

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Area H Parks Commission held at North Oyster Community Centre on September 24, 2009.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Bruce Mason, Don Pigott, Murray McNab, Brad Uytterhagen, Area H Director Mary Marcotte, Secretary Barbara Waters

**ALSO PRESENT:** Warren Jones, Brian Farquhar

**ABSENT:** Snuffy Ladret

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

**IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED**

**That the agenda as circulated be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
MINUTES**

**IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED**

**That the minutes of the regular meeting of July 23, 2009, as circulated be adopted.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

**IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED**

**That the meeting resolve into closed session on the basis of Local Government Act Section 242.2, subsections in accordance with each agenda item.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED**

**That the commission rise without report.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS  
ARISING FROM  
THE MINUTES**

**B1 Wiggins  
Property**

Parks Commission members took note that a public hearing is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 5, 2009 at North Oyster Community Hall, preceded by an open house from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. The current proposal is for the donation to the North Oyster Fire Department of one acre at the Shell Beach Road end of the property. If in the future the fire department finds that this piece of property is superfluous to their needs it would revert to the community land bank.

**B2 Rock Donation**

A question arose as to whether the donation of 4 dumptrucks of rock does include any size rock, including gravel, as reported in the minutes of June 23. Rob Waters is to be contacted for clarification. It was confirmed that some rock could be used at Blue Heron Park, and some gravel could be used to build up the part of the trail that floods in Trillium Park. A tour of other parks to assess needs for rock or gravel would be useful.

**B3 Contractor**

**Hourly**

**Rate/Picnic Tables**

We have not yet located a suitable person to do the refinishing of the picnic tables and benches in Yellow Point, Blue Heron, Elliott's Beach and Raven Parks. We are looking for a contract rate rather than an hourly rate.

**REPORTS:**

**R1:**

**Yellow Point Park**

No report.

**R2:**

**Blue Heron Park**

This park was heavily used in the hot weather this summer, to the point where at times the adjacent private driveway was blocked. Don Pigott to follow up re: appropriate signage.

**R3:**

**Raven Park**

The contractor appears to be doing a good job of maintaining this park, which is still minimally used.

**R4:**

**Elliott's Beach**

This park is heavily used and maintenance is good except for a minor repair need to the toilet surround.

**R5:**

**Michael Lake  
Access**

No report.

**R6:**

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### **Trillium Park**

This park is very well used and appreciated by neighbours. A bear was recently sighted in the park. Parks Commission has yet to plant the trees proposed for the entrance off Chandler Road. Bruce Mason is to draft a letter to the CVRD clarifying Parks Commission expectations regarding future tree removal.

### **R7:**

### **Ladysmith Parks and Recreation**

Brad Uytterhagen attended the recent Ladysmith meeting on behalf of Area H Parks Commission. He reported that much of the discussion focused on development of Lot 108, which used to be part of Area H and is proposed as the site of a trailer park and sports complex.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **NB1:**

### **Survey of Blue Heron Park**

Murray McNab reported that subsequent to a recent discussion with Richard Hill of Yellow Point Lodge it was agreed that it would be prudent to survey Blue Heron Park to define its boundaries. Murray McNab to follow up and report to Director Marcotte.

### **NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, October 22, 6:30 p.m., North Oyster Community Hall.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved  
Seconded**

**That the meeting be adjourned.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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Barbara Waters, Secretary  
October 14, 2009