

Minutes of the Area A Parks Commission February 19, 2015

Present: David Gall, Chair, Kerry Davis, Director, Nicole Dyrbye, Greg Farley, David LeStock-Kay, Deryk Norton, Ron Parsons, John Ramsey, April Tilson, Sandy Webb.

Regrets: Brook Adams.

The meeting came to order at 7:05 PM.

Chairman Gall introduced Area Director Kerry Davis to the Commission members and each member of the Commission introduced themselves. We have three new members.

Director Davis updated us on the Limona Property, formerly the Garnett Property: everything is on hold for the time being.

Update on the negotiations with the First Nations concerning the boat ramp:

There was a Public Meeting Wednesday, February 18 at the Kwunew Kwasun Cultural Resource Centre concerning the future boat launch on First Nations Land north of Verdier Point and the a bylaw change for the future of the boat launch on Handy Road.

Lawrence Lewis, Band Administrator, described the plan to move the present road higher to allow a green space along the shoreline, a boardwalk and second green space beside that future road. The boardwalk will be 2 KM from Noowick Rd to Verdier Point. There will be a written agreement between the First Nations and the CVRD.

At Handy Road there will be a continuation of the present boardwalk with suitable barricades for vehicles. There will still be a modified ramp for car toppers, kayaks and canoes. The CVRD is still in discussion with Bridgeman's Bistro concerning the needed parking spaces for their expansion.

New business:

Discussion of the 12 lot strata development planned for the south end of Horton Road and a road or a potential trail from the south end of Horton Road to link Bonner Elementary to Francis Kelsey School.

Director Davis spoke to Rob Conway who said the CVRD agrees that the road alignment must be set before any parkland is designated. The members discussed the possible pathway or perhaps a hedgerow between the property and the agricultural land. There was further discussion concerning sewer, septic and bare land strata which are, at present, allowed by our bylaws.

MOTION: It was moved that we have a walkabout. Carried. The Commission will meet on Saturday March 7 at 10:30 AM at the south end of Horton road. Chair Gall will contact Mr. Horton (the owner of the agricultural land) to see if he would like to join us.

Director Davis also described the change in the **Community Works Fund** which now comes to the communities to cover five years so the amount is much greater and can be used on larger projects. Director Davis will make the final decisions on the spending of the funds and asked for input. Among many other projects he is considering pathways along Mill Bay road and Shawnigan Mill Bay road. There was discussion about these pathways.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Next meeting: March 19, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Boardroom of Brentwood College.

Proposed agenda items:

Tanya Soroka will present the DRAFT Mill Bay/Malahat Community maps and Trails Master Plan.

Discussion of the Horton road proposal

Discussion of frequency of meetings – should the Commission meet during the summer to prepare for the budget meeting?