

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Area H Parks Commission held at North Oyster Community Hall on January 28, 2010.

PRESENT: Acting Chairperson Don Pigott, Murray McNab, Brad Uytterhagen, Snuffy Ladret, Mary Marcotte, Secretary Barbara Waters

ABSENT: Bruce Mason

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED

That the agenda be approved with items added.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED

That the minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS
ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES**

B1 Rock Donation

The 4 loads of rock to be donated by Terasen Gas are to be distributed as follows:

- Blue Heron Park: one load, small to medium (4-6" diameter) cobble to be spread to fill in gaps between existing rocks at the high water mark. Native plants to be planted where appropriate. DFO approval has been obtained.
- Elliott's Beach: two loads for erosion control near the big maple tree near the high water mark. One load of smaller rock to be placed on top of filter cloth; then one load of larger size rock.
- Yellow Point Park: one load of ¾" crush as parking lot gravel.
- Trillium Park: one load of ¾" crush to fill in flooded path area.
- Nothing designated for Raven Park at this time; continue to monitor.
- Work to be completed by May 1, 2010. Don Pigott and Rob Waters to coordinate, assisted by work parties as needed.

B2 Picnic Tables

Don Pigott agreed to follow up with local contractor as per November minutes. Completion this winter/spring.

**B3 Trees for
Chandler Road
Side of Trillium
Park**

Don Pigott brought two samples of Leyland Cypress to the meeting; parks commission members decided to purchase 23 trees at \$15 apiece. Mary Marcotte agreed to purchase the trees for planting as soon as possible. Parks commission members also agreed to put down a 4-ft. wide gravel trail in that area, and then topsoil and grass seed on either side.

**B4 Contractor's
Worksheet**

Still not received. Mary Marcotte has again requested that the CVRD provide us with a copy of this report. It was noted that the contractor seems to be doing a good job.

**B5 Danger Tree
Assessment in YP
Park**

This has not yet been done.

**B6 Garbage Can
in Yellow Point
Park**

Mary Marcotte is to approach the same contractors as were hired to do the work for Blue Heron Park, to build a container for garbage and also for recycling.

**B7 Blue Heron
Park "No Parking
Sign"**

Not purchased yet. To be done before the good weather.

**B8 Five Year Plan
Review**

Completed. Mary Marcotte to print and distribute.

**B9 Heart Lake
Development**

Discussion took place. Parks commission consensus in favour of Area H unmanaged wilderness park, wildlife corridor with stream protection. It was suggested that we invite first nations participation. Mary Marcotte to draft proposal.

**B10 Blue Heron
Park Survey**

Murray McNab to obtain price estimate.

**CORRESPON-
DENCE:**

C1 Lot 10

A copy of a letter from Stz'uminus (Chemainus) First Nation to Mike Tippet, CVRD development manager, was circulated. The First Nation intention is to apply to add Lot 109 to their Woodlot 1713. A discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED

That the Area H Parks Commission request the CVRD to direct our objections to the proposal that Lot 109 be added to the Stz'uminus woodlot, on the following grounds:

- **the parks commission is on record as having expressed interest in obtaining Lot 109 as parkland and has engaged the province and treaty negotiators in discussions regarding the possibility of acquiring this land; these**

discussions are not yet concluded;

- there are sensitive watershed issues in the area, with implications for drainage and water quality on neighbouring properties;
- even small scale logging on the steep slopes of the subject property will result in drainage problems for the surrounding properties;
- the subject property is an environmentally sensitive area which contains important habitat for both plants and animals;
- the only access to this subdivision is through a densely populated subdivision with no sidewalks and no street lighting; loaded logging trucks travelling on these inadequate roads will pose safety problems for the residents, in particular school children who must walk to the nearby elementary school;
- noise and dust from logging and logging trucks would impact the quality of life for the surrounding residents;
- there is established local usage on Lot 109 for hiking, horseback riding and other passive recreational uses.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS:

Individual park reports were considered to have been covered under Business Arising From the minutes. Please see above.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB1 AGM

Mary Marcotte will advertise the Area H Parks Commission Annual General Meeting, to be held Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Oyster Community Hall.

NEXT

MEETING:

Thursday, February 25, 2010, following the AGM at North Oyster Community Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED

That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Barbara Waters, Secretary
February 2, 2010