

Shawnigan Lake Parks and Recreation Commission

Oct 21, 2010 SLCC Lounge

Attendees: Margaret Symon, Bill Savage, Lori Treloar, Al Brunet, Catherine Whittome

Scribe: Lori Treloar

Guest:

Meeting called to order: 6:05

Minutes: from Sep 16, 2010. Approved: Bill Savage

Old business:

Shawnigan Lake Parks and Trails Master Plan:

Margaret Symon attended the CVRD meeting to witness the CVRD Board approval of our Master Plan. This is the first document of its kind in any of the CVRD electoral areas. Margaret Symon distributed copies of the plan to the members of the commission. Margaret advised that we now need an **action** plan. Mt. Baldy and Road Ends are high on the list. The Commission identified the acquisition of Road Ends as our first priority as it is a high priority in the Master Plan and has been a priority for the community for decades. The commission discussed how to start the process of creating an inventory of the 72 road ends and then identifying their exact locations, by land and water. It was suggested that we meet on a Sunday afternoon, possibly the 7th of November, to physically visit some road ends. Lori Treloar suggested that it would be helpful to take a volunteer surveyor along with the group, as it will be nearly impossible to figure out the boundaries for some of the road ends. Catherine Whittome suggested that we send out a survey to area residents regarding the road ends so that they could help us to identify which accesses are important, and why, in each neighbourhood. In the inventory process, we will determine the best use for each road end (public use or conservation) and list problem road ends where there has been abuse of the property. At some point, we will approach the Ministry of Transportation with a list of suggestions for acquisition and future use. Since the Elsie Miles property can not be "sold", the Parks Budget may benefit from those dedicated funds for other acquisitions, if necessary. Al Brunet suggested using the CVRD, SLBA and Resident's Association websites to get the survey out to the public. The commission expects that there will be some resistance (and/or hostility) to our plan from neighbours who live next to some of the road ends. Margaret Symon would like to have two or three key road ends identified prior to the next meeting so that we can discuss use etc.

Card for John Bothello:

Margaret Symon has tried to get an address for John so that a card can be sent. Catherine Whittome advised that he is now up and walking around but visitors are limited. He is experiencing memory loss but it is improving. Catherine Whittome will provide a contact for Margaret Symon so that the card can be sent.

Shawnigan Hills Athletic Park

Ryan Dias was not in attendance

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New Business:

Village washroom:

Ken Cossey, by way of email, suggested that the commission set up a Porta-potti in the village as there are no accessible washrooms and people are starting to eliminate in public places. Margaret Symon suggested that if we had to take on that expense we might consider building a proper washroom facility. It was discussed that Incorporation could fix this problem but, in the meantime, perhaps a washroom facility could be a joint venture with the Business Association and the Resident's Association. The CVRD will maintain it once it is in place.

Park dedication:

In-camera:

Possible park dedication: The Parks Commission feels we should consider retaining the proposed dedication as conservation parkland instead of public parkland.

Area Directors Report

Ken Cossey was unable to attend

Other:

Adjourned: 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting: November 18, 2010