

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

**DATE:** May 19, 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, Dan Nickel, Wayne Palliser, Gerald Thom

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Director: Klaus Kuhn

Alternate Director:

Secretary: Tara Daly

Guests:

**REGRETS:** Alternate Director Alex Marshall

### **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

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

*Garden waterer ~ under New Business*

*Parks events advertising ~ under New Business*

*Footbridge at Mile 77 Park ~ under New Business*

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

*It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of April 14, 2009 be accepted*

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **BUSINESS ARISING**

- **Arbutus Park** irrigation ~ G. Thom has not been able to connect with company
- **Parks Maintenance Contract** ~ Director Kuhn will get hard copies of the contract for the commission members; hasn't heard back from CVRD staff
- **Woodland Shores** ~ responsibility ends for infrastructure development when it's finished, bond is in place to cover any work not finished on time, responsible for one (1) growing season for any plantings
- **Broom eradication** ~ M. Stewart is aware of a product that is applied in the Spring, lasts for four (4) months, and is applied again; Commission expressed concerns about broom being a major problem in both the Woodland Shores and Youbou Lands developments, discussed work parties and purchasing another puller
- **Danger signs** ~ education signs about bear and cougar, M. Stewart will contact MoE; Howard Smith of Wilderness Watch has obtained large signs produced by Youbou Lands developers to be placed in that area stating NO SHOOTING ELK
- **Little League Park** ~ S. Gregory noted the park is being well maintained for the ball players
- **Broom removal** ~ W. Palliser noted he was only removing broom from Mile 77 Park not the path through Creekside
- **Advertisement for 'Youbounian'** ~ M. Stewart will contact Rita Baker with information

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Invasive Plants** ~ memo received from T. Soroka from CVRD

- **Font Board** ~ letter received from Wendy Webb stating her dislike of the font board, B. Farquhar responded

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Marina at Youbou has closed their boat launch to the public
- general discussion on Youbou Lands development
- 20 ha parcel of land owned by TimberWest near Shaw Creek has been sold; Director Kuhn has a meeting tomorrow (May 20<sup>th</sup>) concerning the land

## COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION

- L. Backlund only wishes to have information about the park activities not a completed ad
- Youbou Regatta will be on August 8, 2009 with the 'Culprits' playing for the dance; commission members will be flipping hamburgers etc in the concession
- programmer's position is being advertised
- arena reno is moving forward only on design as a \$5.5 million grant has to be in place before construction begins
- Canada Day sponsored by CLR will be in Mesachie Lake at the 'Skydome'
- lifeguards are in place for Arbutus Park
- walking clubs in each community are going to be formed with meetings once a month possibly with speakers, pedometers will be handed out and distances kept
- family bowling is Friday evenings for June from 6:30pm to 9pm
- Basketball Camp was cancelled because of low registration
- Heather Roberts will email W. Palliser by Wednesday giving him a list of activities for the font board

## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Kathryn Swan and M. Stewart have walked through Price Park in preparation on the plant identification day on May 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 1pm at the east entrance on Miracle Way
- Park Commission chairs meeting ~ M. Stewart was unable to attend, six (6) out of nine (9) chairs attended; a concern was the lack of opportunity to obtain land before developers; from the 1990s to 2009 parks in the CVRD have increased from sixty-five (65) to 150, from 400 acres to 25 000 acres and have assets of \$7 million up from \$2 million; Regional Park staff field 50+ calls from the public on a weekly basis; work programs for the parks will be in place by the fall for the following year

## COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

- **Font Board** ~ lights will be changed and the timer to go off by 9pm
- **Arbutus Park** ~ irrigation, everything is currently working, plan for new irrigation in 2010
- **Walkabout with Contractor** ~ D. Nickel noted the grass hasn't been cut at Nantree Park nor did it look like anything else had been done; Commission members would like to do a walkabout but would like to review the contract first
- **Little League Park** ~ suggested a specialist in ball fields put forward a couple of ideas for the outfield but Commission members didn't feel the need, only necessary to lift the sod, put down gravel/dirt, level and replace sod, dirt could be brought to the park in the fall and have a work party after the community ball game to wheelbarrow the dirt and then seed
- **Woodland Shores** ~ waterfront park will have washrooms in place in two (2) weeks, the south park won't be seeded until the fall at which time the bond will come in play as it will be past their deadline, the Boy Scout Camp is moving ahead nicely

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Font Board** ~ \$1 000 left from grant will be used to replace the lighting and landscaping

- **Plant Identification at Price Park** ~ G. Thom will be drinks, hot or cold depending on the day, W. Palliser will put up directional signs

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Gatekeeper** ~ Robert O'Hare is moving; W. Palliser will open gates and washrooms for Mile 77 Park, arrangements for sprinkling will be decided when planting is completed around front board; M. Stewart will approach Ben Wingo to see if he would like to take care of the Little League Park
- **Park Feedback** ~ form were handed in, Arbutus Park – the garden looks the best it has for awhile, the lawn has been aerated, the beach needs to be raked and weeded, flag pole has two (2) coats of paint with one (1) more to go and then will be returned to the park; Hard Hat Shack needs to have the path weeded and garbage can moved to the other side of the hut
- **advertising for park activities** ~ should there be more? no turn out for Bald Mountain Hike, discussion held hoping for better turn out for Plant ID
- **Mile 77 Park bridge** ~ EASC questioned the construction being done improperly and who paid for it to be built, W. Palliser and Director Kuhn will go look at the bridge in the next few days

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35pm.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **NEXT MEETING**

June 9, 2009

7pm at Youbou Lanes

/s/ Tara Daly  
Secretary