

Area B (Shawnigan Lake) Parks and Recreation Commission

January 19, 2012 - 6:30

Attendees: Gaileen Flamen, Lori Treloar, Margaret Symon, Al Brunet, Kelly Musselwhite, Bruce Fraser, Bill Savage

Guests: Brian Jackson

Scribe: Bill Savage

Road Ends

Following site visits to the majority of the road ends over the past five years it is the unanimous decision of this Commission that the acquisition of three road ends is not adequate to fulfill the needs of this community. It is agreed by all that the road ends under the following five categories are a more legitimate course of action for our first phase.

Public access: Worthington, McBride, Bell-Irving, and Pillow Roads

Encroachment: May, Haybrook, Millicent, and Bellendean Roads

Recreation: Hepworth and Armstrong Roads

Subdividable: Dalziel, Quaker, Scobal, and Tranent Roads

Natural: Crieffe, Bud, Spode, and Pauline Roads

These road ends are a preliminary list and could be subject to change. The acquisition/possession and/or management of these road ends are a high priority for immediate action.

RCMP Boathouse

The relocation of the RCMP Boat, which is currently moored off Millicent Road, to a new location at Shawnigan Wharf on Thrush Road, is essential. This Commission supports this move and a number of groups in our community also support the concept. Tanya Soroka, with CVRD Parks, is currently looking into details regarding our foreshore status as well as regulations regarding the construction of a new boathouse. It is also recommended that this commission attend a meeting of the Shawnigan Lake Improvement District in order to discuss the possibility of combining the fire boathouse with the RCMP boathouse to save future maintenance and improvement costs.

Shawnigan Hills Park

The construction of the public washroom facility at this park is proceeding, although a little behind schedule due to weather conditions. It has been brought to our attention that some design changes may have to occur regarding the bathroom windows and privacy. The commission agrees that due to the large cost of this structure, the draftsman/designer should have dealt with this issue long before construction began. This commission relies on CVRD Parks and experienced professionals to address these issues before they arise.

Greenbelts

The S.L. Beach Estates encroachments are an issue that has been brought before this Commission numerous times over the past year and has become a recurring, time-consuming matter. Some issues are currently being addressed but the Commission requests an update from Brian Farquar regarding the progress to date of the Park Place encroachment. This request was initiated at our Oct 2011 meeting.

Commission Expansion

Area B Parks and Recreation members work very hard on behalf of our community. Some members have been on this Commission for a number of years and we welcome and invite the addition of energetic residents with new ideas and creative solutions for positive progress in our community.

Shawnigan Triathlon

Sarah Malerby has taken the lead position in the 2012 event. The triathlon is working hard to move some events to the village core this year. The Commission welcomes these initiatives and we will assist with these changes where possible.

Fundraising Event

Two years ago, it was suggested that we look for ways to raise money for possible new projects such as lake safety and/or improvements. The raffle of a donated picnic table was suggested and we, as a Commission, support this endeavour and related activities. Further actions regarding this raffle are welcome.

Community Centre

It has been suggested that this Commission look into the expansion and completion of the rear parking lot at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre. We will request more information regarding this matter and will discuss at a future meeting the possibilities of our assistance with the SLCC parking expansion.

Next meeting: Feb 16, 2012 at Shawnigan Lake Community Centre.