

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Area H Parks Commission held at Yellow Point Propagation Board Room on November 21, 2009.

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

**ABSENT:** Brad Uytterhagen, Murray McNab

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

**Moved  
Seconded**

**That the agenda be approved, with numbering of items corrected.  
MOTION CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
MINUTES**

**Moved  
Seconded**

**That the minutes of the regular and in-camera meetings of  
September 24, 2009 be adopted.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was noted that we did not achieve a quorum at the meeting scheduled for October 22, 2009. An informal discussion was held on that date but no minutes were taken.

**BUSINESS  
ARISING FROM  
THE MINUTES**

**B1 Wiggins  
Property**

It was noted that the application for subdivision of this property has been withdrawn.

**B2 Rock Donation**

Don Pigott visited the site and determined that medium-sized rock will be suitable for the remediation required there. Barbara Waters is to follow up with Rob Waters regarding the DFO requirements.

Gravel could be used to build up the trail that floods in Trillium Park. It would be best to do this work after Christmas, whenever the water is at a low level.

**B3 Contractor  
Hourly Rate re:  
Picnic Tables**

Don Pigott reports that a local contractor has viewed the work to be done and recommends that the tables treated with Sikkens need to be sanded and refinished indoors. A trailer is available so they could be loaded and taken to a shop, the work being done during the winter months. It was suggested that a contract rate be obtained for this part of the project.

**B4 Trees for  
Chandler Road  
Side of Trillium  
Park**

Don Pigott recommends the use of Leyland Cypress, which are deer-resistant. They can be obtained from Cairn Park Nursery at a price of \$3.00 for a 3-foot tree in a 1-gallon pot, or \$17.50 for a 5-6-foot tree in a 3-gallon pot. Don is to determine the number of trees needed. Mary Marcotte has agreed to pick them up.

**B5 Letter to  
CVRD re: Tree  
Removal in  
Trillium Park**

Bruce Mason reports that he sent a brief letter to the CVRD expressing the Parks Commission's disapproval and dismay at the work that was contracted in Trillium Park by the CVRD in the summer. No copy is available, and no reply has been received.

**B6 Survey of Blue  
Heron Park  
Boundaries**

Report not yet available.

**CORRESPON-  
DENCE:**

**C1 Memo to  
Warren Jones**

Mary Marcotte circulated copies of the memo she sent to Warren Jones subsequent to the September 24 meeting of Area H Parks Commission with Mr. Jones and Brian Farquhar. A copy is attached to these minutes. No response has been received to date.

**Moved  
Seconded**

**That the Area H Parks Commission remind the CVRD of our request to see the contractor's work sheet.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORTS:**

**R1 Yellow Point  
Park:**

The new creek crossing and trail are under 1.5 feet of water at the moment. The suggestion was made that perhaps this should be a seasonal trail only. The level at the existing horse crossing is 1 foot, and another potential crossing area 20 feet away is bone dry.

It was agreed that a danger tree assessment should be carried out in Yellow Point Park; a local contractor with the qualification will be contacted about performing the work.

The hole in the surround of the garbage can is too large, and in general needs either repair or replacement. Bruce Mason and Don Pigott to assess and report.

A discussion was held on the lease agreement and master plan for this park. Decision is to adhere to the terms of the current lease agreement.

**R2 Blue Heron Park:**

Danger trees including 3 dead balsam and a big alder have been removed. The “No Parking” sign is still needed for the private driveway; Mary Marcotte will follow up.

**R3: Raven Park:**

No report.

**R4: Elliott’s Beach:**

The toilet surround will need repairs in the spring.

**R5: Michael Lake Trail:**

No report.

**R6: Trillium Park**

See item B4 above re: tree planting.

It was noted that because of the uneven ground, the grassy area at the Chandler Road entrance cannot be mowed as required. To remedy that situation, placement of topsoil in that area should be carried out in the spring.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NB1: 2010 Budget:**

The statement of revenue and expenses, and draft 2010 Community Park Budget Plan were distributed. Mary Marcotte reported that the requisition for this area had been increased without consultation with the parks commission, with a requirement that the year-end surplus go into a capital operating fund. This requirement has now been reversed.

**Moved  
Seconded**

**That the Area H Parks Commission approve the budget with a \$15,000 requisition, the 2009 year-end surplus of \$7324 to be carried over into our regular operating budget.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NB2: 2002 Five Year Plan Review**

Copies of the June 2002 Five Year Plan document were distributed. As it needs to be updated, Parks Commission members are to review the document for next meeting.

**NB3: Heart Lake Development**

The plan for this proposed seniors community was reviewed. Some Parks Commission members toured the site previously with members of the APC and the developers.

To be determined in conjunction with updating the five-year plan.

**NB4: Future Work  
Parties**

At the call of the chair.

**NEXT  
MEETING:**

January meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2010, 7:00 p.m., North Oyster Community Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved  
Seconded**

**That the meeting be adjourned.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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Barbara Waters, Secretary  
November 30, 2009