

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission held in the Youbou Upper Hall, 8550 Hemlock Street, Youbou, BC, on Tuesday, February 14, 2013 at 7:05 pm.

PRESENT: Marcia Stewart, Gerald Thom, Rose Anderson, Rob Somers

ALSO PRESENT: Recording Secretary Tara Daly

REGRETS: Director Pat Weaver
Dan Nickel, Ken Wilde

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

It was moved and seconded that Marcia Stewart be elected by acclamation for the position of chairperson.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that Gerald Thom be elected by acclamation for the position of vice-chairperson.

MOTION CARRIED

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 July 10, 2012 Regular Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission meeting be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks and Trails re: Parks Commission Chairs Meeting

A Facilitated Workshop will be held for Commission Chairs, select CVRD staff, and Electoral Area Directors able to attend, which will help give direction to the Electoral Area Services Committee to better improve the Commission's role.

What's working and what's not – a) improved feedback to recommendations made by the Commission; b) consideration of Commission's input into proposed work in parks before CVRD staff moves forward

Suggestions for improved communication include CVRD staff responding to Commission meeting minutes and clarification on the 'advisory' role of the Commissions.

REPORTS

DIRECTOR

No Report

**COWICHAN LAKE
RECREATION**

No Report

CHAIRPERSON

The AGM was poorly attended this year. Consideration will be given to hold the AGM next year on a week night hoping to bring out more people.

CVRD

Ryan Dias, Parks Operations Superintendent reported that there has been no word yet on the federal grant for Arbutus Park; Little League Park irrigation cost analysis is to be done in April (Commission asked for clarification on what 'cost analysis' means);

Other questions for staff:

- 1) Picnic table at Stoker Park complete with cement pad has a tree over it and should be moved as where it's situated isn't visible
- 2) Trail through Creekside – first section of the trail should maybe be shut down because of safety issue and clearing costs; is there a possibility of barriers being installed between the road and the trail?

NEW BUSINESS**NB1**

Little League Park re: consideration of closing of the washrooms was a hot issue at the AGM leaning towards not closing; roof is flat and has been talked about being replaced but more because of vandalism; washroom fixtures - commercial vs house fixtures; need breakdown of expenditures to allow for better decisions when making recommendations; need to have an idea of repairs and maintenance – M. Stewart or R. Somers to speak with Orest Smycniuk, a local plumber, to gather more information; a gatekeeper is needed to open washrooms on a daily basis not just during ballgames during May to end of September. During a check of the building, confirm if the roof is leaking by checking the ceiling in the building.

NB2

Area I Parks re: Fundraising is done by many Parks Commissions but just getting people out to participate in free activities is difficult, fundraising would probably be a problem.

NB3

Area I Parks Walkabout – R. Anderson, R. Somers, and M. Stewart will tour the parks on Wednesday, February 27th meeting at 9 am at Arbutus Park; another tour later is possible

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular meeting of Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission will be held on March 12, 2013 in the Upper Hall at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the Regular Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission meeting be adjourned at 8:15 pm.

MOTION CARRIED