

MINUTES OF ELECTORAL AREA I (Youbou/Meade Creek) PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: February 14, 2012

TIME: 7:00pm

MINUTES of the Electoral Area I Parks Commission Meeting held on the above noted date and time in Youbou Upper Hall, Youbou, BC. Called to order by chair at 7:02pm.

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Marcia Stewart

Vice-chairperson: Gerald Thom

Members: Dan Nickel, Gillian Scott, Ken Wilde

ALSO PRESENT:

Director: Pat Weaver

Alternate Director:

Secretary: Tara Daly

REGRETS: Dave Charney

GUESTS: Trisha and John Waddington

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded to accept the agenda with additions under New Business Rezoning of the Cottages at Marble Bay

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of January 10, 2012 be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

- the flag has been taken down at Arbutus Park by G. Thom

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

DELEGATION

- dust, etc with logging trucks travelling through Youbou is not only a health concern (breathing, asthma, allergies) but the quality of life is being potentially compromised
- forty-seven (47) trucks were counted in one day and there is a likelihood that number is low
- rerouting of the trucks and/or a truck wash seem to be more proactive than highway sweeping which has proven to be ineffective
- the Waddingtons showed a video that confirms the dust problems
- Director Weaver noted she has been in contact with Andy Newel of Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure and Jeff of Mainroad Contracting; she doesn't believe a truck wash will happen because of the cost; she agrees with the ineffectiveness of highway sweeping and the potential health problems
- Commission members suggested taking the video to Shaw Cable for airing on the local network; the Waddingtons were also invited to the AGM to present the video along with a discussion on the next steps to be taken to rectify the situation – these including a possible

protest day

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- continuing to work on the dust problem within Youbou and beyond as dust has been a problem farther down the road
- **Critical Intersection Lights** ~ Beaver Road & Indian Road and Youbou Road & North Shore Road are asking for lights in their area and Cedar Road would like to have theirs shaded (BC Hydro is looking into shading but not removing lights)
- **Rights-of-Way** ~ in the Marble Bay area there are problems with garbage being dumped on the ROWs and residents of Youbou would like to have more ROWs accessible
- **Youbou Lands Development** ~ the information sent to the government to obtain the Certificate of Compliance for the remediation work has made it to the top of the pile, hopefully a decision by April 2012; because the economy is slow, the start of the development is uncertain – *Commission members asked if the garbage that has accumulated on the property could be disposed of noting that Wilderness Watch had offered to partner with the developers in disposing of it*
- Director Weaver said that she has been doing a lot of reading to gain knowledge of the various areas of interest for Area I; it is a big learning curve
- **Sightline changes at intersection of Meade Creek Road and Youbou Road** ~ Commission member asked of the status of this area as it was a condition of Woodland Shores development; Director Weaver noted the property is privately owned but that MOTI is wanting to survey and attempt to buy allowing for the realignment to go forward

COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION

- **Safety Audit** has been completed for Arbutus Park (\$1500 paid by CLR); still needs to be determined what areas will be improved according to the audit
- **Budget Meeting** ~ Thursday, February 23rd
- **Revenue is up** ~ bowling, roller derby, pickle ball, and afterschool program are happening at the Youbou Hall regularly; call John Cummings at CLR for any other recreation suggestions
- **Pest Exterminator** ~ has been doing monthly checks at the hall for rodents and ants; seems to be working well
- **Commission Members** suggested that it may be a good idea to approach some of the non-profit organizations (Rotary Club, Kinsmen Club, Lions Club, Elks Club) for donations for upgrades at Arbutus Park

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- None

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

- **CLR Audit** ~ findings will be reviewed at a February 20th meeting looking for direction with a report for the Parks March meeting
- **Healthy Communities for Recreation** grant ~ should have a report for the Parks April meeting
- **Concession at Little League Park** ~ Health Department is doing a cleanliness assessment with a report to the Parks March meeting
- **Water Testing at Little League Park** ~ to determine if the water is potable as it is still on a well system; no report as of yet
- **Boundary adjustment in Price Park** ~ no update

OLD BUSINESS

- **Right of Ways** ~ G. Thom shared maps with M. Stewart who will have them copied for Commission members; currently the ROWs at Sunset, Nantree, and Alder Crescent (Arbutus Park currently uses this area as parking) are accessible; Commission should determine which accesses to pursue and have an idea of ongoing maintenance costs; application to MOTI would only be made official when all information has been gathered

NEW BUSINESS

- **Annual General Meeting** ~ Sunday, February 26, 2012 at 1pm; hall is booked and the Fire Chief & Fire Commission have been contacted; Director Weaver will hold an Open House after the Fire Commission AGM with one of the topics being dust control; there is no AGM for Parks as all members terms expire December 31, 2012
- **Gatekeepers for 2012** ~ K. Wilde for Little League Park, G. Thom for Mile 77 Park, Stoker Park will need someone new as Roger Wiles has moved
- **Rezoning at the Cottages at Marble Bay** ~ CVRD staff is proposing a covenant from existing property to Bald Mountain park area; when asked for comments, *the Parks Commission agreed they are not in favour of the connection between Marble Bay Park and Bald Mountain Park*

ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned 8:40pm.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

March 13, 2012

7pm at Youbou Upper Hall

/s/ Tara Daly
Secretary

Items for March agenda:

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Confirmation of Meeting Dates