

## **Area B (Shawnigan) Parks Commission – June 18, 2015**

Minutes

Meeting started at 7pm

Members present: Al Brunet, Margaret Symon, , Mark Neufeld, Matthew Ronald Jones, Sarah Malerby, Catherine Whittome, Bruce Stevens, Gaileen Flaman.

Area Director Sonia Furstenau, Alternate AD Ian Cesar

Public: Buddy Bhandar, Barane McCarthy, Brian Jackson, Bill Savage, Pieter deVries

Agenda approved.

Margaret Symon nominated to act as chair. Acclaimed.

Gaileen Flaman nominated to act as vice chair. Acclaimed.

Mark Neufeld nominated for Secretary. Accepted. Approved.

Minutes from last meeting were approved, seconded.

Sonia Furstenau reported on the Shawnigan boom: CVRD Engineering's Shawnigan Lake boom at Mason's Beach cost \$18,000 to supply and install and the annual cost to seasonally remove/install is \$500.

Report on *Mother's Day in the Park* by Gaileen Flaman. Great event; low cost.

**BE IT RESOLVED that the SL Parks and Recreation Commission request CVRD Parks Dept. take the lead to ensure the continuity of the Mother's Day Picnic in the Park event at Shawnigan Hills Athletic Park, and that the CVRD Parks Dept. include documentation/promotion in the Recreation Guide. Motion carried.**

### **Mother's Day Picnic in the Park Proposal**

In 2012, Shawnigan Hills Athletic Park celebrated its Grand Opening with a special event that has successfully run for a further 2 years. Mother's Day Picnic in the Park has increased the profile of the park while providing local residents with a free, family-friendly event. The event is well-attended with between 23-27 families enjoying children's outdoor games, crafts and facepainting.

The Parks Commission, with support from the CVRD, has provided the initiative for the past 3 years and is requesting the CVRD Parks and Recreations departments ensure its sustainability by providing, in particular:

- 1) 2 CVRD staff to lead children's games and crafts and deliver parks and trails information. They will provide all the equipment, supplies, and literature,
- 2) The booking of SHAP on Mother's Day from 11am-1pm and ensuring any maintenance and watering of the park is completed around the event,
- 3) The graphic design of an 8.5 x 11cm poster, handbills and Facebook image,
- 4) Advertising on the read-do sign at SLCC and inclusion of a write-up in both the Winter/Spring guide and Spring/Summer guide.

The Parks Commission will continue to:

- 1) Provide a committee to oversee the event, organize volunteers, and distribute promotional material,
- 2) Complete a Thrifty's donation request for carnations and ensure the delivery of the flowers,
- 3) Provide facepainting supplies.
- 4) Place an ad in The Shawnigan Focus

Budget:

Staffing: 2 staff for 2 hours each: Current wage

Facepainting supplies: \$30

Carnations: free (proposed future donation from Thrifty Foods)

Printing of posters and handbills: In-house

Ad in The Focus: \$50

Banner to hang in village (wish list item): ? (one-time cost) provided in-house

Report from Sarah Malerby on *Ironman Suburu Western Triathlon* in Shawnigan. Went very well despite lower numbers. Ironman Canada supports local community volunteers and therefore serves the community well. West Shawnigan Lake Park worked well. Service to the park ahead of event was impressive. Support, including around local traffic, was good. Helpful was the flyer in the Shawnigan Focus ahead of time.

Report on private dock at road end by old Community Centre by Sonia Furstenau. As lease is updated (switch to Timber West) we will be updated.

Report on Big Tree Festival by Living Forest Community – April 18<sup>th</sup>. It was a really great event. Identifying big trees for the big tree registry.

Point of interest: Request from Doug Makaroff to partner with CVRD Parks on fire prevention and garbage removal at Wrigglesworth Lake (in CRD). They propose to do some maintenance and work.

Report on Memory Island fuel loading by Margaret Symon. We're being notified that this job needs to be done again and Park Commission could do it or summer students could do it. We'll check with CVRD Park's Department's plan for the area (**service delivery plan**). Could Shawnigan Fire Department be involved. Margaret will check with CVRD Parks Dept, and also with SID.

Sonia Furstenau suggested that the Commission sets a set of priorities for the year on the next agenda. Where's the capacity we have (Rotary etc.)? Will help us know how to direct the Board. (example setting up the boat launch at West Shawnigan Park).

Report on Lakewatch and a reminder that more supporters are needed for this important service. Given challenges, it is at least helpful to have someone hand out brochures at the boat launch.

West Shawnigan Lake Park – reminder from Margaret Symon. We now have it for a long-term lease and the dream has been to use it for a boat launch which can be accompanied by education after closing the other government dock launches.

Saturday, Bright Angel Park is having a grand re-opening. 1pm to 3pm.

**Request for expression of interest from Kelly Musselwhite, who, on behalf of the Shawnigan Basin Society, is applying for a Gaming Commission Environment Grant to support conservation, protection, restoration, and management of the major watershed ecosystem at Shawnigan Lake. Request discussed, including suggestion of a transportable, educational kiosk that could be displayed at public events. Commission supports proposal in principle.**

Moved for chair to write a letter of support for Kelly Musselwhite. Motion carried.

Report on Trails Committee. There is a meeting tomorrow to support the community trail along East Shawnigan Road, one lot in.

Canada 150 has money available to help with parks and the CVRD Board would be there to finish the 8km leading up the Kinsol Trestle.

Area Director's report: Sonia Furstenau reported on demolition of old Community Hall. Folks can apply for wood.

Brian Jackson (public) reported that the signage, asked for in 2011, as direction to Kinsol Trestle has arrived.

**Motion to get an update on the five road ends from the CVRD Parks Commission.  
Motion carried.**

Need for a review on continuity including election terms and numbers (4 members over two years overlapping).

Next tentative proposed meeting Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 915 pm.