

MINUTES
South Cowichan Parks Commission
Monday, February 13, 2012 630 pm
Clubhouse Meeting Room, Arbutus Ridge

In attendance: David Gall, Director Mike Walker, Director Bruce Fraser, John Krug, Lynn Wilson, Margaret Symon, Kerrie Talbot, Director Lori Iannidinardo.
CVRD staff: Ryan Dias, Graham Gidden
Regrets: Director Gerry Giles

Meeting called to order: 6:43pm

Minutes of previous meeting October 2011: Margaret will email for 'e' approval.

Business Items:

Mill Bay Historic Church:

Report from Graham Gidden re: phased work plan for Option 2 (renovate church – deconstruct hall) developed by CVRD staff. 1st phase will take approximately 4 months. Open house to be held before work begins ~ potential date Saturday, March 10th from 2-4pm.

Quilters group may have found potential space ~ Men's group still looking for suitable location for meetings.

Cowichan Bay Interpretive Centre:

Construction on target & going well. Viewing platform finished, but not open to public yet. Beach remediation & construction of path extension west of Hecate Park well underway. Request from Interpretive Centre committee to South Cowichan Parks Commission to approve installation of 2 interpretive signs along walkway in SC boat launch Park.

Motion: to approve installation of 2 – 18"x24" Interpretive signs in SC boat launch Park. Signs & installation to be paid for by Cowichan Land Trust (Interpretive Centre). Location to be approved by CVRD staff. Approved. Carried.

Hecate Park / South Cowichan Boat Launch:

Sign kiosk to be installed at top of boat launch with informational signage ie: maps of area, rockfish conservation areas etc. DFO will pay ½ the cost.

Report from Ryan Dias re: short, medium & long range options for boat launch park to deal with ongoing seasonal congestion issues. Discussion re: potential for volunteer park warden or summer student on site to ameliorate problems arising, dispense information pamphlets etc.

Motion: to request that CVRD staff pursue short term options to reconfigure parking lot to maximize parking stalls. Approved. Carried.

Bright Angel Park:

It is hoped that the BC recreation grant application for Bright Angel Park will be successful. Status of application should be known mid-March. Formal Park management planning process has not yet been initiated for Bright Angel Park. Background work has taken place over the past couple of years under the direction of the EASC. In-park surveys have been conducted last couple summers by parks summer student were aimed at gaining a better understanding of the park's current use and general thoughts/impressions of park visitors interests in new or improved Park amenities, programs and opportunities.

Public meeting: Sat March 10, 2012 2-4 pm Mill Bay Historic Church and Cemetery

Next Commission Meeting: Monday, April 23rd ~ 6:30pm @ Arbutus Ridge (clubhouse meeting room)

Focus on: Bright Angel Park

Hecate Park / South Cowichan Boat Launch

Meeting adjourned: 8:05pm