

MINUTES OF ELECTORAL AREA I (Youbou/Meade Creek) PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: May 10, 2011

TIME: 7:00pm

MINUTES of the Electoral Area I Parks Commission Meeting held on the above noted date and time in Youbou Lanes, Youbou, BC. Called to order by chair at 7:05pm.

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Marcia Stewart

Vice-chairperson: Gerald Thom

Members: Dave Charney, Dan Nickel, Gillian Scott, Ken Wilde

ALSO PRESENT:

Director: Klaus Kuhn

Alternate Director:

Secretary: Tara Daly

REGRETS:

GUESTS:

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded to accept the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of April 12, 2011 be accepted with the following amendment:

Gillian Scott was present, Ken Wilde sent his regrets.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

- **Billy Goat Island** ~ is coming before the Board on May 11, 2011 again

CORRESPONDENCE

- NONE

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- TimberWest is trying very hard not to deal with the dust, dirt, mud, etc coming off logging trucks when they come through Youbou, a wash station complete with grease traps, etc making it environmentally acceptable would be a great expense, **MoTI and TimberWest are meeting with CVRD staff May 11, 2011**; one (1) km of the haul road has been coated with oil to help alleviate the current problem
- 50km signs have been installed at the east end of Youbou and at Shop 'n Save heading east
- **ICBC looks after 'Children Playing On Highway' signs and Mainroad Contracting looks after 'Entering Youbou – slow down' etc signs; M. Stewart to look after contacting both parties**

COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION

- Lake Days Dance on June 11th is featuring a local band – 'Joint Chiefs' – with tickets selling

for \$20 each

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Park Walk on May 1st was attended by D. Charney, D. Nickel, G. Scott, M. Stewart, and G. Thom
- the access to Swordfern Park is inaccessible for anyone wanting to get a canoe into the water

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

- Ryan Dias reports there is \$1600 left for minor capital projects in the budget; **Director Kuhn believes it to be \$12 000 and will look into it**
- repairs to Woodland Shores playfield was \$320; the grass was rolled and reseeded with the irrigation system being undamaged
- Stoker Park will be reseeded
- Arbutus Park yard light has been re-set; the pressure pump has been replaced and **plumber Orest Symcniuk will spend some time finding a broken underground pipe**; there was some vandalism behind the lifeguard shack; two (2) new toilets have been installed; porta-potties were in by May 1st
- porta-potty surround and Hard Hat Shack have been painted
- **widow-maker at Hard Hat Shack will be taken care of by the Fire Department**
- signs warning of elk in the park have been installed at Price Park

OLD BUSINESS

- Memorial Bench at Mile 77 Park along the path to the water has been installed; plaque costs are \$12-\$15 for plastic and \$25 for brass; **Commission decided on brass which will be purchased at Heritage House in Duncan with cost to be split among members**; the plaque will say, 'In Memory of Wayne Palliser, a valued member of the Area I Parks Commission and keeper of the gnomes'.
- Student Crew pulled broom at Creekside along the pathway and painted the surround and Hard Hat Shack
- **Gatekeeper is still needed for Stoker Park, M. Stewart will call Roger Wiles to see if he's interested**
- Mann Property – D. Charney, G. Scott, M. Stewart, G. Thom, Dan Brown (CVRD staff), and surveyor walked the park; Nino Morano (CVRD Bylaw Officer) feels that talking with Don Mann about the invasion into the riparian area will only force him to get a QEP who'll say everything is okay; entire parkland is in the RAR; any development on a water course needs to have a fence installed along the riparian border; much discussion was held by the Commission about the pros and cons of giving up the covenant along the foreshore in exchange for increased ROW allowing for future access from current greenspace along the water to future parkland development on Bald Mountain

It was Moved and Seconded by Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission that the current covenant on the waterfront trail could be removed in exchange for:

- 1) *the .9ha offered by the developer,*
- 2) *a diagonal covenant running from the southwest corner of the property to Blackwood by way of the waterpark along the existing roadway and*
- 3) *trail brushed out on fee simple (.9ha) property offered by the developer*

MOTION CARRIED (M. Stewart opposed)

(Hell must have frozen over because T. Daly agreed with M. Stewart.)

NEW BUSINESS

- Arbutus Park – **needs more sand on the beach, a few boards on the dock need replacing;** new treads have been put on the slide and the wood portions of the playground equipment have been painted; **what is the status of the electrical upgrade?**
- Little League Park – D. Charney installed new boards on the bleachers, **the adult softball team will paint; trees need to be cut back to the trunk on the field side,** the backstop frame and fence should be painted some time soon
- Mile 77 Park – dead trees should be pulled and not replaced at this time because the elk keep damaging them, **is the broom puller missing?**
- Nantree Park – the outside dock is quite bouncy and should be replaced
- Woodland Shores playfield – M. Stewart noted that when the Commission did their park walkabout that seven (7) children were using the field, great to see
- Stoker Park – debris in gutters; grass is to be re-seeded, swimming booms and floats are in place
- New Parks Binder – is full of information, much nicer layout, good maps
- Major/Minor capital suggestions – Lifeguard Hut (repair or replace?), Little League Park outfield, Little League Park concession (repair or replace?), Arbutus Park playground equipment upgrade; Little League Park backstop fencing and field fence should be painted (price?)

ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned 8:55pm.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

June 14, 2011

7pm at Youbou Lanes

/s/ Tara Daly
Secretary