

Minutes of the Parks Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. in the Regional District Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC

PRESENT

Director Mel Dorey, Chair
Director Ian Morrison, Vice-Chair
Director Ken Cossey
Director Loren Duncan
Director Gerry Giles
Director Brian Harrison
Director Lori Iannidinardo
Director Phil Kent
Director Dave Haywood

Absent: Director Klaus Kuhn

CVRD STAFF

Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks and Trails Division
Mary Anne McAdam, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

The Chair noted changes to the agenda, which included one item of New Business and one Closed Session item of New Business.

It was Moved and Seconded
That the agenda, as amended, be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

M1 - MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded
That the Minutes of the Parks Committee Meeting of May 12, 2010, be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

STAFF REPORTS

**SR1 – Ceevacs
Roadrunners –
Shawnigan-Kinsol Half
Event**

Staff Report from Brian Farquhar, Parks and Trails Manager, dated July 7, 2010, regarding Vancouver Island Spine Relay event.

It was Moved and Seconded
That the application from the Ceevacs RoadRunners to use an approximately 4.0 kilometre section of the Cowichan Valley Trail for Shawnigan-Kinsol Half Marathon running event on Sunday October 31, 2010, be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Proof of a minimum \$2.0 million liability insurance coverage be provided by the organizers, which covers the event and which also includes the CVRD as an additional insured;

2. A route plan is submitted to the CVRD for review and approval detailing the section(s) of the Cowichan Valley Trail proposed for use as part of the half marathon course;
3. A Course Marshall Plan is submitted prior to the event for CVRD review and approval;
4. Confirmation that there will be appropriate flag persons at all road crossings along sections of the Cowichan Valley Trail corridor used for the event.
5. Confirmation that there will be notices of the event posted along the trail in advance of, and during the day of, the event that will advise other trail users of the race, with such notice wording and locations pre-approved by the Regional District.

MOTION CARRIED

**SR2 – North Cowichan
Request for
Consideration of an
Outdoor Recreation
Park for All-terrain
Vehicles**

Staff Report from Brian Farquhar, Parks and Trails Manager, dated July 8, 2010, regarding a request from the Municipality of North Cowichan to consider the establishment of an Outdoor Recreation Park for All-terrain vehicles.

Discussion ensued.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Municipality of North Cowichan be advised in response to their letter dated May 20, 2010, that consideration of an Outdoor Recreation Park for All-Terrain vehicles is being deferred by the Regional District pending implementation of Provincial legislation governing off-road vehicle legislation in order to fully assess the implications with respect to opportunities and constraints for all-terrain vehicle recreation within the Cowichan Region.

MOTION CARRIED

**SR3 – Sandy Pool
Regional Park –
Proposed Drift Boat
Launch Relocation**

Staff Report from Ryan Dias, Parks Operations Superintendent, dated July 8, 2010, regarding the Proposed Drift Boat Launch relocation for Sandy Pool Regional Park, presented by Brian Farquhar, Parks and Trails Manager.

Discussion ensued.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the relocation of the Sandy Pool Regional Park drift boat launch to a new site 30 metres downstream be approved, with funding to complete the work (estimated under \$5,000) provided under the Regional Parks Minor Capital, and furthermore that rehabilitation of the river embankment at the existing launch site be undertaken this fall or in 2011 with grant funding received and/or contributions from the British Columbia Drift Boat Fisherman's Association.

MOTION CARRIED

**SR4 – Grant Funding
Approval – Operational
Fuel Management
Project**

Staff Report from Tanya Soroka, Parks and Trails Planner, dated July 8, 2010, presented by Brian Farquhar, Parks and Trails Manager.

Discussion ensued.

It was Moved and Seconded

That Grant Funding approval by the Ministry of Forests and Range for the Operational Fuel Management Project and the Fuel Management Prescription to take place in 3 Regional Parks in the Regional District be received and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

**SR5 – SVI Pedestrian
Railway Crossing
Agreement**

Staff Report from Ryan Dias, Parks and Trails Superintendent, dated July 14, 2010, regarding SVI Railway Crossing Agreement, presented by Brian Farquhar, Parks and Trails Manager.

Discussion ensued.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Board Chair and Corporate Secretary be authorized to execute the required documents to enter into an agreement with SVI Rail Link (Southern Rail) for the installation and ongoing operation of a public pedestrian railway crossing to access the Cowichan Valley Trail at the Chemainus Train Station.

MOTION CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded

That staff consult with member municipalities, as well as the CVRD and appointed representatives, and the Executive Director of the Island Corridor Foundation, with regards to pedestrian crossing protocol, standards and costs.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

**C1 – Development of
an All Terrain Vehicle
Park**

It was Moved and Seconded

That email correspondence received from Warren Chapman requesting denial of the development of a park for all-terrain vehicles be received, acknowledged, and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION

**IN1 – Citizen News
Article**

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Citizen News Article (May 21, 2010) "*Park for ATV use to go to Regional District*" be received and filed.

NEW BUSINESS

**NB1 – News Leader
Pictorial Article – Spine
Trail**

It was Moved and Seconded
That the News Leader Pictorial Article (July 14, 2010) “*Trail on the Way*”
be received and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

**NB2 – Celebration
Events for the Trans
Canada Trail**

Brian Farquhar, Parks and Trails Manager, provided information on celebration events that are planned for the completion of the Chemainus section of the Trans Canada Trail in late September. Events are also being planned for the completion of the Ladysmith/Saltair and Lake Cowichan/Duncan/North Cowichan sections of the trail.

**NB3- Eagle Heights
Grasslands**

Director Loren Duncan provided information on a 2003 study, “The Conservation Values of the Proposed Eagle Heights (located in the Shawnigan area) Protected Area” report to the Regional Director of the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection. Parks Manager, Brian Farquhar, indicated that staff will provide a copy of this report to Directors requesting it.

MOTION CARRIED

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS
AND/OR COMMENTS
Mike Lees**

Cowichan Valley ATV Club member, Mike Lees, stated that the Club president’s presentation to the Board requesting that the Regional District put together an ATV Users Group to address ATV, dirt bike and mountain bike use in the Cowichan Valley has not yet happened. A statement pertaining to North Cowichan’s motion to investigate the establishment of a recreational park for ATVs is something the Cowichan Valley ATV Club does not support. This mature group of ATV riders is focused on negotiating access agreements with local forest companies, as well as local and provincial governments. The idea of a recreation park could be a good idea for those interested in races for dirt bikes and ATVs as it would get them out of the woods and on to a track.

Comments with regard to SR3 – Sandy Pool Regional Park: The road access to the park was originally put in for the fire department to be able to pump water. This access is still used in the event of an emergency, so any changes to this area should take this into consideration.

Would also like to commend Parks staff for removing the under-burden and detritus from the parks, thus reducing the chance of fire.

CLOSED SESSION

It was Moved and Seconded
That the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the *Community Charter* Part 4, Division 3, Section 90(1), Subsections as noted in accordance with each agenda item.

MOTION CARRIED

The Committee moved into closed session at 3:55 p.m.

RISE

The Committee rose without report.

NEXT MEETING

To be held Wednesday, September 8, 2010, at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded
That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary