

Minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks Commission meeting held in the Youth Hall on Watson Avenue at 7 pm on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Those present: Chair - John Krug, Ansel Koehn, Annie Ingraham, Alan Seal, Jennifer Symon, Ruth Koehn, Shelly Balme, Lynn Wilson, Dennis Cage and Director Gerry Giles. Guest: Gilles Villeneuve.

Apologies: Al Garside, Gord Dickenson, Bill Turner.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm with the approval of the agenda as circulated.

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that the April 7, 2014 minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks Commission meeting be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

## 1) Business Arising From the Minutes:

- There was nothing further to report on the Roots and Shoots progress in Fairfield Park; however, it was agreed the release regarding their first place win in the BC Green Games would be circulated.
- Lynn and Ruth provided a progress report for the Boatswain Park subcommittee. Both are very satisfied with the work being done by the subcommittee. Tanya Soroka will be coalescing the information and making a site and work plan with projected costs. The subcommittee wants to replace and minimize the plastic in the park, create a 0 - 3 area, provide some parking on Granfield Place, move the swing set, make the sport court fence higher, provide gates on the sport court, move the picnic table, provide a picnic shelter and grub and clean the area. Lynn will keep the Parks Commission informed as plans progress.
- Ansel reported the berm in Cleasby Bike Park has been relocated and that the wooden structures were waiting an engineer's stamp of approval. It was thought something significant needs to be done to attract kids to the bike park.
- The Watson Trail repairs and upgrades have been completed with thanks going to Dennis, John, Al, John and Gord with supervision from Gerry.
- The proposed relocation and exchange of the horse trailer/car parking areas was again discussed following which it was,

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that the plans to move the horse trailer parking area to the overflow parking on the east side of the railway tracks be approved and that the entrance/exit be modified to accommodate the horse trailers that access the space. This will enable additional car parking next to the dog park.

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- The Natural Spaces Concept type park was again discussed and it was thought a park like this might be suitable for William Shearing Park. It was mentioned that staff is sending a questionnaire out to Douglas Hill residents as part of their 2015 work plan. Any discussion about William Shearing Park should await the outcome of that consultation process. This was agreed to by the commission.

## 2) Unfinished Business

- An update was provided on the Cobble Hill Common. It was agreed the bridge and settling pond would be moved further east along the property line next to Fisher Road. Also, the area around the

'Cobble Hill Welcomes You' sign would be planted as soon as possible. Constructing a bandstand in the Common was discussed but tabled due to cost.

- Evergreen Sports Court was briefly discussed and the commission was updated on the fundraising activities that had take place regarding finishing the sport court.
- After discussing the summer students work involvement in Cobble Hill and trail repairs, it was

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that the students' work in Cobble Hill focus on the Manley Creek and Ratcliffe trails and if possible the Ratcliffe trail be improved to accommodate bike traffic. MOTION CARRIED

- The trail wheelchair access trail proposed in Quarry Nature Park along the side of the dog park up to the washroom was discussed. If this trail were constructed, it would result the grassed area beside the dog park fence being removed. After considering the pros and cons of having a wheelchair access trail beside the dog park fence and beside the road, it was

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that the proposed wheelchair trail along the side of the dog park be removed from the park plan and that it not be built. MOTION CARRIED

### 3) New Business

- Damage has been done to baby changing tables in the Quarry Nature Park washrooms and these are currently being repaired. The situation will be monitored to ascertain whether the vandalism to these tables will be an ongoing problem.
- Director Giles has received a number of requests for bike racks at Quarry Nature Park.

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that one or two bike racks be installed in Quarry Nature Park. One should go in the area of the washroom and the other by the picnic table in the lower field area. MOTION CARRIED

- Installing a low, child friendly, zip or slide line at Quarry Nature Park was discussed. It was agreed it would not be desirable to disturb any more trees on Cobble Hill Mountain. An alternative would be to consider constructing a nature park with a zip line in the Cobble Hill Common. It was mentioned that Graham will be doing a site plan for the Cobble Hill Common and perhaps we could discuss this type of area with him for the Common park space. John agreed to contact the Mayor of Tofino to get more information on their zip line.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm with agreement the next Cobble Hill Parks Commission Meeting will be held June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Youth Hall.

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John Krug