

Area G Parks Meeting

Monday, February 04, 2019

Call to order 19:00

Attendance: Mike Brocklebank, Dave Key, Wendy Martin, Jenna Macdonald, Lynne

Smith, Greg Taylor, Jason Wilson.

Regrets: Doug Johnson.

Guests: Debbie Neil.

Motion to approve agenda: carried.

Motion to approve previous minutes: carried.

Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, & Secretary

- Dave Key Chair
- Mike Brocklebank Vice Chair
- Seceretary: not elected, duties to rotate.

Use of Saltair Community Center

- Agreement for this evening's meeting accepted.
- Motion to accept month to month contract: passed.

Old Business

- A. Mitigation of tripping hazards on trails caused by root exposure due to leaf blowing: no update.
- B. Action plan regarding fire hazards of fuel loads: CVRD doesn't have budget for this. CVRD has not performed a study/plan. Suggestion to have education campaign for local homeowners.
- C. Provision of update to any new bylaws: see Director's report.

D. Centennial Park Survey results from Tanya Soroka: forthcoming.

New Business

- A. Saltair CPAC Information Files: suggestion to compile Parks Commission related information in central online location. Commission member to begin BETA trial. Will review in March meeting.
- B. Preparation of Outdoor Recreation Survey: Commission will draft a potential questionnaire for presentation at March meeting.
- C. Suggestion for CVRD report on performance to budget: Director will report to Commission.
- D. Wind storm cleanup bill for \$18,615 for Saltair. Is in 2019 budget, with transfer from operating reserve.

Reports

Director's Report

- A. Bylaw 4153 has been passed.
- B. Volunteer Bylaw: will be revisiting as an option.
- C. Parks Budget: Bylaw Enforcement Park Ranger will be available under new budget.
 - Education needed for general public.
 - Taxation was increased by \$15,000, wasn't used in 2018, still available.
 - Garbage collection in parks seems excessive at \$2550.
 - Electrical usage in Saltair Centennial seems high, commission exploring ideas to reduce.
- D. Parks Grant: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. Centennial Park possible candidate, could use more green technology. Grant application closes in March.
- E. Community Center for meetings: Chair to contact CVRD regarding booking room.
- F. Keys for gates: gatekeeper contract to be renewed. First responders would need to know how to gain access in the case of emergency. G. Parks container: need to have lock removed.

- H. Emergency Container: not a park item, Public Safety at CVRD. Need to educate public on need for self preparedness.
- I. Princess Diana Terms of Use: Chair has distributed the Terms of Agreement.
- J. New event: Saltair Summer Fest. Old fashioned games, treats, summer fun.
- K. "Piece of Saltair" rounds from recent blowdown will be worked by local artists and displayed in park.

CVRD Report

• No report.

Centennial Park

- A. Master Plan report: no report.
- B. Tennis court repair: need to determine how much usage, and operating costs. There may not be a need depending on usage.
- C. Disc Golf: still hoping to see this in the Centennial Master Plan. A good fit for Centennial Park.
- D. Commission will investigate pickle ball as an option in Centennial. This was on Master Plan questionnaire.

Diana Princess of Wales

- See previous discussion.
- Path rehabilitation: need for path to be rehabilitated to pre storm conditions. Preferred surface still under consideration, bark mulch favoured.

Stocking Creek Parks

A. Boardwalk repair: tree fell during storm and damaged boardwalk section. Work complete.

Beach Accesses

- A. Skye Rd. is a private road, complaints received by private residents. Not our jurisdiction. Saltair Ball League
- No report.
- Chair will invite league to next meeting for clarification of contract/relationship.
- Field maintenance under consideration to find most efficient methods.

Special Events

- A. Easter: application is in process. First aid attendants needed. Commission will put feelers out.
- B. Saltair Summer Fest: previously discussed as good idea.
- C. Halloween: Director to investigate using monies from recreation budget.

Management of Parks Warning Signs

• To be relevant, signs need to be timely and removed when not applicable.

Next Meeting

Next Parks Commission meeting to be held Monday, March 04 at 19:00 in the Saltair Community Centre.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: carried.

Meeting adjourned at 20:55.