

Minutes of the Parks Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at 3:30 p.m. in the Regional District Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC

PRESENT

Director M. Dorey, Chair
Director L. Duncan
Director I. Morrison
Director J. Krug
Director M. Walker
Director J. Lefebure
Director B. Fraser
Director R. Hartmann

ALSO PRESENT

Director P. Weaver
Director R. Hutchins
Warren Jones, Corporate Administrative Officer
Ron Austen, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture Department
Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks & Trails Division
Laura Gale, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair noted changes to the agenda, which included one item of New Business

It was Moved and Seconded

That the agenda, be amended with the addition of the following item of New Business:

NB1 Stoney Hill Road

and that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

M1 - MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Minutes of the Parks Committee Meeting of September 12, 2012, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

STAFF REPORTS

R1 – Cobble Hill Mountain Regional Recreation Area Update

Report dated November 7, 2012, from Dan Brown, Trails Planning Technician, regarding Cobble Hill Mountain Regional Recreation Area Update.

Discussion ensued regarding this report.

It was Moved and Seconded

That this report be received and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

**R2 – Cowichan Valley
Trail Completion
Initiative**

Report dated November 8, 2012, from Dan Brown, Trails Planning Technician, regarding Cowichan Valley Trail Completion Initiative

It was Moved and Seconded

That priority be given to completion of sections of the Cowichan Valley Trail between Hwy 18 and the Cowichan Exhibition Grounds and between Chemainus to Saltair/Town of Ladysmith along with ongoing joint effort with the Capital Regional District to complete the connection over the Malahat; and furthermore, that the Regional District work with Halalt First Nation to identify potential sources of funding to complete the section of the Cowichan Valley Trail in the vicinity of their reserve lands.

MOTION CARRIED

**R3 – Cowichan Valley
Trail – Detailed Design
Studies**

Report dated November 14, 2012, from Dan Brown, Trails Planning Technician, regarding Cowichan Valley Trail – Detailed Design Studies – TO BE DISTRIBUTED

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Capital Regional District (CRD) be requested to provide \$3,500 from the Trans Canada Trail Relocation Fund as matching funds for the Shawnigan Creek Bridge Design portion of the \$71,500 Trans Canada Trail Engineering and Feasibility Grant received, and that remaining funds necessary to match the grant be derived from the Regional Parks (280) Operating Budgets in 2012/13 and the previously approved Federal Gas Tax funding for the Cowichan Valley Trail project.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION

No information received.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

**NB1 – Stoney Hill
Road**

Verbal Report from Brian Farquhar on the Stoney Hill Road matter in North Cowichan.

CLOSED SESSION

It was Moved and Seconded

That the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the *Community Charter* Part 4, Division 3, Section 90(1)(e), Subsections as noted in accordance with each agenda item.

MOTION CARRIED

The Committee moved into closed session at 4:40 p.m.

RISE

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Committee rose without report.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary