

Minutes of the Cowichan Station/Glenora/Sahtlam Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting held on November 29, 2011 at the Glenora Community Hall at 7:00p.m.

Present: Frank McCorkell, Chair, Patty John, Larry Wheatstone, Ron Smith, Director Loren Duncan, Mike Lees, Paul Slade, Howard Heyd

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7: 05 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 20, 2011 meeting were reviewed. These were previously distributed prior to the meeting.

Business Arising:

A few of the items discussed at the October 20th meeting were again reviewed by the Commission. The first dealt with the kiosk sign for the small rest stop area at the Trans Canada Highway and Boys Road. The Commission wants to see a 4'x8' "non standard" size sign board be constructed for the appropriate kiosk showing all information as previously proposed. This will include pictures of the Glenora Trails Head Park, Bright Angel Park and the Kinsol Trestle. The second point was with regard to the Sahtlam parks and recreation survey that went out in the mail recently and are starting to be returned. The results of the survey will be discussed at the next Commission meeting. The third item dealt with the information meeting held with respect to the possible rezoning of 4695 Lake Cowichan Road.

New Business:

1. Fairbridge Park Improvements: The Commission discussed the contents of the memo and it was suggested that likely this work could be undertaken with the assistance by a contractor for a single day and three other days by the summer student parks crew.

2. B.C. Parks Annual Report: This was for information only.

3. Wake Lake Research Study: There was a general discussion to consider a research study at the ecological reserve. It was suggested that the Commission hold an on site tour of the property in early 2012 (possibly January or February) and then review the contents of the memorandum after this takes place. Director Duncan said he will provide some additional research information already prepared on Wake Lake at that time.

4. Holt Creek Trestle and Trans Canada Trail: The possible problems with the Holt Creek Trestle and the fact that BC Parks was not maintaining the trail west of the trestle to approximately the Mile 66 trestle was brought to the attention of the Commission. It was also mentioned that with the amount of publicity we are now receiving in relation to the Kinsol Trestle and the Cowichan Valley Trail through the Valley (as for example the November 15th, 2011 special report in the *Globe and Mail*) it would be extremely embarrassing for all concerned if the trestle becomes unsafe or this section of the trail is not maintained.

The Commission would appreciate a status report from Brian Farquhar, CVRD Parks and Trail Manager, with respect to the responsibility of maintenance of the Holt Creek Trestle and the portion of the trail west of the trestle.

5. Glenora Trails Head Cookhouse: Frank McCorkell mentioned that there is a small design problem with respect to the metal plates that covered the gang plates at the new cookhouse. Evidently the black paint was bleeding and staining the wood. They have now been removed.

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The Commission decided that it would be appropriate to do an on site at the cookhouse and look at a couple of different materials that could be used to cover the gang plates at the truss joints. This will take place on December 8th at 12 noon.

6. Horses on the Cowichan Station Ball Field: Patty John mentioned that someone has been putting horses on the field to graze and was wondering who was responsible for overseeing the use of the ball field. The Commission indicated that while they have agreed to cut the grass on the south side of Koksilah Road (the ball field) this is still land that was leased from the School District by the Cowichan Station Community Association and thus it would be up to the Association to oversee the use of the field. It was mentioned, however, that at this time of year it would likely not be appropriate for the horses to be on the field as they would easily compact the turf and in the spring it may be quite difficult for the field to be cut and maintained properly.

7. Annual General Meeting: It was decided that the Commission will hold the Annual General Meeting at the Sahtlam Fire Hall on January 26th at 7p.m.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.