

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Area H Parks Commission held at the home of Barbara Waters (North Oyster Community Hall not available) on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Bruce Mason, Murray McNab, Mary Marcotte, Secretary Barbara Waters. Don Pigott participated via speaker phone.

**ABSENT:** Snuffy Ladret, Brad Uytterhagen

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 August 26, 2010 were adopted.

**BUSINESS  
ARISING FROM  
THE MINUTES**

**B1 Heart Lake  
Development**

The Heart Lake Development is awaiting third reading by the province. The developer has agreed to provide \$25,000 toward the building of a foot bridge across Bush Creek. Parks Commission members are confident that utilizing local resources a suitable bridge can be built for approximately that amount.

**B2 Hats and T-  
shirts**

New CVRD hats and t-shirts are being ordered for parks commission members

**B3 Maintenance  
Contract**

**Moved  
Seconded**

**That Director Marcotte submit to the CVRD Parks Department a copy of the Area H Parks Commission's draft maintenance contract requirements. The Parks Commission requests that the job description for each Park be dealt with separately and that Elliotts Beach not be included in the tender, but must be dealt with separately as it has been in the past. A separate job description has been prepared for Elliott's Beach.**

**And further, the CVRD is to be informed that the Area H Parks Commission prefers a 3-year rather than a 2-year contract; and the CVRD is to be reminded that the Parks Commission wishes to participate in drafting the tender document as stipulated in the memorandum to Warren Jones dated Oct. 8, 2009.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**B4 Memorial Plaques**

The Oct. 8,2009 memorandum was reviewed and it was determined that the CVRD has not adhered to items A,B,C or D in part 1, nor with item 2. The Parks Commission did not comply with items E or F in part 1. Items 3 and 5 are in process, and item 4 is not applicable at this time. (memorandum attached)

The new plaque has been installed on the one remaining picnic table at Elliott’s Beach, and there are no remaining unlabelled benches or picnic tables. New requests for memorial benches will be considered if appropriate.

**Moved  
Seconded**

**B5 Wedding Policy**

**That the Area H Parks Commission draft a letter to be sent to applicants wishing to hold events in Area H parks, to include the information that exclusive use of a park is not an option; that event planners are responsible to ensure that the park is returned to its previous state following the event; and that parking is limited. No damage deposit is to be charged.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**B6 Blue Heron Park Survey**

Murray McNab has followed up with the surveyor but the job has not been done yet.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**C1 Wiggins**

Due consideration was given to the informal Wiggins Evening Cove Subdivision Proposal (attached to these minutes). Members of the Area H Parks Commission were unable to comment at this time.

**REPORTS:**

**R1 Yellow Point Park**

Don Pigott has been in touch with Corrections regarding their providing a work party to remove broom from this park, and is awaiting their reply.

**R2 Blue Heron Park**

No report.

**R3 Raven Park**

No report.

**R4 Elliott’s Beach**

Himalayan blackberries are invading the flower beds and need to be uprooted. The grass near the parking lot has not been cut recently by the new contractor.

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**R5 Michael Lake** No report.

**R6 Trillium Park** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1 Recreation Taxation Issue** Director Marcotte brought to the attention of the parks commission the recent CVRD motion regarding the drafting of a consultation process on the proposal for revamping the recreational taxation formula for the CVRD region. This proposal if approved will result in a tax increase of \$50.18 per \$100,000 assessed property value for residents of Area H, with no increased access to recreational facilities.

**NEXT MEETING** **Thursday, October 28, 2010, 6:30 p.m., North Oyster Community Hall**

**ADJOURNMENT** **Moved  
Seconded**

**That the meeting be adjourned.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Barbara Waters, Secretary  
October 5, 2010