

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

DATE: April 13, 2010

TIME: 7:00pm

MINUTES of the Electoral Area I Parks Commission Meeting held on the above noted date and time at Youbou Lanes, Youbou, BC. Called to order by chair at 7:10pm.

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Marcia Stewart

Vice-chairperson:

Members: Dave Charney, Shenyn Gregory, Dan Nickel, Gerald Thom, Wayne Palliser

ALSO PRESENT:

Director: Klaus Kuhn

Alternate Director:

Secretary: Tara Daly

REGRETS:

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded to accept the agenda with additions

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of March 9, 2010 be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

- Woodland Shores affluent ~ curious to know how system works
- Mile 77 Park ~ Easy Living maintenance has staked trees that were knocked over by the elk; trees ringed by the weed-wacker will be replaced
- letter is still coming from Boy Scouts re: maintenance of trails on Bald Mountain
- insurance on boomsticks?

CORRESPONDENCE

- resident inquired about a map for the trail system on Bald Mountain: Tanya Soroka is working on a map for the kiosk at Marble Bay Park but Bald Mountain is not yet part of the Area I Parks

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- attended AVICC (Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities convention
- a new by-law is being created re: water maintenance/ riparian area inclusive to Area I
- Ron Austin (general manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture for CVRD) feels there is a disconnect with staff and commission on time needed to do park maintenance; staff need to listen more to Parks Commissions' concerns and give feedback; volunteers need to be used in areas that wouldn't impede on maintenance contract
- in Swordfern Park and Price Park Area I residents could do a clean-up twice a year rather than have it as part of the maintenance contract; more community involvement is needed
- a more local contractor would be preferable; input from the Commission is appreciated
- Town Hall Meeting on May 19th at 7pm in the Youbou Community Hall
- lack of soil on the lawns in the Tot Park at Woodland Shores will be rectified; walkabout should happen by the end of April

- concern was expressed by some Commission members on the condition of Youbou Lands property

COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION

- renovations are continuing
- the current PlayBook is out with the ad for Parks Commission's activities and the 'Name the Park' contest information

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Regional District Parks chairs' meeting on May 31st highlights ~ two (2) new positions, one being 'Capital Development' with 65% of time spent on Community Parks and 35% of time spent on Regional Parks funded from each electoral area in the amount of \$2200, the other position, 'Parks & Trails Planner' who will assist Tanya Soroka, Parks & Trails Technician
- Water accesses ~ should Ministry of Highways and Transportation be approached to have them taken over by associated Community Parks?
- Ryan Dias noted three points ~ 1) Planning & Design stage of parks should be considered in budgets two (2) plus years in advance, Commission should bring forward ideas for Director Kuhn for the May meeting; 2) Implementation stage; 3) Maintenance stage noting most contractors (developers) give a \$500,000 one-year warranty for park development
- Some ideas brought forward for consideration are: playground equipment, Arbutus Park change room, Arbutus Park picnic hut, connecting of existing trails
- three (3) Youbou slow-pitch adult teams are using Little League Park this year; they would like to put in permanent pins for the bases
- Saltair ball teams participate in the upkeep of the ballfield; Cowichan Station/Sahtlam/Glenora is installing an Adventure Park; Shawnigan Lake has summer students involved with boating safety
- Would whole Commission workshops be valuable?
- Items on the next agenda for the Regional District Parks chairs' meeting include the Cowichan River, how to deal with new subdivisions specifically parks

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT – Ryan Dias

- **Little League Park** ~ the insurance company will do due diligence focusing on the outfield to avoid repercussions
- **Bark Chips** ~ are a standard product, shouldn't have to be replaced for four (4) – five (5) years
- **Maintenance Equipment** in the lifeguard shack at Arbutus Park will be moved to the Little League Park where shelving has been installed; ball teams will be required to keep the storage area tidy
- **Woodland Shores parks** ~ Easy Living Maintenance has been contracted to do field improvements; CVRD will not assume responsibility until grass has been cut once and all other improvements completed
- **Ball Leagues** ~ start May 4; Commission noted bathroom cleaning at Little League Park should be from May 1st – July 15th rather than starting on June 22nd
- **Gatekeepers** ~ Rick West, Ken Wilde, and S. Gregory will take on the responsibility of opening and closing starting May 1st
- **Mile 77 Park** ~ it was noted there is no water at the park
- **Little League** ~ Playball in infield was installed three (3) years ago; replacement by removing would be \$3600 with a \$1400 credit with installation of new product for a cost of \$15,000; 4" depth would be \$13,000 and 6" depth would be \$18,000; the Commission decided to get a load of sand and place where you would likely slide possibly to be installed by the ball teams

OLD BUSINESS

- **Plant Identification Walk** ~ at Price Park on May 2nd at 1pm; hot chocolate to follow

- **Park Naming Contest** ~ winners will be announced in June with the picnic being moved from Mile 77 Park to our new park at Woodland Shores, the May 22nd event will be cancelled as it is highly unlikely the CVRD will take responsibility for the park by then; contest will be extended to May 10th
- **Arbutus Park** ~ irrigation is complete

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30pm.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

May 11, 2010

7pm at Youbou Lanes

/s/ Tara Daly

Secretary