

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

DATE: May 7th, 2012

TIME: 7:05 pm

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

PRESENT:

Chairman: Harry Brunt

Secretary: Jackie Rieck

Members: Glen Hammond, Hans Nelles, Christine Nelles, Paul Bottomley, Kelly Schellenberg, Tim Godau (arrived at 8:20)

ABSENT:

Members: Dave Key

ALSO PRESENT:

Director: Mel Dorey

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 April 2nd, 2012 be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

STANDING REPORTS:

CVRD:

-no report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-CVRD is in the process of finalizing budget plans. Area "G" will probably receive \$145,000 to be applied to Saltair water pipe upgrades.

-Manufactured Home Development across from North Watts Rd will consist of 15 strata lots. The developer will provide a public beach access with a trail and stairs down to the beach. Developer will also install bollards at Solmie Rd to allow for Emergency/service vehicle accessibility. \$138,000 will be donated by the developer to go into our Parks "Land Purchase's" fund.

CENTENNIAL PARK:

-Ball fields have reopened.

-Harry received an email from Ryan Dias regarding a public request to conduct a ball tournament. Harry to follow-up.

-Wood chip Work Party was a success. A big thank-you to all the volunteers!!

-Davey Tree Co. contracted to remove three "dangerous" trees on May 9th, 2012. This includes the large maple tree blocking the access of the 'Parkinson trail head'.

-Tennis courts require immediate power washing. A crack has been reported, approx 150cm long and will require filling. Discussion was held regarding the idea of having the Tennis Club volunteer be responsible for power washing the courts twice a year. There would be a cost savings in renting a washer rather than contracting a costly private company. A request was made that a new larger sign be provided for the courts which would indicate: a time limit of court usage be 45 minutes, No rollerblading, and no skateboarding. Sign should be printed on both sides making it visible on the inside and outside of the courts. Harry to follow-up.

**Tim Godau arrived 8:20.

-Harry received a request for a wage increase for Centennial Park's two paid employees.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to increase Joan Rafter's wage from \$14.00/hr to \$15.00/hr and Don Naslund's wage from \$15.00/hr to \$16.00/hr

MOTION CARRIED

PRINCESS DIANA PARK:

-The first phase of the wood chip volunteer work party has been completed. A total of seven drainage culverts were installed. A another huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers for a big job well done! There was not enough wood chips to complete all the areas in need, therefore a “second” work party will be planned. Harry will make arrangements to have two more truck loads of chips delivered and a work party date will be discussed at the next Parks meeting

-There are three hazardous trees requiring immediate attention. Harry to follow up.

-A request to obtain a price estimation for sign kiosks displaying a map of Princess Diana's main trail as well as connecting arteries for the west and east entrances.

MOTION:

It was moved and second to obtain a price estimation for two sign kiosks displaying a map of Princess Diana's main trial, plus connecting artery trails for the West and East entrances.

MOTION CARRIED

STOCKING CREEK PARK:

****Members are anxious to schedule walk-thru of trails with Dan Brown ASAP.**

-Vandalized gate has been re-installed and the broken cedar rails have been repaired.

-Kelly Schellenberg will liaison with Shirley Blackstaff to add/design educational flora and fauna signage posts through out the park.

-**A concern was raised **again** regarding the “lumber” left over at the top of trail leading to Stocking Creek Staircase. Is it going to be used to build a safety railing at the top of the Falls? There is a viewing area at the top of the falls that is well used by the public, but it has no safety railing! This could be a potential danger!

-Discussion held regarding future land acquisitions to expand park boundaries.

BEACH ACCESSES:

-A request to re-open an old beach access at the intersection of Shannon Drive and Stuart Rd was discussed.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to have the CVRD contact Highways Department to investigate the re-opening of an old beach access at the intersection of Shannon Drive and Stuart Rd.

MOTION CARRIED

-Harry raised an inquiry regarding the removal of cedar trees at 3729 Gardner Rd home of Dennis Ahola. At our meeting on March 19th, 2012, members granted Mr. Ahola permission to remove six western red cedar trees, however there have been 12 trees cut down. Harry to contact Ryan to investigate.

LADYSMITH PARKS & REC:

-No report

BASEBALL:

-Reviewed e-mail from Kathy Desaulniers (Saltair Slo-Pitch League) dated Monday, May 07, 2012. Harry forwarding email to Ryan Lendrum to address issues raised by Kathy.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Members expressed concerns that the recent material used on trail between Guilbride and Cliffcoe was not the agreed upon "gravel" discussed at previous meeting, but a sand/cement mixture. Is the cost of this composite the same as gravel? Also, the stairs leading down to Cliffcoe need to be topped up with gravel.

-Need trail at the end of Stuart Rd inspected/ distinguished with marker or small fence as trail users can't really be sure if they are traveling on the Parks trail or on a private property driveway.

NEXT MEETING:

Next Park's meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 11th, 2012, 7:00 pm at the CVRD building at 10705 Chemainus Rd, Saltair, BC.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.