

Minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on June 14<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the Arbutus Ridge Golf and Country Club.

Those present: John Krug – Chair, Bill Turner, Gord Dickenson, Annie Ingraham, Ruth Koehn, Dennis Cage, Dan Massen and Gerry Giles – Director.

Guests: Ryan Dias and Mike Miller.

Moved/Second

That the agenda be adopted as amended with the addition of the Towns for Tomorrow grant and a Closed Session item. MOTION CARRIED

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That the Minutes of the April 28<sup>th</sup> 2011 parks meeting be accepted as distributed.

MOTION CARRIED

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Quarry Nature Park:** Ryan Dias and Mike Miller reviewed the layout of the park site along with the design of the proposed washroom. Many questions were asked and answered and it was agreed that staff would look at changing the peak of the roof to have it point at Cobble Hill Road and that they would also look at light tubes, hand drying machines along with door design. Parks staff agreed to stake the washroom location on the property either Monday or Tuesday (June 20/21) for the Commission's review. It was agreed that we would try to move this project forward quickly so that the Cobble Hill washroom structure could be done at the same time as Shawnigan Lake thereby possibly saving money.

Moved/second

That the parks commission agree with the preliminary washroom location/drawings as presented with additional suggestions made by parks members and that the area be staked by parks staff so that the commission can review before a final determination is made.

MOTION CARRIED

2. **Evergreen Independent School Sport Court:** Ruth and Dennis provided an update and displayed the poster of this project used at Children and Apple Pie. The hope is to break ground as soon as school lets out. Evergreen would like to receive 120' of the chain link fence from the Cobble Hill Common once it is removed and as Ryan confirmed that parks staff had no need for this fence material, the rest will be provided to others. Ryan is to seek clarity from Brian as to where the legal agreement with Evergreen stands and also how the grant payout will be made.
3. **Cobble Hill Common:** Gerry, John and Dennis provided an update on the work done to date and while there were a few more wells to bury; most were now secured below ground. It

was agreed that the sign boards done by Evergreen would be located by the man gate and that the intention of the berms and split rail fencing is to keep vehicles off the site. Ryan agreed to look at the site from a safety perspective.

4. **Dogs on Cobble Hill Mountain and in the Recreation Area:** Dan made the Commission aware of a dog attack that had happen in the park and other related problems of people allowing their dogs off leash in the park along with the lack of cleanup after their dog. It was agreed another sign would be posted on or near the gate encouraging responsible dog ownership, leashing and scooping the poop.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### **Town Hall Meeting – June 23, 2011 at 7 p.m. – Agenda**

- Groundwater – Cobble Hill area
- State of the Environment Report
- Cobble Hill Common Concept Plan/Quarry Nature Park
- Kinsol Trestle Redevelopment
- Towns for Tomorrow Project
- South Cowichan Official Community Plan
- Other items of Community interest

**Towns for Tomorrow Grant:** The Cobble Hill sewer/water reuse application was approved by the province and \$400,000 was granted by them toward this project. Although the design has yet to be done, it is hoped the sewer pipes connecting the two systems will be routed through the older parts of the village as those septic systems are the most likely to fail in the near future. Capacity will be built in to take these systems on. Water reuse will be hugely beneficial as it will free up capacity for residential purposes and recharge the aquifer.

Moved/second

That the Commission resolve into Closed Session at 8:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

The Commission rose from Closed Session at 8:53 p.m. without report.

Volunteer hours for May were 38.5 and for June to date 33.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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John Krug, Chair