

## **MINUTES OF ELECTORAL AREA I (Youbou/Meade Creek) PARKS COMMISSION MEETING**

**DATE:** April 12, 2011

**TIME:** 7:00pm

**MINUTES** of the Electoral Area I Parks Commission Meeting held on the above noted date and time in the Upper Hall, Youbou, BC. Called to order by chair at 7:05pm.

### **PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Marcia Stewart

Vice-chairperson: Gerald Thom

Members: Dave Charney, Dan Nickel, Ken Wilde

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Director: Klaus Kuhn

Alternate Director:

Secretary: Tara Daly

### **REGRETS:**

**GUESTS:** Trish Waddington

### **ELECTIONS**

*Marcia Stewart was elected by acclamation to serve as Chairperson and Gerald Thom was elected by acclamation to serve as Vice-chairperson. The Commission congratulated Marcia on doing such an awesome job.*

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

*It was Moved and Seconded to accept the agenda with the following additions:*

*Under Delegations – Trish Waddington; Under New Business - ‘Mann Property Park Dedication’; also Under New Business – Stoker Park parking lot*

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

*It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of February 8, 2011 be accepted with the following amendment:*

*on page 2 – ‘repairs to the Playfield’ not Stoker Park*

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **DELEGATION**

T Waddington expressed great concern over the dust, dirt, and grime the many logging trucks are bringing into Youbou; between 9am and 10am this morning she had counted thirteen (13) trucks; Director Kuhn & George deLure have met with TimberWest representatives but there hasn't been too much headway; they aren't willing to install a 'washing centre'; they will have the sweeper from Mainroad Contracting to come through but the general consensus of the Commission was that that could be daily; Director Kuhn will be meeting with MoTI representatives and will question the permit holder's responsibility for entry from private road to public road; it may be necessary to contact media and/or protest by blocking the road; the situation is certainly ongoing with no obvious solutions as of yet; Director Kuhn will continue to pursue all avenues

## **BUSINESS ARISING**

- **Land behind Firehall** ~ ATVs are desecrating the area; it is private land (owned by Youbou Lands); is to be an increase in Arbutus Park parkland; should be gated to discourage the ongoing abuse

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- NONE

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Town Hall meeting on May 4, lower hall, starting at 7pm (Emergency Preparedness presentation by Sybille Sanderson, CVRD, Public Awareness acting Manager)
- Director Kuhn has been appointed as CVRD representative on the Island Corridor Foundation
- Town of Lake Cowichan OCP draft has been given to the CVRD directors for comment; one main concern is the desire of the Town to expand its boundaries to include Meade Creek Industrial Property (Johel Bros.)

## **COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION**

- the Arena is officially opened; a Programmer 1 (John) has been hired; two (2) full-time, one (1) part-time, and one (1) casual lifeguards have been hired working from June 27<sup>th</sup> to September 3<sup>rd</sup>

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- minutes and budget papers were given to those members who hadn't attended the AGM with the following high-lites for members
- Youbou Lands is waiting for a Certificate of Compliance from MoE which could take up to six (6) months; the initial item on their agenda will be the bridge over Cottonwood Creek
- it was asked by a member of the public if it was possible to have Area I septic dumped into the sewer system at Woodland Shores; Director Kuhn had looked into it and found that sludge from septic tanks is not the same as sewerage and would ultimately have to be pumped from the system so is not feasible
- local people (Creekside) would like to see the development of Mile 77 Park suggesting beach (swimming) access, playground equipment, and tennis courts; as the park gets more used, those kind of improvements will be looked into
- M. Stewart attended the Regional District Parks' chairperson's meeting noting that Area I Parks are the only area that doesn't have a major project this year mostly because the parks that are used are in pretty good shape

## **COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT**

- the playfield at Woodland Shores has been rolled, taking out the ruts, the irrigation system will be tested in the next week, the cost is anticipated to be about \$500 because there wasn't as much damage as initially thought
- contractor has begun aeration at Arbutus Park and Mile 77 Park
- washrooms will be open for the season on May 1<sup>st</sup>
- gatekeepers ~ G. Thom for Mile 77 Park, K. Wilde for Little League Park, D. Nickel for Sunset Beach Access & Nantree Park, M. Stewart for Arbutus Park & Hard Hat Shack, D. Charney for Swordfern Park & Marble Bay Park, Gillian Scott for Price Park, Director Kuhn for Denninger Trail, M. Stewart will contact Ed Deiekan for Stoker Park & the playfield
- new signs warning of elk in the area have been put up at Arbutus Park
- contractor is doing winter clean-up, liming
- does the Commission wish to have a work party to remove the sleeves on the seedlings and

pull broom on Bald Mountain? M. Stewart to contact Jack Casey from Scouts Canada to see if they are interested in this project. The trails on Bald Mountain have had trail bikes spinning out on corners, followed by rain causing ruts and washing outs, the trails needs some maintenance

- it was noted by CVRD staff that at Arbutus Park and Little League Park, the washroom buildings need painting and toilets need to be replaced

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Font Board** ~ fluorescent tubes cannot be removed to dim the light
- **Park Commission Events** ~ think about it for this year; wasn't a great turn-out last year
- **Parking Lot at Stoker Park** ~ vehicles continue to cause problems along with a fire in the middle of the parking lot; it's hoped that the construction of some homes will limit further destruction

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Parks Walkabout** ~ Sunday, May 1 meeting at 9am at Arbutus Park
- **Memorial Park Bench** ~ Myles Palliser confirms they have material for the bench for his father; Commission to bring forward ideas for the plaque at the next meeting
- **Mann Property park** ~ current covenant allows for a trail only, no access north or south; owners wish to swap the covenant along the water for a wider access between to greenspace areas; Commission wants to investigate further, a meeting will be set-up with Commission members and Parks staff
- **Student Crew 2011** ~ trail maintenance at Creekside including broom pulling and the same at Bald Mountain (if time permits); Commission will do some work at the entrances to Arbutus Park and Mile 77 Park
- **The Fire Department** did some hydrant flushing and washed away gravel at the east end of Mile 77 Park; it needs to be investigated and repaired
- **Park Projects 2011** ~ at least two (2) dedicated breakers in the power supply at Shack at Arbutus Park allowing for coffee makers; could parking lot at playground be levelled?
- think about other projects (5-year Plan) to be brought forward at May meeting
- Meeting Schedule for the rest of 2011 is May 10<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, No August, September 13<sup>th</sup>, October 11<sup>th</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup>, December 13<sup>th</sup>; the Parks Agenda will be put on the CVRD website

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10pm.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **NEXT MEETING**

June 14, 2011

7pm at Youbou Lanes

/s/ Tara Daly  
Secretary