

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

DATE: February 10, 2009

TIME: 7:00pm

MINUTES of the Electoral Area I Parks Commission Meeting held on the above noted date and time at Youbou Lanes, Youbou, BC. Called to order by chair at 7:10pm.

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Marcia Stewart

Vice-Chairperson: Sheny Gregory

Members: Dan Nickel, Wayne Palliser, Gerald Thom

ALSO PRESENT:

Director:

Alternate Director:

Secretary: Tara Daly

Guests:

ABSENT: Director Klaus Kuhn, Alternate Director Alex Marshall

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

*It was Moved and Seconded to accept the agenda with additions of:
Mile 77 Park ~ planting of trees, under Old Business
Park updates, under New Business*

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of January 13, 2009 be accepted

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

- **Little League Park** ~ no quote as of yet for the levelling and irrigation for outfield
- **Trees for Tomorrow** ~ M. Stewart looked through the application but there was too much detail needed for the short timeframe; if other grants come forward they may be given to Tanya Soroka (CVRD) to complete

CORRESPONDENCE

- email received from Helen Evans voicing concerns about maintaining status quo at *Spring Beach*; M. Stewart had checked with B. Farquhar (CVRD) to determine who was responsible for the property, after discussion by the Commission clarification is needed as to whether the property is the responsibility of the BC Forest Service (Port Alberni) or is a Provincial Recreation Site, M. Stewart will look into further and report back to H. Evans

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- None
- short discussion by Commission about the pros and cons of participating through taxes with the pool in Duncan

COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION

- L. Backlund said that she could supply someone to change the information on the Font Board when it is

- installed but the Commission decided they will look after changing the information for the time being
- *Lake Cowichan Spirit of BC* ~ received \$6 800 grant; day-long program at the Cowichan Lake Sports Arena including appearances by the Olympic Mascots; Ski Trip to Mount Washington is also part of the celebrations, as well as, Free Bowling on February 13th
- advertisement for activities sponsored by the Parks Commission for inclusion into the PlayBook are needed by Thursday, February 12th

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- April 26th ~ hike Little Bald Mountain: W. Palliser will supply propane burner and large canner, G. Thom will supply hot chocolate and marshmallows; M. Stewart will supply cups; hot chocolate to be served in parking lot at the end of the hike
- May 24th ~ Kathryn Swan has agreed to do the plant identification with the goal to have pictures of same on the kiosk at Price Park
- June 14th ~ W. Palliser and S. Gregory will supply BBQs, G. Thom will seek donations from Country Grocer (Village Market) of wieners, buns, and condiments, M. Stewart will supply juice and container (from Cowichan Lake Recreation); games and prizes were discussed with more discussion at next month's meeting
- information for all events will be in the Spring PlayBook, the same advertisement used as posters around the Cowichan Lake area, and distribution through the schools and youth organizations
- M. Stewart noted she would not be able to attend the April 26th event
- M. Stewart also noted she had made a submission to the Lake Cowichan Gazette about the coming activities, the AGM, and just general information on Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

- **Font Board** ~ Ryan Dias reported that the installation will be Friday, February 13th or Tuesday, February 17th, W. Palliser will volunteer his services; a second set of letters was also ordered along with a pole to assist in changing the information on the board
- **Maintenance Contract** ~ bidding closes on Friday, February 13th, twenty-five (25) packages were taken out, nine (9) persons took part in the walkabout, and six (6) are local persons; Director Kuhn will take part in the selection process, as well as, M. Stewart if she is available
- **Arbutus Park** ~ the infamous missing walkway will be visually confirmed as belonging to Area I Parks by the builder and then B. Farquhar (CVRD) will approach the person who is in possession of it to have it returned; the tender process for the irrigation system has not begun because of lack of funds, when it does move forward it will be most likely promoted as a total replacement dollar figure with the hope to utilize existing useable material; *Commission discussed this proposal and felt it would probably be more expensive in the end with labour costs to determine the viability of using existing materials and felt it only necessary to save the valves and the heads and install all new lines*
- **Nantree Park** ~ work is proceeding on the boomsticks (Cliff Gibson of Jornic is doing) with an approximate cost of \$2 000; walkway/ramp repairs at a cost of \$1 500 - \$2 000
- **Questions raised by Commission** ~ 1) Have the ladders on the floats at Nantree Park been replaced as the existing ones are too short? 2) Why weren't the slides at Nantree Park and Arbutus Park not covered over the winter months? 3) Is it possible to see the actual bills for work done on the Area I Parks? 4) At the budget meeting in October 2008 there was a surplus of \$17 000 with no outstanding bills but now there is only \$8 000. Where is the missing \$9 000?
- **Mile 77 Park** ~ a retaining wall will have to be installed on one side of the creek, the Summer Student Crew will do; the Summer Student Crew will only be in Area I for two (2) days
- **Woodland Shores** ~ all the roads have been deactivated, trails will be completed in three (3) months, developers wish to have a site visit by the end of February with the Parks Commission, CVRD staff, and the Boy Scouts to identify park amenities

OLD BUSINESS

- **Annual General Meeting** ~ March 29th at 1pm, T. Daly will get information to Ken Abbott, Fire Commission chair, Orest Smycniuk, Firechief, and Jennifer Hughes at CVRD; the Parks Commission will invite the APC, the Fire Commission, the Gatekeeper, and Jennifer Hughes for a Potluck Social
- **Mile 77 Park** ~ trees will be planted March 8th at 10am, M. Stewart will bring the trees and bonemeal from Dinter's, G. Thom will donate horse manure, Glen & Gillian (local tree planters) will be asked to attend along with anyone else who wishes to

NEW BUSINESS

- **Marble Bay Park** ~ S. Gregory noted there are two (2) trees across the pathway, W. Palliser offered to clear them away

ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50pm.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting on March 10, 2009 at 7:00pm at Youbou Lanes

Annual General Meeting ~ March 29th at 1pm *remember your potluck dish*
Tree Planting at Mile 77 Park ~ March 8th at 10am

Item for next agenda

games and prizes for Mile 77 Park community picnic

/s/ Tara Daly
Secretary