

Minutes of the Cowichan Station/Glenora/Sahtlam Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, held on May 17, 2012, at the Glenora Community Hall

Present: Frank McCorkell, Chair, Ron Smith, Paul Slade, Irene Evans, Larry Whetstone, Howard Heyd, Director Loren Duncan, Patty John, Tanya Soroka, CVRD Parks and Trails Planner, and Pat Munroe

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

Minutes:

The Commission reviewed the April 26th, 2012 minutes. The Chairman asked for the Commission members' feelings or willingness to establishment of a special reserve fund for the construction of the bridge across the Cowichan River. This project has been discussed for a number of years and was raised by Commission member Mike Lees at the last meeting. After the general discussion the following resolution was recommended

That the CVRD create a special reserve fund for the construction of a bridge across the Cowichan River linking the Glenora and Sahtlam areas.

The Commission also requested that staff provide a break down of donations that have been received from the public in 2011 and so far in 2012 and the location of the allocation within the Area E Parks and Recreation budget.

Business Arising:

1. Picnic Tables: There are 2 tables finished as of this week and another 2 will be constructed and ready for shipment in mid June. The next order of 4 will not be started until approximately September.

2. Web Site: Tanya Soroka mentioned she oversees the web site featuring the many parks and trails and indicated that new maps and updates were being done. There is a specific uniformed format that is being followed but she indicated that additional park information could be added such as a park brochure as a PDF download. The Commission requested that a small sticker be added to the Trails Head Park kiosk sign as it still indicates that the Kinsol Trestle is closed. This would be better than replacing the entire sign at this point in time.

3. Property Subdivision: The Commission requested staff undertake the necessary work as outlined in the February 16th, 2012 In-Camera meeting minutes—point 4.

New Business

1. Summer Students: The students have not started working on the parks within Area E.

2. Miller Road BC Transit Request: The Commission requested more information on the proposal by BC Transit before making any recommendation. It was pointed out that it was the only rest stop for the travelling public between Nanoose Bay and Victoria on that side of the Island Highway. They also wanted to know if it was going to be simply a pick up/drop off location for the local Cowichan Valley transit service or was it going to become a park and ride for the commuter service to Victoria. The Commission also asked staff to look into the ownership of the rest stop property so a recommendation can be made at the next Commission meeting.

At this point the meeting moved into closed session.

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3. Community Appreciation Cookout: The Commission will be holding an afternoon barbeque at the Trails Head Park on September 16th, 2012.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.