

Minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks Commission meeting held on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in the Dining Room of the Cobble Hill Hall located at 3550 Watson Avenue, Cobble Hill, B.C.

Those present: John Krug - Chair, Ansel Koehn, Annie Ingraham, Gord Dickenson, Ruth Koehn, Shelley Balme, Lynn Wilson and Director Gerry Giles.

Apologies: Jennifer Symons and Alan Seal.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm with the approval of the agenda as amended by adding zip line to the discussion.

Moved/second

That the minutes of the regular Cobble Hill Parks Commission meeting of June 4, 2014 be adopted as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

- The BBQ luncheon for the Roots and Shoots work party of June 14<sup>th</sup> 2014 at Ecole Cobble Hill School went very well and a tremendous amount of work was done by parents and students alike. Special thanks go to Jennifer and David for the loan of the BBQ, Ruth for the homemade lemonade, Gord and Gerry as burger chefs and Chair John for coordinating our efforts.
- Status of the Cleasby Bike Park timber structures was briefly discussed. It was noted that there needs to be follow up with the timber engineer so that these structures can be placed in the bike park.

Moved/second

that staff move forward with completion of the bike park renovations.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- Changes to the automobile and horse trailer parking at Quarry Nature Park need to be clarified and a concept drawing needs to be forwarded to the Parks Commission for comment and approval.
- Including a Natural Space area in the questionnaire for William Shearing Park was discussed at some length. It was agreed that William Shearing may not be an ideal location for a Natural play area so should not be included in the questionnaire. The commission thought the following should be included:
  - ✓ lots of space on the questionnaire for the community to name the kinds of activities appropriate for the neighbourhood
  - ✓ ample space for community input
  - ✓ don't be specific as it tends to be prescriptive
  - ✓ might include chess or checkers
  - ✓ outdoor sport opportunities for various abilities

- A site plan prepared by Graham Gidden for the Cobble Hill Common was reviewed. It was agreed a work party would be arranged to undertake the planting around the "Cobble Hill Welcomes You" sign. The Chair will organize once the planting scheme is confirmed. The Parks Commission thanks Graham for his work on the plan.

## REPORTS:

1. Lynn Wilson and Ruth Koehn reported on the work of the Boatswain Park subcommittee. They presented a concept drawing produced with neighbourhood input by Tanya Soroka. The various components of the drawing were reviewed with questions asked and answered. The Parks Commission generally liked the concept plan and agreed that some modifications could take place to it as the project progressed.

Moved/second

that the concept plan for Boatswain Park as prepared by Tanya Soroka on May 23, 2014 be accepted in principle.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Moved/second

that in consultation with CVRD staff, a work party be organized to brush and clean out the areas of Boatswain Park that are overgrown.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Moved/second

that the work required for Boatswain Park be undertaken in the shortest possible time frame and that short term borrowing be used to achieve a timely renewal of this park space.

**MOTION CARRIED**

In passing the above recommendation regarding short term borrowing, the Parks Commission expressed concern about the five year park renewal plan as this was seen as an inordinate amount of time to have a park renewal project come to fruition.

Lynn and Ruth were thanked by the Commission and the Director for their work on this project and for facilitating the neighbourhood discussion that took place.

2. The Purple Pipe System is working well and irrigating the lower section of the Train Station Park.
3. The Chair explained the dangerous tree removal that is currently taking place in Quarry Nature Park.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- An update on the Historical Wall was provided by John Krug. It is expected this work will be completed in October.
- John to follow up with Tofino on the children's zip line located in that community.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Doug Lockhart had introduced the possibility of businesses in the area adopting the maintenance of a park space as a possible way of keeping the taxes low while still having the parks in our area maintained to a high standard. The commission agreed this was a great idea and discussion ensued. In addition to sponsoring the maintenance of park spaces it was noted that several of the dog parks on the Island have their doggy bags imprinted with a sponsor logo. For example, "Courtesy of Top Shelf."
2. Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day is scheduled for Sunday, October 5, 2014. It was noted this event has taken place in Quarry Nature Park several times with no problems experienced by Cobble Hill Mountain users.

Moved/second

that the Cobble Hill Parks Commission recommend approval of the Take a Kid Mountain Biking event on October 5<sup>th</sup> with the usual caveats and insurance. **MOTION CARRIED**

3. The budget meeting will take place on Monday, October 6 2014 at 7 pm in the Dining Room of the Cobble Hill Hall.
4. It was noted that Fisherman's Park in Victoria is well worth seeing. The layout is great and the interpretive signage very informative so visit if you have a chance.
5. Parks Commission members who use Cobble Hill Mountain regularly noted several difficulties with the new signage on the mountain. Lack of direction and various other things. This item will be placed on the next agenda and Commission members are encouraged to visit the mountain to view the signs.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

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John Krug, Chair