

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

DATE: September 10th, 2012

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: Hans Nelles, Christine Nelles, Paul Bottomley. Dave Key (arrived at 7:05pm) and Tim Godau (arrived late at 7:30 pm).

ABSENT:

Members: Kelly Schellenberg and Glen Hammond.

ALSO PRESENT:

Director: Mel Dorey

Guest: Brian Farquhar (CVRD)

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 July 09th, 2012 be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

STANDING REPORTS:

CVRD:

-Special guest Brian Farquhar presented the 2013 Community Park Budget Planning Draft for Area "G". The preliminary Draft was reviewed and revised accordingly.

-Closed session – Land acquisitions.

-Discussed 2013 "Saltair Recreation" Tax requisition.

-Discussed plan to develop Parkinson Trail to connect to Clifcoe Rd

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Mel provided information regarding the CVRD's new plan for modernizing Curbside Collection and stabilizing user fees. There will be an upcoming Electoral Area Open House on Monday, September 17th, 2012 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the North Oyster Community Hall, 13467 Cedar Road.

-Palm tree sales are going well. To date a total of 40 trees have been sold to Saltair residents.

CENTENNIAL PARK:

-The new basketball hoop systems are currently in the process of being installed. Commission members have some concerns regarding installation specifications and have asked Brian to follow up.

-The large hazardous willow tree has been cut down, however, arrangements need to be made to remove the stump.

-Some sprinkler adjustments are required in and around the Picnic Shelter area. The lawn has become very muddy and soggy. Also, a suggestion was made to turn off sprinklers for the fall/winter season.

-Large flood lights require bulb replacement. Brian to follow-up with Ryan Dias.

-Ceilings in the public washrooms have a chronic mold issue. Brian will follow-up

-Hans will arrange a washing of the Tennis Courts.

PRINCESS DIANA PARK:

-Harry requested CVRD staff arrange a walk-thru with Don to assess any hazardous trees requiring removal.

-Cost estimate is required for one 4X6 sign kiosk with trail map and commemorative information to be placed either at the Olsen Rd Entrance or in the middle open area where all the trails intersect.

STOCKING CREEK PARK:

-Kelly Schellenberg and Shirley Blackstaff are still working on flora and fauna signage.

-Dan Brown has requested a work group be organized to complete some leftover trail maintenance. Mel will liaison with Dan to confirm a date for a volunteer work party.

BEACH ACCESSES:

-Bezan Access staircase has a few loose boards that require some maintenance.

-Clifcoe Beach Access- (see Minutes from June 11th Meeting for further description). The very last set of stairs are in need of attention. It looks as if they maybe shifting or twisting due to erosion of the bank. Once repaired they would also require a top up with cart path material. Brian to follow-up.

-Clifcoe Rd staircase which leads to Nebel Rd was scheduled to be topped up with cart-path. At the time of meeting, Commission members were unsure if the job had been completed.

-The trail at the end of Stuart Rd leading to Clifcoe Rd still needs to be properly defined so public users know where to walk and not be confused by the neighbouring private driveway. See Minutes from June 11th, 2012 Meeting. Brian to follow up.

LADYSMITH PARKS & REC:

-No report.

BASEBALL:

-August 17 - 19th baseball tournament was canceled.

-Concession stand was broken into and \$250.00 worth of merchandise was stolen. Saltair Slo-Pitch league compensated concession stand operator for her loss. Damage to concession has been repaired.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

-Dave Key will be handling the Halloween Party and fireworks display.

NEXT MEETING:

Next Park meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 1st, 2012, 7:00 pm at the Water Board Office on 10705 Chemainus Rd, Saltair, BC.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

