

Minutes of the Parks Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the Regional District Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC

PRESENT

Director Mel Dorey, Chair
Director Lori Iannidinardo, Vice-Chair
Director Loren Duncan
Director Gerry Giles
Director Phil Kent
Director Dave Haywood
Director Klaus Kuhn

Also: Director Ian Morrison

CVRD STAFF

Ron Austen, Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture Department
Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks & Trails Division
Warren Jones, Administrator
Mary Anne McAdam, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

**It was Moved and Seconded
That the agenda be amended with the addition of:
Closed Session: CS(NB1) – Licence Agreement [Section 90(1)(e)]**

MOTION CARRIED

M1 - MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded
That the Minutes of the Special Parks Committee Meeting of October 22, 2008,
Be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION

The Committee moved into Closed Session at 3:35 p.m.

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

RISE

The Committee rose without report.

BUSINESS ARISING

Director L. Duncan requested an update on the status of the October 22, 2008,
Motion regarding Eagle Heights Grasslands.

Brian Farquhar indicated that he will ensure that a letter of endorsement is sent
to The Nature Conservancy.

An update on the status of the Eagle Heights Grasslands will be presented at the
April 8th meeting of the Parks Committee.

STAFF REPORTS

**R1 – BEAT
Community Planning
Grant**

Report on funding available through the Built Environment and Active Transportation (BEAT) Community Grants Program.

Received for information purposes.

**R2 – Cobble Hill
Mountain Bike Race
Event**

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the application from The Experience Cycling Club to hold a cross-country mountain bike race on designated trails within the Cobble Hill Mountain Recreation Area on Sunday, May 10, 2009, 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 as an 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.
3. Confirmations that there will be notices of the even posted along the trail in advance of, and during the day of, the event that will advise other trail users of the race.
4. That Alpine Stables be notified, by registered mail at least 30 days in advance of the event, by Experience Cycling Club.
5. That the port-a-potties for this event be placed in a location as determined by the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission.

MOTION CARRIED

**R3 – Island Corridor
Foundation E&N Rail
Trail Standards and
Guidelines Update**

Update on the joint initiative of the five Regional Districts along the E&N Railway right-of-way in partnership with the Island Corridor Foundation and Southern Railway to establish “rail with trail” standards and guidelines specific to future trail development within the rail corridor.

Received for information purposes.

**R4 – Cowichan Valley
Trail Completion
Initiative**

Report on Trail work for 2009 under the Cowichan Valley Trail Completion Initiative Program and outline of available funding.

Received for information purposes.

**R5 – BC Trails
Strategy Update**

Update on the progress of the Provincial Trails Strategy Committee work towards developing a Recreation Trails Strategy for British Columbia.

Received for information purposes.

**R6 – Regional
Parkland Acquisition
Fund**

Summary of the Regional Parkland Acquisition Fund Referendum process and costs leading up to the referendum held on November 15, 2008.

Received for information purposes.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received.

**INFORMATION
IN1 – Greenway
Conference**

Greenway Conference (parks forum) June 8 – 12, 2009.

Received for information purposes.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions from the public.

NEXT MEETING:

April 8, 2009

ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded
That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Chair

Recording Secretary