

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, March 11, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Chairperson Marcia Stewart
Vice-Chairperson Gerald Thom
Rose Davidson
Dan Nickel
Rob Somers
Director Pat Weaver

ALSO

PRESENT: Recording Secretary Tara Daly

ELECTIONS It was moved and seconded that the elections for chairperson and vice-chairperson be held at the end of the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be amended by moving Elections to the end of the meeting; and that the agenda as amended, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M1 It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks meeting of February 11, 2014 be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

- Fundraising by Nantree residents – the residents have no interest in fundraising to contribute to the new wharf at Nantree Park; the wharf will be removed and dealt with in an environmentally friendly way; materials for the new wharf will be purchased locally
- No further information on sewer and water fees at Stoker Park

REPORTS

AREA I DIRECTOR

Director Weaver

- Budget discussions are ongoing, finalizing by the end of March

COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION

L. Blatchford

- Little League Park – no information on use of the park by the Slow Pitch League or Little League
- Curling ice is in the process of being removed
- Pickle Ball will start night sessions in Youbou as the day sessions are so popular
- Spring Playbook is out; no longer glossy cover

- Increased programming options are being offered through Cowichan Lake Recreation
- International Tankard event – Canada won the 52 year old event, with many teams coming from the United States, as well as other places in BC
- The new programmer, Kyler Nurmsoo, has started with great enthusiasm
- The regular hockey leagues are winding down
- The arena ice will be out May 20th
- Bowling Leagues at Youbou Lanes are winding down
- Spring Break programs are in place

CHAIRPERSON

M. Stewart

- No Report

CVRD

Ryan Dias

- The parks maintenance crew has started the spring clean-up preparing the parks for the upcoming season

OLD BUSINESS

OB1

Memorial Bench Update – Rob Somers

- No further updates from CVRD staff; the bench location has been marked out; the wooden part is ready to go; G. Gidden, CVRD, is planning a site visit to meet with R. Somers; CVRD will supply the metal frame (\$450) and cement, if necessary; R. Somers will confirm the length of the bench for G. Gidden; R. Somers will continue to be the contact person with CVRD staff; the plan is to complete the project within a month; M. Stewart will look into donations of one or two shade trees

OB2

Budget for 2014

- Requisition is the same as 2013 at \$116,000
- 2014 Scheduled Capital Projects Budget Total \$29,682 ~ Price Park Trail Upgrades \$8,182; Youbou Little League Park Field (small) Upgrades \$5,000; Stoker Park – Box Steps and Curtain Drain \$1,500; Nantree Park – Float Replacement \$10,000; Arbutus Park Washroom Design/Siting/Utility Plans \$5,000
- CVRD staff suggested that the \$5,000 surplus from the 2013 budget be designated for the Arbutus Park plans

OB3

Properties for Disposal

- CVRD staff have determined that the five-acre property adjacent to the Creekside sewer treatment is needed for the future expansion; the property was purchased by Area I Parks with the understanding that, if the area was needed for expansion, it would be purchased by Engineering at the original purchase price
- CVRD staff have informed Director Weaver there is a proposed development north of Palmer Way and the parkland attached to the Palmer Way development would be the only access to Cowichan Lake so would therefore be an asset and shouldn't be disposed of

Director Weaver will speak further with staff about the status of the property

at Creekside, clarifying that funds should be returned to Area I Parks from Engineering if it has been determined the property is needed; the Commission would like to earmark those funds to assist with the purchase of property at Shaw Creek which is considered the most complete and important eco-system on Cowichan Lake.

Regional Park Acquisition – G. Thom will be attending the Regional Parks Committee meeting on March 12th to pursue accessing the Regional Park Acquisition fund to assist with the purchase of the Shaw Creek property.

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Electoral Area Services Committee that, in light of the fact that the CVRD Engineering Department has determined that the Creekside land is of value for future expansion of the Youbou Sanitary Sewer System; and that said land is currently owned by Area I Parks; that the Engineering Department reimburse Area I Parks the amount of the original purchase price to assist the Commission in their quest to pursue the future purchase of the Shaw Creek estuary and surrounding lands currently for sale.

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It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Electoral Area Services Committee that since the undeveloped parkland adjacent to Palmer Way has been determined an asset to proposed future development on the north side of Meade Creek Road that CVRD staff determine what the possible costs of development of the parkland would be to Area I Parks that would allow for beach access; and that the report be completed in a timely manner.

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NEW BUSINESS

NB1

TimberWest Truck Wash – Proposed Location

- Director Weaver reported that the location of the truck wash remains undecided; the Commission reiterated the existence of the light industrial land proposed within the Youbou Lands development and the suitability for the truck wash; that site would need hydro (\$15,000 a pole); TimberWest has spent \$260,000 thus far purchasing and transporting the truck wash; eventually plan B is parkland which could be potentially contaminated
- Director Weaver will continue to monitor the situation

MOTION CARRIED

ELECTIONS

T. Daly assumed the Chair to run the elections.

It was moved and seconded that Marcia Stewart be elected by acclamation as Chairperson of the Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that Gerald Thom be elected by acclamation as Vice-Chairperson of the Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission.

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M. Stewart assumed the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

8:50 pm

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

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

The next Regular meeting of Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission is April 8, 2014 in the Upper Community Hall at 7:00 pm.