

Minutes of the Parks Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. in the Regional District Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC

PRESENT

Director Mel Dorey, Chair
Director Loren Duncan, Vice Chair
Director Lori Iannidinardo
Director John Lefebure
Director Barb Lines
Director Mary Marcotte
Director Pat Weaver

Also Present: Director Mike Walker
Director Rob Hutchins
Director Ian Morrison

Absent: Director Ruth Hartmann

CVRD STAFF

Ron Austen, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture Department
Warren Jones, Corporate Administrative Officer
Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks & Trails Division
Ryan Dias, Parks Operations Superintendent
Tanya Soroka, Parks & Trails Planner
Mary Anne McAdam, 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 Property at Marble Bay

and that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

M1 – ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded
That the Minutes of the Parks Committee Meeting of March 13, 2013, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

STAFF REPORTS

R1 – Proposed 2013 Regional Parks & Trails Work Program

Report from Brian Farquhar, Parks & Trails Manager, regarding the Proposed 2013 Regional Parks and Trails Work Program.

It was Moved and Seconded
That the Committee endorse the 2013 Regional Parks and Trails work program as presented

MOTION CARRIED

**R2 – Cowichan Valley
Trail Completion
Initiative**

Report from Dan Brown, Trails Planning Technician, presented by Brian Farquhar, regarding Cowichan Valley Trail Completion Initiative – Feasibility Studies Update.

It was Moved and Seconded
That this report be received for information purposes.

MOTION CARRIED

**R3 – Cobble Hill
Classic XC Mountain
Bike Race**

Report from Dan Brown Trails Planning Technician, regarding Cobble Hill Classic XC Mountain Bike Race Special Event Application.

It was Moved and Seconded
That the Special Event application from The Cowichan Valley Cycling Club to hold a cross-country mountain bike race on designated trails within the Cobble Hill Mountain Regional Recreation Area on Sunday, April 21, 2013, be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Proof of the \$5,000,000 liability insurance that the company has to cover the event, which also identifies the CVRD and the Province of BC named as additional insured,
2. A damage deposit of \$500 must be provided to the CVRD for confirmation that the company will clean up all garbage and fix any damaged trails on the race route upon completion of the event and that all racers will stay on designated trails identified on CVRD parkland and within the regional recreation area.
3. Alpine Stables is notified at least two weeks in advance of the event by the event organizers of the trails to be used to allow sufficient time for equestrian riding routes to be modified for the day of the event.
4. That both porta-potties within Quarry Nature Park are pumped out and cleaned following the race at the cost of the race organizers, payment of which will be provided by cheque along with the damage deposit.
5. That the Cobble Hill Parks Commission has endorsed the use of Quarry Nature Park in Cobble Hill as a staging area for the event.

MOTION CARRIED

**R4 – Lot 1 Riverbottom
Road**

Report from Tanya Soroka, Parks & Trails Planner, regarding Lot 1 Riverbottom Road – Addition to Sandy Pool Regional Park.

It was Moved and Seconded:
That this report be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED

**R5 – Somenos Marsh
Steering Committee**

Report from Brian Farquhar, Parks & Trails Manager, regarding Somenos Marsh Steering Committee.

It was Moved and Seconded
That the invitation from the Somenos Marsh Management Committee for representation from the Cowichan Valley Regional District Parks and Trails Division be endorsed.

MOTION CARRIED

**R6 – Special Parks
District Forum 2013**

Report from Brian Farquhar, Parks & Trails Manager, regarding the Special Parks District Forum 2013.

It was Moved and Seconded

That consideration be given for a member of the Parks Committee to attend the 2013 Special Parks District Forum (SPDF) hosted by Capital Regional District Parks and Metro Vancouver Parks from June 9 to 15, 2013.

MOTION DEFEATED

**NEW BUSINESS
NB1 – Marble Bay**

It was Moved and Seconded

That we seek a right-of-first-refusal should the opportunity arise to acquire the parcel of land owned by the University of Victoria at Marble Bay

MOTION CARRIED

1 MINUTE BREAK

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), Subsections as noted in accordance with each agenda item.

MOTION CARRIED

The Committee moved into closed session at 4:07 p.m.

RISE

The Committee rose without report.

ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded

That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4.29 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary