

Area D Parks Commission General Meeting Minutes
Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre
October 19, 2009

Meeting called to order: 18:04

Present: Steve Garnett, Kerrie Talbot, Donna Einarsson, Val Townsend, Megan Stone,
Danica Rice, Lori Iannidinardo

Minutes from last meeting (Sept 28/2009):

- Approved

Correspondence

1. Query by member of public re: brush clearing near trail in estuary area.
 - not a Area D Parks trail (is Duck's Unlimited). However, Lori will address concerned citizen
2. Query by member of public re: cost of Wilmot Trail
 - Citizen wanted to congratulate Commission if it was cost effective and good use of our Parks Commission budget, and didn't want to know if it was not.

Report on recent events

- Cittaslow breakfast received good reviews

Report on upcoming events

- Torch relay coming through Cowichan Bay on October 31, 2009
- Volunteer dinner on November 27, 2009

New Business

- South Cowichan Parks Commission Report from 5 October, 2009.
 - Attended by Val and Kerrie. Minutes from meeting read aloud.

- Area D Parks Commission asking for more information on South Cowichan Parks Commission, namely: 1) terms of reference 2) are directors welcome 3) are directors allowed to vote 4) mission statement 5) when are the elections 6) what are protocols and procedures 7) what are the bylaws and policies 8) where can the past minutes be found 9) what is the policy concerning the distribution of the agenda and the minutes 10) what is its mandate?

Ongoing Business

1. Wilmot Road off road trail:
 - Parks Commission members to walk and give feedback at next meeting
 - The edges are not supported and is/can slough off. There is erosion around the entrance rock, across from Falcon Crescent.
 - Trail's dedication ceremony is to be either in conjunction with the opening of the new Coverdale Watson construction in the fall, or split them up so that there is a ceremony for the trail in the spring and one for Coverdale Watson in the fall. To be discussed.
2. re: Lambourn Pond that connects to Tom Bannister Park. New name = Treehouse pond. A name is needed for the park – to be discussed.
3. Sparwood Trail update by Lori: there is going to be a bench at the top with space for 3 cars. It will link up with the other trails in the immediate vicinity.
4. Coverdale Watson Park future upgrade plans:
 - 2010 budget request: regulation size tennis court with two basketball nets
 - Water fountain
 - Washroom upgrade
 - New play structure.
5. Possible Townhall date: November 9, 2009? Lori to confirm.
6. Pritchard Road Trail Connector (going down ravine):
 - Sign now in place = “No dumping into ravine”
 - Sensitive area b/c of rookery. Fall the best time to do work on it
 - To be furthered discussed.

7. Progress on totem's repair in Hecate Park? Lori to investigate.
8. The Broadway Farm (18 acres):
 - Danica to do further research into the possibility of its acquisition. Danica would appreciate help from CVRD staff in researching acquisition and remediation, taking into account the environmental contamination issues.
9. ALC has signage re: respecting farm land. Parks Commission sees value in putting up similar signs, along with new trail marking signs discussed at last meeting
10. at the corner of Wilmot and Cowichan Bay Rd: plan to extend the cement barrier and cut back bushes just enough to allow for safe pedestrian travel around the corner.
11. Future plans: off road trails between Mariner Ridge and Wilmot Road; Cherry Point Road off road trail similar to Wilmot Road trail (query funding through Safety Lens?)
12. Question for B. Farqhar: are our Parks Commission vests coming?

Next meeting 16 November, 2009 at 1800

Meeting adjourned at 2006 on September 28, 2009