

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

DATE: December 8, 2009

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 7:05pm.

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Marcia Stewart

Vice-chairperson: Sheny Gregory

Members: Dave Charney, Gerald Thom

ALSO PRESENT:

Director: Klaus Kuhn

Alternate Director:

Secretary: Tara Daly

Guests:

REGRETS: Dan Nickel, Wayne Palliser, Alternate Director Alex Marshall

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded to accept the agenda with the addition of:

Annual General Meeting under New Business

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of November 10, 2009 be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

- None

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Public Meeting** had about 50 attending, overall good meeting, topics included parks, Youbou Lands, Woodland Shores, Regional Planning, policing focused on Cowichan Lake, Watershed Stewardship mostly focused on Cowichan River
- **Budget (overall CVRD)** is currently sitting at 11.8% increase, Parkland Acquisition could go from \$2 per \$100 000 as high as \$5 per \$100 000 as per by-law; Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) has the highest per capita of parkland within the Regional District and consequently park requisition tax, in 2010 budget the requisition for the complete parks budget (Area I parks, regional parks, parkland acquisition, and parkland maintenance) could be \$30 per \$100 000
- **Comparison of Parks Budget:** in 2009 \$14.74 per \$100 000, in 2010 \$18.34 per \$100 000 (only Area I Parks); it's important to find a balance with parkland acquisition, maintenance, and amenities versus further park development
- **Boy Scout Camp** ~ the Scouts are looking at ways to gain further flat land allowing for more campers but their constitution forbids no public access on their property therefore limited their choices for expansion
- **Budget** discussion was held on various issues
- **Elections and Appointments** ~ D. Charney and G. Thom will complete their terms in 2010, S.

Gregory and M. Stewart will be appointed by Director Kuhn for a one-year term, Director Kuhn will speak to D. Nickel and W. Palliser about continuing with the Commission

COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION

- **Arena** ~ once everything got moving with the renovations, it was determined there would be an over-run of \$700 000 on the \$7.5 million budget, the CLR Commission said that wasn't going to happen and for changes to be made to come within the budget; no grants have been obtained; proposed completion date is the fall of 2010
- **Winter Carnival** ~ on December 23rd starting at 6pm at the arena complete with toboggan run and fire on the ice
- **New Year's Eve** ~ at Youbou Community Hall with 'Third Rock' band and doors opening at 9pm
- **Tanya Soroka of CVRD Parks** is featuring all CVRD Parks in the CLR PlayBook
- **CVRD Parks** is looking at promoting exclusive events in the parks (Area I Parks would include Arbutus Park and Little League Park) for such things as weddings or family reunions; public would still be allowed in the areas, determining if a 'parks person' would be on-site to be responsible for washrooms, garbage, parking and where would the revenue go
- **Marie Bisson**, Programmer for CLR (mbisson@cvr.bc.ca) will be the one to contact with the information on park activities to be advertised in the spring PlayBook; deadline is mid February
- **Me 'n' You Nites Social Association** ~ held a successful card/games night at the hall with the next event to be carol singing on December 12th (group will go to both stores and Sunset) followed by hot chocolate and hot dogs at the upper hall

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- **Cowichan Outdoor Club** has hiked Bald Mountain and reports that it was good
- **Community Green Map of the Cowichan Valley** was handed out
- **Letter to the Editor** ~ by M. Stewart on the topic of the recently held Public Meeting

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT – Ryan Dias

- **Maintenance Contract** ~ hard copy was handed out to Commission members
- **Little League Park** ~ contractor is responsible from June 22nd to September 1st to clean washrooms each morning; the service record for maintaining the PlayBall will be checked – there's a fine line between hard and soft surface, Doug (from the slowpitch ball team) will speak directly to R. Dias; the tree pruning needs to be done with a bucket truck (the Commission will do); the hole in the roof of the concession stand continues to be a problem – needs to be determined if it's for plumbing or cooking
- **M. Stewart** to ask R. Dias to attend the January parks meeting
- **Price Park** ~ suggested that Student Crew could cover the tree roots with gravel next summer (the Commission will do)
- **Arbutus Park** light ~ it will be attended to promptly; there is also a problem with the light at the Little League Park
- **Hard Hat Shack** ~ the pathway needs to be scraped by machine and top dressed
- **Marble Bay Park** ~ trail markings could be done by Student Crew (M. Charney volunteered to do it on his next hike)
- **Mile 77 Park** ~ will check on the concerns of no antifreeze in the toilet
- **Staff** will assess any damage from the recent high water in all the waterfront parks (Nantree Park, Mile 77 Park, Arbutus Park); the dock will be shifted back at Arbutus Park
- **Maintenance Contractor** is now on one day per week emptying garbage
- **Woodland Shores** ~ watching the progress with the developer committed to doing more in the Spring

OLD BUSINESS

- **Picnic Table Top** ~ will be dropped off at W. Palliser's where G. Thom and W. Palliser will complete the table
- **Gatekeeper** for Little League Park ~ S. Gregory has interest by three (3) persons whose names she will give to R. Lendrum, CVRD; the hours of opening would be 8am to 9pm from May 1st to September 30th
- **Bald Mountain** ~ the sections of Crown Land have not been transferred, still in hopeful discussions
- **Budget** ~ confusion with amount of requisition; clarity is needed; last payment for land purchase adjoining the sewer treatment site for Creekside will be in 2010

NEW BUSINESS

- **Planning Community Events** ~ M. Stewart asked the Commission members to think about it for the January meeting
- **Annual General Meeting** ~ Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 1pm in the lower Youbou Community Hall; T. Daly to book the hall and let the Fire Commission know; T. Daly to invite the APC, Fire Commission, and Parks Commission members and partners to a potluck following the AGM

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

January 12, 2010
7pm at Youbou Lanes

ITEMS FOR JANUARY AGENDA

suggestions for Community Park events for 2010
new parks naming contest

/s/ Tara Daly
Secretary