

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission held in the Lower Community Hall (Play area), 8550 Hemlock Street, Youbou, BC, on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ryan Dias, Operations Superintendent - CVRD Parks & Trails Division  
  
Monroe Grobe, resident of Woodland Shores and candidate for Parks Commission membership in 2015.

#### **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 September 9, 2014, be adopted.**

#### **BUSINESS ARISING**

None

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **REPORTS**

##### **AREA I DIRECTOR**

None

##### **COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION**

L. Blatchford

- Kyler Nurmsoo, new Programmer II, has accepted a job with the BC Games Society. He is a very talented young man and will be missed. Tanya Kaul, Program Assistant, will be acting Programmer II until a replacement for Kyler has been found.
- Bowling, Curling and Hockey are in full swing.
- Volunteers and staff starting to build the Haunted House for Halloween at Youbou Hall.
- The Annual Christmas Craft Fair will also be held in Youbou Hall on the last Saturday of November. Tables are available for rent for \$15.
- Tickets for the Annual New Year's Eve Dance, to be held in the Youbou Lower Hall, will be available soon at Youbou Hall, the Arena office and at the door. There will be canned music, hats and noisemakers, and a midnight meal.

##### **CHAIRPERSON**

M. Stewart

No report.

**CVRD**

Ryan Dias

Discussed the need to establish a “**Park Revitalization Area Plan**” for Area I parks. This has been done very successfully in other CVRD Areas, with input from the communities affected in order to take a more careful look at the needs and requirements of each community. He proposed that any plans for the replacement of the Arbutus Park washroom/storage/lifeguard facilities be postponed until such Revitalization Plan has been put in place. He will arrange for Graham Gidden, Parks and Trails Planner, to come to the next Area I Parks Commission meeting to be held in December to discuss this in more detail.

**OLD BUSINESS****OB 1****Memorial for Gerald Thom**

After discussing it with Gerald’s widow, Caroline Thom, it was decided to look at Mile 77 Park as the most appropriate site for the memorial. Caroline brought up the idea of building some sort of BBQ shelter in the park. Right now all picnic tables are fully exposed to the sun and summer heat and therefore never used. People have been observed bringing their own tables so they can set them up in the shade. There is no money in the budget right now for such a structure. We will have to look at getting donations. It is estimated that we would probably need to raise \$20,000 for a structure of approx. 14 x 20 feet.

**OB 2****Playfield Park**

R. Somers reported that the area has been raked, seeded and fertilized and grass is already starting to grow.

**NEW BUSINESS****NB 1****Budget for 2015**

R. Dias handed draft copies of the proposed 2015 Community Park Budget for Electoral Area I to all members present.

- Requisition remains at \$116,000 (same as in previous years). R. Dias explained that this is based on a tax base of \$19 per \$100,000 assessment value. However, this tax base ultimately has to be approved by the incoming Area I Director, Klaus Kuhn, who was acclaimed this past Friday, October 10, since outgoing Director Pat Weaver is not standing for re-election.
- A projected surplus of \$8,109 for 2014 would be carried forward to the next year.
- For the most part, contract maintenance expenditures and operating budgets for individual parks will remain the same, with minor increases in certain areas.
- 2014 Parks Repairs and Maintenance Projects included: new float at Nantree, trail upgrade in Price Park, field renovations in Little League Park and box steps in Stoker Park and came in at a total expenditure of \$26,000. For 2015, only \$4,000 has been budgeted to be spent on Little League Park.
- 2015 Capital replacement: the only committed budget item for now is the replacement of the swimming floats in Arbutus Park at a cost of \$16,000. Other upgrades to be phased in over the next three years.

**M1** It was moved and seconded that the Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission recommend to the Electoral Area Services Committee that the 2015 Area I (Youbou/Meade Creeak) Parks Budget, as presented, be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**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 8:40 p.m.**

**The next Regular meeting of Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2014.** (No meeting is scheduled during November, since both Marcia Stewart and Dan Nickel will be away and we would not have quorum.)