

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Area H Parks Commission held at North Oyster Community Hall on Thursday, August 26, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Bruce Mason, Don Pigott, Snuffy Ladret, Mary Marcotte, Secretary Barbara Waters.

ABSENT: Brad Uytterhagen, Murray McNab

Bruce Mason called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

**Moved
Seconded**

That the agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 25, 2010 were adopted with one correction.

**BUSINESS
ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES**

**B1 Heart Lake
Development**

The Heart Lake Development was given third reading at the CVRD and the matter is now in the hands of the Province, awaiting approval.

**B2 Wiggins
Application**

Dr. Wiggins has requested a meeting with Area Director Mary Marcotte for further discussion of a new proposal.

**B3 Memorial
Plaque**

The memorial plaque has still not been installed in the picnic table at Elliott's Beach. Don Pigott will follow up with the contractor.

**B4 Bush Creek
Bridge**

The developer has offered to donate \$25,000 towards this project. This money will need to be put in trust prior to the project going to 4th reading. Other requirements include cleaning up garbage in the proposed parkland area, putting up fencing, and arranging to get the proposed farmland area back into the ALR. A discussion ensued regarding local engineering resources available, experienced and at reasonable cost. Budgets for existing local bridges were noted. A qualified volunteer is available to do the profiles at no cost.

**B5 Elliott's Beach
Maintenance
Contract**

Our understanding is that the current contractor for other Area H parks is now being paid to maintain this park, but it is not apparent that any work has been done there.

**Moved
Seconded**

That the Area H Parks Commission request information from the CVRD Parks Department regarding current payment for maintenance of Elliott’s Beach park; and that we also request copies of related work logs for this and the other Area H parks.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

REPORTS:

R1 Yellow Point Park

Recently a driver deliberately drove his car through the ditch in the parking lot area where rocks were placed to prevent damage caused by such actions. Although damage to the park was minor this time, larger rocks will be installed. The park otherwise is looking good.

R2 Blue Heron Park

Signage is being installed as previously reported. Park usage continues to be high.

R3 Raven Park

There has been some recent usage of this park. No problems noted.

R4 Elliott’s Beach

See “Business Arising” re: memorial plaque and maintenance contract. Park usage continues to be high. Some minor vandalism has been noted.

R5 Michael Lake

No report.

R6 Trillium Park

Usage of this park continues to be high, and no current problems noted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UB1 Wedding Policy

**Moved
Seconded**

That the policy regarding weddings in Area H parks is not to include an item requiring a damage deposit.

MOTION CARRIED

UB2 Memorial Plaque Policy

Referred to next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

NB 1 Parks Hats and T-Shirts

Parks commission members noted that it is important to wear hats and t-shirts with CVRD parks logos on them when visiting Area H parks. New hats and t-shirts to be requested.

NB2 Broom in Yellow Point Park

Don Pigott has agreed to contact Brannan Lake institution to request a work party to remove broom in Yellow Point Park.

NB3 DL 109

Information was received that the first nations application for a woodlot license in DL 109 has been rejected because of concerns regarding impacts on local water supply and sensitive habitat issues.

**Moved
Seconded**

That the Area H Parks Commission pursue designation of DL 109 and DI 51 as interpretive forest sites, recreation sites, and/or recreation trails.

MOTION CARRIED

A discussion ensued. Mary Marcotte agreed to ask the CVRD for support on this issue, and Don Pigott agreed to approach tenure forester Emma Neill for advice regarding how to proceed with the application for this designation.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 23, 2010, 6:30 p.m., North Oyster Community Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved

That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Barbara Waters, Secretary
August 30, 2010