

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

DATE: September 19, 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 CVRD Building on Chemainus Rd, Saltair BC.

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Harry Brunt

Secretary: Jackie Rieck

Members: Tim Godau, Kelly Schellenberg, Norm Flinton, Glen Hammond, and
Dave Key

ABSENT:

Member: Paul Bottomley

ALSO PRESENT:

Director: Mel Dorey

Guest: Alisha Neumann from “Inquiring Little Minds” Day Care

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

It was Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of Area “G” Parks Commission Meeting of June 21st, 2011 be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA;

Motion to approve agenda as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED

SPECIAL GUEST:

Alisha Neumann, Director of “Inquiring Little Minds” Day Care (located at old Mt Brenton School) was on hand to inform us that she has leased the former school as a private business with an option to purchase in 321 days.

Alisha and her 14 staff members are providing Community Programs with Parks and Rec activities such as a licensed day care for 0 months to 30 months, preschool, after school care for 5 yr olds and up, evening recreation classes, as well as future senior programs. Advertising for this facility has been made through local newspapers, mailbox flyers and posters placed in local businesses. Public response has been slow, however, she expects enrollment to increase through word of mouth and continued advertising.

STANDING REPORTS:

CVRD UPDATE:

CVRD office staff have requested Parks Commission secretary email Parks Meeting Minutes without member acceptance and approval to allow for staff to complete Park Commission requests in a timely manner.

Harry reviewed rough draft of CVRD Parks Budget and potential future Capitol Projects were discussed. Members agreed that our 5 year plan would be focused on future land acquisitions to increase park land space and have complete trail connections through area parks. Other projects brought forward were: future budgeting for a community centre, Hillside Beach Access (stairs and landscape construction), Beautification and landscape revamp of south entrance to Centennial Park up concrete ramp next to ball diamond, and construction of a trail from the Parkinson tract allowance (Chemainus Rd) to connect to Cliffcoe Rd.

Ryan Dias will be attending our October 3rd Parks Meeting to review budget and 5 year Capitol Works Plans.

CENTENNIAL PARK:

Tennis Club has requested newly planted walnut tree be re-located away from tennis courts as leaves and walnuts can stain or damage tennis court surface. The spring planting of decorative trees have survived the Summer season and are doing well. Mel has a dozen pine trees for further planting in the park.

A general clean-up of accumulated debris behind park washrooms and earthquake container is required as it could be a hazard to children playing in the area. Also, a extra pile of chain link fencing on west side of park needs to be taken away for storage and various scraps of lumber require removal.

Ryan Dias will present cost estimates and possible solutions to the drainage issue/pipe repairs at North park entrance at the October 3rd meeting.

PRINCESS DIANA PARK:

It was noted that the East Entrance culvert/widening project still has not been initiated. Original MOTION to go ahead with project was first requested in the Minutes of **September 13th, 2010.**

STOCK CREEK PARK:

Plans for the new trail from Finch Place to Stocking Creek Falls are progressing. Park's require a map of property lines or markers of the area from CVRD.

A memorial bench has been donated for the designated area along Canada Trail beside Finch Place Rd. The proposed drinking fountain and bench installation is awaiting approval from Trans Canada Trail group.

Members also noted from the **September 13th, 2010 meeting.** that our request to construct a staircase down to Stocking Creek Falls on the west side bank of the creek" has yet to be started.

A suggestion was made to obtain appraisals of three potential land acquisitions. Mel Dorey to follow up.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to obtain three separate appraisals of three potential land acquisitions adjacent to Stocking Creek Park.

MOTION CARRIED

LADYSMITH PARKS AND REC:

No report.

BEACH ACCESS:

Lagoon access project tabled.

BASEBALL:

No report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Closed Session

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Halloween update: Dave Key reported Halloween festivities will function same as last year. All plans are in place and ready to go for October 31st, 2011.

NEXT MEETING:

Next Park meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 3rd, 2011 at 7:00 PM at CVRD Building Chemainus Rd.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

