

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission held at Youbou Lanes, 8550 Hemlock Street, Youbou, BC, on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Chairperson Marcia Stewart
Rose Davidson
Dan Nickel
Rob Somers

ALSO PRESENT: Director Pat Weaver
Recording Secretary Tara Daly

REGRETS: Vice-Chairperson Gerald Thom

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be amended with the addition of one New Business item and one Old Business item as follows:

NB2 Volunteer Groups

OB2 Bald Mountain logging, and

that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M1 It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks meeting June 11, 2013 be amended by:

Changing report of Sunset Beach access: beach access has been breached, one bollard has been removed and launching of some sort has taken place (wharf). First noticed when observed a section of wharf being towed June 11, 2013 and on investigation found one bollard removed and evidence of access to the water; was told that the lock on one bollard has been “cut off” for a year, no cooperation from the neighbours. The derelict wharf at the access is a hazard in that it is in poor repair and liability will be attributed to the CVRD as it is accessed by the beach at Sunset Drive; and

that the minutes, as amended be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Didn't have flag raising on Canada Day – New Hope Church Society held a Canada Day celebration at the church.

CORRESPONDENCE

C1 Ellen Price, Woodland Shores Residents' Association chair – email re: broom

Would it be possible for CVRD to allocate funds to clean playground and three other areas; R. Dias' reply – the developer used a machine (bobcat

type machine) that cuts broom to the ground; does the Commission want to pursue the west end of the playfield? No broom on the playfield to get rid of. Looks like moonscape/desert. There are not any big trees. Cost of \$2000 to bring the machine to site. R. Somers will check to see how much is left to clear on parkland – maybe organize a volunteer work party (hotdogs/hamburgers supplied by CVRD), CVRD has broom puller. Creekside Residents Association could do a work party also – R. Davidson will check with residents at their AGM in August.

REPORTS

**AREA I
DIRECTOR**

- Director Weaver
- Cowichan Lake Recreation will use reserve funds (\$160,000) for some renovation of halls (boiler – heat pump installation; and asbestos abatement at Youbou Community Hall)
 - Because of the GST being dropped, CLR rates will remain stagnant even though there is a 7% increase in usage fees
 - Swimming pool – no meeting has been set with the Town of Lake Cowichan, Electoral Areas F & I; there should be a referendum
 - Thank you to Director Weaver for purchasing a new flag for Arbutus Park!

**COWICHAN LAKE
RECREATION**

- L. Blatchford
- L Blatchford explain that revenue generated from the concession held at Arbutus Park for the Youbou Regatta must show in the budget for Cowichan Lake Recreation as the requisition is received from the Town of Lake Cowichan and Electoral Areas F & I; and redirection of budget income would reflect a loss thus profits cannot be designated for building of a new lifeguard hut
 - Volunteers are a treasure – thanks to the Commission for volunteering in the concession for Regatta; M. Stewart will send a list of names (Director Weaver volunteered to assist with games; M. Stewart will confirm with G. Thom & his wife, R. Davidson, R. Somers, and M. Stewart are confirmed; D. Nickel is unable to attend; suggest purchasing sliced onions
 - Influx of children at swimming lessons and daycamp is off to a good start

CHAIRPERSON

- M. Stewart
- June 19th Commission Chairs' meeting: (B. Farquhar) interim Parks Volunteer Protocol will be distributed to Commissions for comments then forwarded to CVRD staff to determine if it conforms to Work Safe BC standards; form will be made that outlines the requirements for volunteering
 - Bylaw No. 738 (no smoking) in parks: everything, including campfires, will be reviewed at Board meeting; updated and improved by end of summer at which time a package will be created for ball clubs to inform them of the rule changes
 - Bylaw No. 2922 Committee/Commission Procedure bylaw: M. Stewart suggested notice of meeting on reader board and hall

bulletin board; Area I Parks meetings follow the Procedure Bylaw fairly closely; delegations are limited to 10 minutes presentation with two (2) per meeting; no question period as the Commission doesn't consist of 50% elected members; a motion can only be amended once; minutes should only record actions, not debates or opinions;

- Parks and Trails capital project flow chart handed out showing the transition from project idea to proceeding with the construction
- Parks maintenance issues and reporting (R. Dias): for the second year in row Federal funding for summer students has been cut
- Capital budget for 2014 will be discussed at the October 8, 2013 Commission meeting; all members are encouraged to attend

CVRD

Ryan Dias

- Woodland Shores broom (discussed under C1)
- Summer Student Crew progress - Little League Park: painted dugouts and cleaned up benches (Al Capeling, gatekeeper, said it was a good job); cleaned beaches at Woodland Shores and if time, will check out the beaches at Price Park
- Power pole in Arbutus Park will be replaced in the fall; the dead Arbutus tree is to be removed the week of July 2nd or July 8th and cut into pieces with the wood being placed in the bush; Commission was concerned that the fungus in the tree would affect the other trees/M. Stewart will ask R. Dias
- Yoga in Park at Stoker Park (program by Cowichan Lake Recreation) – CVRD Parks need to be kept in the loop as to what's going on and although the program is approved by CLR, R. Dias was unaware

OLD BUSINESS

OB1 Youbou Regatta – August 10, 2013 (discussed under Chair's Report)

OB2 Bald Mountain logging. west of Boy Scout camp (Crown Land): no logging has happened yet but when the chainsaws start it's too late; Commission concerned that CVRD will be bypassed and the Ministry of Forests will be approached directly asking permission to access

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Shaw Creek Estuary and Lakefront Properties for Sale – Northwest Cowichan Lake: G. Thom said there are two (2) parcels for sale at Hawes Bay and two (2) parcels at Shaw Creek; majority of area is wet lands; cost of \$2.5 million each; Parks function and/or Regional Parks function could possibly purchase – Commission members can email suggestion to Parks Committee Chair, Director Mel Dorey at mdorey@cvrd.bc.ca

NB2 M. Stewart shared that the Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society Chair Jean Atkinson had reported that they had worked with the Town of Lake Cowichan to clean up Saywell Park and had planted some native plants

NB3 R. Davision reported that CVRD staff had replaced portions of the bridge in Swordfern Park as it was rotten

R. Somers reported that some 125 feet of trail off Marble Bay Road was damaged by the machine that cleared the broom; it should be leveled and

compacted; it's felt that the developers of Woodland Shores not be charged because some alder was removed along with the broom

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular meeting of Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission will be held on September 10, 2013 at Youbou Lanes at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

9:01 pm It was moved and seconded that the Regular meeting of the Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.