

Minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held at 7 p. m. on Thursday, July 26th, 2012 in the Youth Hall on Watson Avenue in the Cobble Hill Village.

Those present: John Krug – Chair, Bill Turner, Al Garside, Annie Ingraham, Jennifer Symons, Lynn Wilson, Ruth Koehn, Gord Dickenson and Director Gerry Giles.

Regrets: Alan Seal, Dennis Cage

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by the Chair.

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that the agenda be adopted as amended by adding New Bylaw Enforcement Officer under new business.

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that the minutes of the July 5<sup>th</sup> 2012 meeting be adopted as circulated.

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### Old Business:

1. The use of the Cobble Hill Common by the Cobble Hill Fair was discussed and the plan submitted by James Clark was reviewed after which it was

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that the use of the Cobble Hill Common for the Cobble Hill Fair be approved as shown in the diagram provided by James Clark provided that nothing is located on the berm and that the berm area is cordoned off from pedestrian traffic.

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2. The new kiosk to house the 'Cobble Hill Welcomes You' sign at the Cobble Hill Common was reviewed. Holes will need to be augured, sonic tubes installed and cement poured before the kiosk can be built. Gerry will arrange a meeting with parks staff and see if Dan Johnston (Central Power) will drill the four holes needed.
3. After a review it was decided that the best location for the washroom in Quarry Nature Park was on the north side of the yellow gate. This is a more level area and one that is away from traffic. It would be set back and perhaps encroaching on the bike park a bit but any damage caused would be fixed.

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That the new washroom location in Quarry Nature Park be accepted as presented.

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4. Watson Trail has been completed. The commission temporarily adjourned the meeting so that members could go down to the trail and walk its length. All agreed it is well done and an asset to the community.
5. Suggestions were brought forward for the small area commonly known as Fairfield Road Park. A general discussion took place. As this park space is someone's front yard, the commission wants to ensure its design is attractive, drought tolerant and as maintenance free as possible. Ruth provided a pencil sketch that mirrored the two photos sent to the commission members by Jennifer. These photos are seen below.



After discussion about budget and other considerations, it was suggested that any surplus from the Watson Trail construction be reallocated to this area and that the space be named.

Bill suggested the name Ross Park in recognition of Alex Ross who lived at the corner of Fisher and Fairfield Roads for decades.

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that the small park space on Fairfield Road be named Ross Park.

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6. Discussion ensued on three items pertaining to the Off Leash Dog Park.

John had a sample of the material used in North Cowichan's Dog Park. Although it seems appropriate, he would like to do some further research on this before a final product is selected.

As the wooden drinking fountain in the dog park was intended as a temporary measure, it was decided it would be best to replace it with a newer structure. It was also noted that once staff makes the necessary changes to the connection, the water in the dog park should be able to be left on year round.

The ongoing concern with underage children using the dog park was again expressed. Ryan Lendrum was to have ordered and installed signs on the gate stating the age requirements but this has not been done yet. John will follow up with Ryan.

### New Business:

7. Park boundary signs are needed for the Wetlands Park as it appears there may be an encroachment into this area from the Twin Cedar development. Parks staff will be asked to ensure the Wetland boundary is properly signed to prevent brush being cleared in the park.
8. It was noted that a new Memorial Bench has been installed in Quarry Nature Park in remembrance of a Mr. Howard A. Lucus. The commission questioned whether the CVRD has policies, procedures and guidelines in place regarding memorial placements. If so, could copies of these be emailed to commission members so they are aware of the policies?
9. John indicated he had met the new bylaw enforcement officer while he was in Quarry Nature Park.

### Director's Report

- It is unclear whether there has been any follow up regarding the Bike Park and the concerns expressed to the by the two young people who ride in the park. Gerry to follow up with Dan regarding the agreement with SIMBS.
- Indications are that work will begin on the sewer system – park end – soon and that the lines should be ready to trench up Fisher Road and Watson Avenue once the fair is complete. Hopefully the construction on the washroom will also begin soon.
- An update was provided on the SIA application, the public meeting and the Ministry's response to date to the issue of contaminated soil deposits.
- The new zoning bylaw for the South Cowichan area is now on the CVRD's website and it should be reviewed as it will have an impact on the future of our community.

The next meeting is to be at the call of the Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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John Krug, Chair