

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

DATE: April 12, 2010

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. Meeting called to order by Chair at 7:07 pm.

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Harry Brunt

Secretary: Jackie Rieck

Members: Tim Godau, Paul Bottomley, Glen Hammond, Kelly Schellenberg, Norm Flinton,

ABSENT:

Member: Dave Key

ALSO PRESENT:

Director: Mel Dorey

Guest: Dave Thomas, representative of the Saltair Ratepayer's Association

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of the Area G Parks Commission Meeting of March 8th, 2010 be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

- Norm Flinton will be our representative at the Ladysmith Parks Commission meetings. Harry will get in touch with Duck Paterson to confirm meeting dates and times.
- Bylaw Officer will be patrolling our area parks to check for dog licenses, leash compliance and to ensure dog waste is being cleaned up by pet owners.
- Don is in charge of refilling Doggie Bag dispensers and emptying trash bins at all park locations once a week. Paul replaced old trash bin at Boulder Point beach access.
- Ballplayers have requested the use of Centennial Park concession building for the summer. They would like to vend chips and pop during the baseball season. Harry suggested a Damage Deposit of \$300.00 be required and ball players are responsible for tidying up the concession building after it is closed for the evening.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Mel will contact Dave Key to inquire whether Dave is going to continue his commitment to serve as a committee member for the Area G Parks Commission.
- b) Beach Access Oyster Way Suggestion: Brian Farquhar to look into cost of constructing a stair case down to the beach.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Dave Thomas of the Saltair Ratepayer's Association gave a presentation of "The Cowichan Valley Green Map," which is dedicated to the conservation and protection of natural areas in the Cowichan Valley. The Ratepayer's goal is to have Saltair included in the next publication. He proposed the value of mapping the natural attributes of Saltair with photos, maps and GPS devices and forwarding this information to the Cowichan Land Trust. They have a fund of \$3,000 and would like the Parks Commission to share in the costs of the technical part of the mapping procedures.

Dave concluded his presentation at 7:50 pm.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that \$1,000.00 be given to the Cowichan Land Trust to assist in the "green mapping of Saltair project"

MOTION CARRIED: (7) VOTED IN FAVOUR – (1) against

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A successful tree planting session was accomplished along the Cliffcoe and Stuart trail access. 80 trees were planted. Thank you to all the volunteers who showed up in some not so pleasant weather! Another session is planned for Tuesday, April 13th, at 6:30 pm, South entrance of Stocking Creek Park. Thank you to Kelly Schellenberg for procuring the free trees from Mesachie Research Station.

The possibility of adding some decorative trees to Centennial Park was discussed.

2. A landscape redesign of the handicap entrance on the north side of Centennial Park is planned. Drawings will hopefully be available to view at the next meeting.
3. Closed Session Parkland purchase
4. Saltair's Centennial Celebration has been scheduled for August 15th, 2010. Next planning meeting is Monday, April 19th, 2010 at 6:30pm

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, May 3rd, 2010 at 7:00 pm