

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

DATE: March 8, 2011

TIME: 7:00 PM

MINUTES of the Electoral Area G Parks Commission regular meeting held on the above noted date and time at the Water Board Building, Saltair, BC.

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Harry Brunt

Secretary: Glen Hammond (filling in for Jackie Rieck)

Members: Tim Godau, Paul Bottomley, Kelly Schellenberg

ABSENT:

Members: Dave Key, Jackie Rieck and Norm Flinton

ALSO PRESENT:

Director: Mel Dorey

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

It was Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of the Area G Parks Commission Meeting of February 14th, 2011 be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Approved as submitted with addition re: Trans Canada Trail Update

MOTION CARRIED

STANDING REPORTS:

CVRD UPDATE:

Brief update regarding Ruxton Island for info only.

CENTENNIAL PARK:

Need identified for more trees to be planted. Suggested that Kelly be requested to provide input regarding varieties of native trees and or others that should be planted. Need to organize a committee for the planting of the trees, it's timing and locations. Suggestion that some consideration be given to also plant some suitable fruit trees in support of the "Food Security" issues.

PRINCESS DIANA PARK:

Reported that people continue to walk over the logs placed to close off the section of old trail that is on private property, rather than taking the new trail section. Suggested that more trees be planted in the closed area or resort to planting blackberries as a deterrent to continued traffic.

STOCKING CREEK:

Mel advised that Ron Maddin would like to plant some rhodos and cherry trees at the entrance to the Trans Canada Trail near the location of the proposed water fountain at Finch Place. He is also willing to do the watering and maintenance of the plants. It was mentioned that approval is still needed from the Island Corridor Rail for the overall project.

BEACH ACCESS:

Need for improved access at the Lagoon Bridge location of the Stocking Creek due to car traffic. Mel advised that Ryan Dias needs to contact DFO for permission of location proposed access improvement. Discussion of the issues of need to clear willows that have fallen onto the beach at bottom Bezan Rd Access and of the recently built retaining walls.

LADYSMITH PARKS & REC:

No new report. Not sure whether Norm Flinton was contacted regarding their March meeting. Brief discussion of Geo Caching and the events planned for April regarding cleanup of garbage at end of Davis Rd and in September for Transfer Beach.

BASEBALL:

Work Party scheduled for April 10th, 2011 at 10:00 am.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

An over view of the Hal Laird rezoning property was provided by Mel Dorey, and the request to increase density (R-3 to R-2) on that part of the property that is not zoned commercial. This will allow for 7 building lots. Approximately 55% of the total property will be donated to the CVRD for addition to the Stocking Creek Park.

MOTION:

It was proposed by Tim Godau and seconded by Paul Bottomley to accept the rezoning proposal on the Laird property with 55 % of total property be deemed “parkland” be donated to the CVRD.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting is scheduled for April 4th, 2011 at 7:00 pm Water Board Building Chemainus Rd.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

