

Area B, Shawnigan Lake Parks and Recreation Commission
November 15, 2012

Attendees: Bill Savage, Lori Treloar, Al Brunet, Margaret Symon, Gaileen Flaman
(scribe)

Guests: Brian Jackson, Bruce Fraser, Kelly Musselwhite, Sarah Malerby

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes of October 18 2012 approved

Business Items:

Peterbrook Road – rezoning application for subdivision.

- Site visit Nov. 14: CVRD (CVRD – [Parks and Trails, Planning], 2 Park Commission reps, property owner)
- APC opposes application; (property lies just outside village containment boundary)
- MOTH has approved access for a park trail between Ceylon and Gregory (gravel road)
- At site visit, trail recommended along east side of property, along Lot 1, paralleling road access
- Bruce Fraser, Area Director, suggested this is an ecologically sound development, contrary to the Worthington subdivision, and supports it.

Motion: The Shawnigan Lake Parks Commission and Recreation Commission is in favour of a trail along the eastern portion of the Peterbrook Road property proposed for rezoning (subdivision), with the owner providing trail construction or equal value amenities towards the park trail. **Motion carried.**

Invasive Plant Program:

- Brian Farquahar was to provide completed report by contractor; however, nothing received as yet by Commission.

Cobble Hill Mountain:

- At the Nov. 2012 CVRD Parks Dept. meeting, it was decided to forward to the Cobble Hill and Shawnigan Parks Commissions a copy of agreement made between MoFR and CVRD in August 2001, outlining CVRD's responsibilities as the primary agency responsible for recreation management for the Cobble Hill Recreation Site.

Bruce Fraser noted that, with the growing popularity of Cobble Hill Mountain, there is also a growing contention between the various park users, which is to be expected, and that it would be prudent to specify various recreational usage, and to enlist user groups in the maintenance of the trails.

RCMP Boathouse:

- Margaret Symon circulated a draft letter of support for the proposed re-location of the RCMP boathouse from the SW end of the lake, and will present it at the next SID meeting Nov. 19.

Road Ends:

- An informal gathering at the West Arm Grill on Nov. 14 resulted in refinement of data added to Brian Jackson's "Road End Bible". Al Brunet will be adding photos to the binder and Brian Jackson will be making copies of the comprehensive work, with the intention of creating 3 binders; one as a resource copy not for lending.

Area Director's Report:

- Elsie Miles: Cowichan SD is favorable to the idea of the CVRD purchasing the property outright; funding options are being looked at. The Area B Parks Commission, e Shawnigan Recreation Commission, and Village Improvement group will be collaborating on plans for the property.
- A Shawnigan Lake Watch initiative is being launched with Shelagh Bell-Irving leading the project.

Guest Presentation:

- Sarah Malerby suggested she had a group of volunteers interested in building, and possibly providing materials, to create an access point from the Trans-Canada Trail to the West Shawnigan park. The commission is supportive and encouraged her to submit a plan and proposal directly to Margaret Symon, for forwarding to the CVRD.

Bright Angel Park:

- Funding through grants have been provided to repair capital infrastructure in the park including washrooms, play structure and parking. Site visit Nov. 17; Open House Nov. 22 - to allow for public input.

Other items:

- Lori Treloar noted that the wood play structure at Gibson's park is slippery poses a safety hazard.
- Also reported was the Halloween vandalism of the gate to the Shawnigan Hills Sport fields. Parks Commission was not directly informed.
- Al Brunet reported that the Shawnigan Residents Association will be hosting its AGM and meeting on contaminated soil dumping on Nov 29 at 7pm at the theatre on the Shawnigan Lake School campus.
- Bill Savage reminded us that the map at the Shawnigan Beach Estates bulletin board has not been replaced, nor has an update from Brian Farquahar regarding the encroachment into the green space off Park Place been provided.

Motion: The Parks and Recreation Commission is requesting an update from Brian Farquahar regarding the encroachment into the green space off Park Place in the SBE.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

No meeting December. Next meeting in January, 2013.