


Minutes of the regular meeting of the Area H Parks Commission held at the North Oyster Community Centre January 19, 2012


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PRESENT: Acting Chairperson Don Pigott, Snuffy Ladret, Murray McNab, Mary Marcotte, Secretary Barbara Waters,

ALSO PRESENT: CVRD parks and trails manager Brian Farquhar.

ABSENT: Bruce Mason, Brad Uytterhagen

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Don Pigott called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved
Seconded

That the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of November 3, 2011 were adopted as read.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

B1 Elliott's Beach

The gravel has been spread in the parking area at this park, and the bench installed. There was further discussion regarding the state of the pathways and gardens, and agreement that in fact a complete renovation is necessary. Parks commission members are to consider requirements for completely rebuilding the pathways and beds in Elliott's Beach Park, and come to a decision as soon as possible.

Moved
Seconded

That the Area H Parks Commission apply to the CVRD Board for funding from general reserves for a minor capital project for the rebuilding of pathways and garden beds at Elliott's Beach. Because of budgeting time constraints the application must be submitted within one week.

MOTION CARRIED

B2 Heart Lake

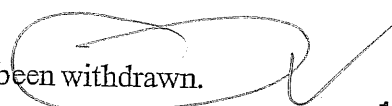
The survey and subdivision of parts of this parcel are still under way. Area H Parks Commission is still awaiting formal transfer of the parkland portion; once the transfer is made we can access the parkland immediately. Design and building of the bridge across Bush Creek would not be initiated this year.

B3 YPP Horse Crossing

Mary Marcotte has been unable to monitor this site recently because of weather and daylight constraints.

B4 Wiggins

Dr. Wiggins' application to subdivide has been withdrawn.



**NEW BUSINESS:
NB1 Budget**

Brian Farquhar circulated information regarding the Area H parks revised and actual budgets for 2011 and draft budget for 2012. He answered questions regarding capitalizing legal costs, how to access funding for capital projects, and specific budget items. He also circulated a breakdown of taxation figures for various levels of the annual requisition.

Moved

Seconded

That the annual requisition for Area H Parks be increased from \$15,000 to \$24,000 for 2012.

MOTION CARRIED

Brian also circulated results of an Ipsos Reid survey of CVRD residents, showing that the highest priority for residents is natural parks and hiking or walking trails. Kudos to Area H Parks Commission for being on the right track with the community.

**NB2 “Wild
Crafting”**

Mary Marcotte circulated excerpts of emails she has received recently requesting clarification of the CVRD policy regarding harvesting of plants and mushrooms in Yellow Point Park. Brian Farquhar confirmed that the parks bylaw prohibits any harvesting in CVRD parks. Direction was given to Brian Farquhar, requesting that four (4) signs be made up for Yellow Point Park with simple language regarding prohibition of picking in the park.

**NB3 Meeting
Schedule**

Parks commission members confirmed Feb. 23, 2012 as the date for our AGM, alternate director Rob Waters presiding in Mary Marcotte’s absence.

Moved

Seconded

That the Area H Parks Commission meeting schedule for 2012 be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED**NB4 Heart Lake
Update**

See item #2 under Business Arising From the Minutes.

NB5 Golf Course

Mary Marcotte provided information about a proposed partnership between the local first nations, Heart Lake and another private developer to develop lands across the highway from the Heart Lake development. The full partnership’s proposal includes commercial and residential buildings and a golf course on native and non-native lands.

NB6 DL 133 Don Pigott reports that new volunteer eco-wardens have been recruited for this parcel which adjoins Yellow Point Park.

REPORTS:
R1 Yellow Point Park Snuffy Ladret has visited this park recently and reports it looks fine.

R2 Blue Heron Park Don Pigott reports that this park is also looking fine.

R3 Raven Park No report.

R4 Elliott's Beach See Business Arising From the Minutes.

R5 Michael Lake No report.

R6 Trillium Park Snuffy Ladret reported that he and Brad Uyttehaven have met and that planning is ongoing regarding the possible application to Ladysmith Kinsmen for assistance with building a boardwalk over the flooded area.

R7 Ladysmith Parks and Recreation No report.

NEXT MEETING Annual General Meeting, Thursday, February 23, 2012, 6:30 p.m., North Oyster Community Hall.

ADJOURNMENT Moved
Seconded

That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m