

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission held in the Upper Community Hall, 8550 Hemlock Street, Youbou, BC, on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 7:09 pm.

PRESENT: Chairperson Marcia Stewart
Rose Davidson, Recording Secretary
Rob Somers

ALSO PRESENT: Area I Director Klaus Kuhn

Monroe and Denise Grobe, residents of Woodland Shores and candidates for Parks Commission membership in 2015.

REGRETS: Dan Nickel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks meeting of October 14, 2014, be adopted.

BUSINESS ARISING

None

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

AREA I DIRECTOR

- Klaus Kuhn briefly commented on some of the changes at the board level of the CVRD after the recent elections.
- He will review the budget in the new year, after he has had time to analyze the issues more carefully.
- Concerning the truck wash in Youbou, he reported that preparatory work at the chosen site is continuing, with a well being drilled to enable future testing of ground water quality.

COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION

L. Blatchford

- Summer Student Postings went up this week (details on CVRD website).
- Interviews for the Programmer II position are starting.
- The Christmas Craft Fair in Youbou Hall was a great success, with over 40 tables booked; people turnout was good and vendors felt they did very well.
- After the recent elections, we are welcoming back to the Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission table Klaus Kuhn, Ian Morrison and Ross Forrest. Our six appointed members' terms expire December 31 and the three elected officials will put their heads together and appoint six members in time for January's first meeting.
- Winter Wonderland Carnival is to be held at the Cowichan Lake Sports Arena on December 23 (6 – 8 p.m.) – Santa will be there.

- Tickets (\$15 per person) for the Annual New Year’s Eve Dance to be held in the Youbou Lower Hall will be available at the Arena office and Youbou Hall. There will be canned music, hats and noisemakers, and a midnight meal.
- Management has been working with the Liquor Branch to expand the number of green lined areas under the existing Primary Liquor License at the Cowichan Lake Sports Arena and has recently been granted approval in principle to expand from 3 to 19 green lined areas. The goal of this expansion is to be able to offer more service to customers and to hopefully enhance revenue generating options for the food and beverage section. Questions about how the new system will work should be directed at Linda Blatchford.

CHAIRPERSON

M. Stewart Thanks to the CVRD, volunteers had a great Christmas dinner which also provided the opportunity for a very nice tribute to the late Gerald Thom.

CVRD

Ryan Dias

- Maintenance work is winding down.
- Boom sticks at Arbutus Park came loose and had to be reattached

OLD BUSINESS

OB 1

Memorial for Gerald Thom

Ryan Dias has advised that members of the Parks Commission should first determine where the best location would be for placing the proposed BBQ shelter within Mile 77 Park and then have a plan drawn up by CVRD staff. Once that is done, the design/plan can be used to raise funds for the project. Gerald Thom had a very wide circle of people he knew and worked with in many institutions, government departments and companies besides the local residents of the Cowichan Lake area. So, hopefully, it should not be too difficult to get enough donations to cover the approx. \$20,000 needed for a structure of approx. 14 x 20 feet. M. Stewart, R. Somers and R. Davidson will visit the park to choose a location and R. Somers offered to come up with a sketch for a design idea.

OB 2

Arbutus Park – Light

M. Stewart reports that the problem with the lighting in the park continues. The light comes on intermittently and then goes out.

OB 3

Playfield Park

R. Somers and M. and D. Grobe report that four trees will be delivered within the week and planted in Playfield Park.

NEW BUSINESS

NB 1

Memo from Tanya Soroka, CVRD Parks and Trail Planner (Oct. 28, 2014)

The memorandum outlining the public process to prepare a Concept Plan for Revitalizing Arbutus Park in Youbou was read at the meeting.

NB 2

Y2015 AGM

A tentative date has been set for the next AGM. Considering that it has to be held on a Sunday in February, it was proposed to hold it on the first Sunday, February 1, 2015. This date has to still be coordinated with the Youbou Fire Protection Service Commission (K. Kuhn to discuss with Orest Smycniuc, Youbou Fire Chief), since usually both commissions hold their AGMs on the same day and location.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded that the Regular meeting of Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next Regular meeting of Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2015.