disappeared.

Motion:

It was moved and seconded to replace the "Saltair" section of the original Centennial Park sign with vandal resistant fasteners on a 12 inch by 6ft section of wood. Tim Godau and Mel Dorey will construct the sign.

Motion Carried

-Harry talked to Ryan Dias regarding large pot holes in the South Oyster School Rd parking lot. The contractor hired for the Mountain View Entrance project will take care of pot holes.

-Outer edges of the Tennis court have several areas where small weeds are coming through. Brian to contact Easy Living to remove weeds.

-A question was raised regarding the feasibility of continuing with "Fireworks" for our Halloween party. It was discussed and most members felt that the Fireworks provided good entertainment for the community and should remain a part of Saltair's Halloween tradition. This season the 4inch Air bomb style would be omitted due to their significantly louder boom.

-A resident whose home borders Centennial park, reported a tree had fallen on his fence from the park side of the wooded trail area. Paul Bottomley to follow up.

PRINCESSE DIANA PARK:

-CVRD is still working on kiosk and memorial benches.

-Commission is still awaiting installation of Kess marsh park boundary markers. Commission would like markers in place to be able to determine a future trail in this area. Tim Godau has requested a walk-through with Dan Brown. Brian to follow-up.

PARKINSON TRAIL:

-Preliminary planning with a community advisory is scheduled for Spring 2014 with actual construction planned for 2015.

STOCKING CREEK PARK:

-Dead tree fall has been removed.

-Requested highway signage for “Stocking Creek Park” has been ordered for the Chemainus/Gait Rd intersection.

-Split rail fence request for the Finch Place trail head will be included in the Finch Place trail upgrade project.

-Huckleberry trail improvements are indicated in the 2014 budget. Summer student allocation could be used towards this project.

-Thick Road Entrance requires some clean up of weeds, branches and brambles at the yellow gate. The ditch along Chemainus Rd and Thicke Rd is choked up with alder trees and is obstructing view of traffic when exiting from Thicke Rd onto Chemainus Rd. Brian to follow up with MOT.

BEACH ACCESSES:

-Japanese knot weed as been dealt with at Skinner Rd access.

-Discussed potential beach accesses on Oyster Way and Beggs Rd. CVRD will investigate.

SALTAIR BALL LEAGUE:

-CVRD inspected concession fridge and it is clean.

-CVRD will clarify policy regarding issues relating to alcohol/drugs, vehicles at the picnic shelters and gate closure times with Saltair Slo-Pitch League

LADYSMITH PARKS & REC:

-no report.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

-Halloween party plans are underway. Fireworks have been ordered.

NEXT MEETING: is scheduled for Monday, November 4th, 2013 at 7:00 pm, Water Board Office.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.