

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, May 13, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

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

ALSO PRESENT
DELEGATION: From Woodland Shores Residents' Association:
Ellen Price (Chair) and Trevor Price,
Denise and Monroe Grobe

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be amended by adding one New Business item:

NB1 – Boundaries of Lot 27 adjacent to Price Park, and that the agenda as amended, 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 April 8, 2014 be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

M. Stewart welcomed the Delegation from the Woodland Shores Residents' Association.

DELEGATION

D1 Ellen Price handed all members copy of a written Submission detailing the proposed development of an organic community garden in Playfield Park. Drawings of the triangular .4 acre lot with an outline of the proposed raised beds were also presented (size of each bed 5 x 25 feet). The plan is a five phase project. Phase 1 starting out with 12 raised beds, garden shed, water supply, compost and deer/elk-proof fencing. G. Thom suggested to also include an irrigation system.

It was moved and seconded to support, in principle, the Community Garden in Playfield Park.

MOTION CARRIED

D2 Woodland Shores Broom

- Ellen Price wanted to know what the process was to get the CVRD involved in establishing a program for the removal of invasive broom in the Woodland and Bald Mountain areas, and also wanted

to know if there was room in the Area I Parks Commission Budget for a program similar to the one established by the Area B Parks Commission. A lengthy discussion ensued.

- M. Stewart explained that there is no money for such a program in the current budget, however, it might be possible to get some funds allocated when the next budget is discussed this fall.
- G. Thom proposed to arrange a meeting with Dave Polster of Polster Environmental Services in Duncan and the delegates to learn from him about ecological methods that can be employed to suppress the spread of broom. He appreciated E. Price's enthusiasm and encouraged her to take the lead in trying to come up with a longer term plan with the CVRD for the eradication of broom in the area; he also suggested to contact the Invasive Species Council of BC. Furthermore, it might be possible to access funds through the Nature Habitat Fund, since it was established to improve the nature habitat in Area I. P. Weaver will ask if this is viable.
- In the meantime, the Woodlands Shore developer has provided \$500 towards rental of a bobcat and Rob Somers and Monroe Grobe will be volunteering to remove broom in the Playfield Park area.

REPORTS:

**AREA I
DIRECTOR**

Director
Weaver

- New people are being hired at the CVRD; Tom Anderson is retiring.
- P. Weaver attended a 5-hr workshop for Transit. Transit use by locals is up by 10%.
- P. Weaver will follow up with the Engineering Department on the status of the Creekside sewer expansion property.

**COWICHAN
LAKE
RECREATION**

L. Blatchford

- Parks Recreation is hosting a BC Hockey U-18 Female Provincial Hockey Camp at the Cowichan Lake Sports Arena on the May long weekend.
- Lake Days Dance will be held in the arena on Saturday, June 7th. Tickets are \$15 (available at Youbou Hall and at the arena and also sold at the grounds on Lake Days as well as at the door). Adult only event.
- Youbou Regatta is Saturday, August 9th, at Arbutus Park. The Concession will be open from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. R. Somers and P. Weaver will volunteer to work the concession.
- The arena ice is coming out on May 20th and roller skating will start; ball hockey and broom ball will also start.
- Pickle ball is still going gung ho in Youbou, Mesachie Lake and

Honeymoon Bay Halls. It is also played in the curling dry floor space Wednesday nights. A very successful pickle ball tournament was just held.

- Carpet Bowling at Honeymoon Bay Hall wound up the season with a tournament – Duncan and Chemainus carpet bowlers competing for the medal. We encourage people to join the Honeymoon Bay Lawn Bowler (very similar to carpet bowling, except held outdoors in good weather) for spring and summer fun in the sun.
- Bowling at Youbou Lanes has wound down; is open for family bowling Friday nights and Adult Bowling Saturday nights. Rental of the bowling alley for private family events is welcome and comes with staff that will decorate, clean-up and feed party goers depending on option chosen. Dollar night bowling is the first Friday of the month and Toonie night bowling for adults is the third Saturday of each month.
- We are entering the maintenance season; facility staff will attend to issues in all of the halls in all of the communities (power washing, painting, roof and stair repairs, yard work etc. etc.). Any concerns about Youbou Hall should be reported to L. Blatchford.
- Summer staff at Arbutus Park has been hired but are still looking for a full-time lifeguard/instructor. Because we did not receive any HRDC funded positions (grant) this year, the hiring process does not have to be limited to students only. If anyone knows of a person who has the skills, certification and experience, please have them check out the CVRD website and get a hold of Ann Aikenhead at the CVRD office right away.

CHAIRPERSON

M. Stewart Last year, members of the Parks Commission volunteered approx. 150 hours over and above the time spent while attending meetings. M. Stewart forwarded the number to Tanya Soroka.

CVRD

Ryan Dias No Report

OLD BUSINESS

OB1 Nantree Dock replacement
 New floats were installed at Nantree Park, which prompted Bill Peters to send an enthusiastic letter of appreciation to the Area I Parks Commission, in the name of all the people in the Marble Bay/Meade Creek area, for supporting this project in spite of monetary constraints.

OB2 Memorial Bench Update
 Rob Somers was happy to report that the bench has been finished and is in place. Thank you Rob, for all the good work and long hours spent on this project.

OB3 Woodland Shores Community Garden – see comments under Delegation

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Boundaries – Lot 27 by Price Park

G. Thom pointed out that the current plan outlining property boundaries seems to be incorrect. The legal plan should be checked to confirm that the boundaries reflect the completed land swap. (After this, G. Thom had to leave the meeting.)

NB2 Arbutus Park light

M. Stewart has observed that the newly installed light is constantly on and needs to be put on a timer.

NB3 Little League Park – Out Field

M. Stewart checked on the maintenance status and saw that sand was being spread to level things off where needed and also in the Horseshoe pits; grass is being cut.

ADJOURNMENT

8:50 pm It was moved and seconded that the Regular Meeting of the Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

The next Regular Meeting of Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission is June 10, 2014 in the Upper Community Hall at 7:00 p.m.