

Date: Thursday, May 12, 2016.

Time: 7:30 p.m.



**MINUTES** of the Electoral Area E Parks and Recreation Commission held at the above noted date and time at Glenora Hall.

**PRESENT:** Frank McCorkell (Chair), Gretchen Hartley, Irene Evans, Howard Heyd, Larry Whetstone and Gregg Shoop (V/chair and Secretary)

**ABSENT:** Mike Lees, Paul Slade, Alison Nicholson (Director) and Patty John (all with apologies).

**AGENDA:** The Chair indicated that the main purpose of the meeting would be to prepare for the meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> at which discussion of the Area E Parks and Trails Master Plan would be initiated. The agenda was then agreed as circulated.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:** Motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of April 21, 2016, with amendments to show Mike Lees was in attendance, that the members in attendance had agreed that tonight's meeting would begin at 7:30 rather than 7:00 p.m., and that the regular meeting had finished at 8:00 p.m. Moved and Seconded: Carried.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

1. **Time of Regular Meetings:** Following clarification of what had been agreed informally at the end of the meeting on April 21, the following motion was made: That Regular Meetings of the Area E Parks and Recreation Commission be held at 7:30 p.m. Moved and Seconded: Carried.
2. **Area E Parks and Trails Master Plan:** Discussion took the form of a 'round table' conversation, for example : Howard urged existing parks, especially in Sathlam, be linked; Irene submitted a letter (filed with CVRD) stating her support for connecting regional and neighbourhood parks with trails that can be used by foot, bicycle and horse (she also felt we should lobby the MOT to provide space adjacent to secondary roads); Gretchen pointed out that, at this point, we should be taking the long view concerning time, priorities and liaising with Cowichan Tribes, BC Parks and others; Frank indicated we must continue to look for new access points along the Cowichan River; Larry thought it would be opportune to pursue multi-use rights-of-way across Island Timberland property to such 'jewels' as Keating Lake. The observation was made that the discussion evidenced emerging consensus amongst members. With the exception of Gregg Shoop, who tendered his apologies, those present indicated their intention to attend the special meeting on June 16.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None was raised.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None was raised.

**NEXT MEETING:**

1. **Special Meeting** (to initiate discussion of Area E Parks and Trails Master Plan): 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Glenora Hall.
2. **Regular Meeting:** 7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at Glenora Hall **(to be confirmed)**.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Carried.

Certified as Correct:

Secretary

Handwritten signature of Gregg Shoop in blue ink.

Date: 31 May '16

Chairperson

Handwritten signature of Frank McCorkell in blue ink.