

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

DATE: November 7th, 2011

TIME: 7:01 PM

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

PRESENT:

CHAIRPERSON: Harry Brunt

SECRETARY: Jackie Rieck

MEMBERS: Tim Godau, Paul Bottomley, Glen Hammond, Norm Flinton

ABSENT:

MEMBERS: Kelly Schellenberg, and Dave Key

ALSO PRESENT:

DIRECTOR: Mel Dorey

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

It was Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of Area “G” Parks Commission Meeting of October 3rd, 2011 be accepted with an amendment on page 3 of 3 under heading of DIRECTOR'S REPORT - wording changed to read as follows: Saltair water system upgrade costs were discussed.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve agenda as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED

STANDING REPORTS:

CVRD UPDATE:

Ryan Dias informed Harry that Stocking Creek Stairs Project should be nearing completion in two weeks.

CENTENNIAL PARK:

-Members agreed that CVRD relocate the Walnut tree to the vicinity of the now defunct No. 2 baseball diamond area.

-a report of vandalism to one of the two tennis court nets was received. It was noted that both nets would need replacing in the spring.

-Tennis Club asked if it was possible to install lighting for evening play. Members unnamously agreed that they were not in favour of this suggestion.

-There is still an ongoing issue of vandals removing entire roll of Doggie waste bags from dispensers near picnic shelter and playground. Suggestion was made to relocate the dispenser which is currently attached to fence near playground to the Mountain View Dr entrance of park and monitor for improvements.

-Debris and chain link fencing have been removed from the park. CVRD will be removing willow tree from behind earthquake container and limbing fir tree to prevent children from climbing the trees and playing atop of container buildings.

PRINCESS DIANA PARK:

leaves have been mulched along main trails.

STOCKING CREEK PARK:

a suggestion was made to install a laminated plaque in memory of "Len Platt" on the new viewing platform staircase leading to Waterfall. Harry to address CVRD regarding potential thoughts on this suggestion.

The "Helen Coward" memorial bench has been installed at Finch Place location.

Discussed ideas re: Stocking Creek bridge safety issue of slippery deck surface. CVRD to follow up.

A windfallen tree requires removal on the west side lower trail to falls (near drainfield) from Finch Place entrance.

BEACH ACCESSES:

Permission has been granted to proceed regarding legal lease agreement with Coastal Mission Society at Hillside Rd beach access.

LADYSMITH PARKS & REC:

Norm Flinton attended Ladysmith Parks & Recreation's meeting of October 19th, 2011.

- Town is still searching for a suitable "Off-Leash Dog Park" location.
- Planning to build a Pickle Ball Court at new Turf Field
- Frank Jamieson Community Centre is increasing their rates by 2%.

BASEBALL:

No report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-CVRD Regional Recreation Fund conducted a survey to determine from which communities recreation facility users are from.

- Frank Jamieson Ctr- only 7% of user's from Saltair
- Fullerake Arena – only 3.8% of users from Saltair
- Recommend changes to funding formula will be presented in January 2012.

Discussed option of setting aside 20,000 per year savings for a future community hall for Saltair.

Land acquisition appraisals in progress.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Halloween Event was another huge success! Approxiametely 250 persons were in attendance! A great big THANK YOU to Dave and Cindy Key and their faithful crew for providing another fulfilled Halloween Party! Fireworks were spectacular! Another thank you goes to Dave Irving for providing wooden pallets for the large bonfire.