Minutes of the Parks Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. in the Regional District Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC

PRESENT

Director Mel Dorey, Chair

Director Dave Haywood

Director Loren Duncan Director Lori Iannidinardo Director Ian Morrison Director Klaus Kuhn

Director Gerry Giles

Director Phil Kent

Director Brian Harrison

CVRD STAFF

Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks and Trails Division

Ron Austen, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture Department

Ryan Dias, Parks Operations Superintendant

Laura Gale, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF **AGENDA**

The Chair noted changes to the agenda, which included one item of New Business.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the agenda, be amended with the addition of the following items of New Business:

NB1

Staff Report, dated November 10, 2010 from Ryan Dias, Operations Superintendant, Parks and Trails Division, regarding Hillcrest Road Access to Chemainus River Road - Committee Update.

NB2

Trails South of Cowichan River

CSSR2

Changed from written to verbal report and that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

M1 - MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Minutes of the Parks Committee Meeting of September 8, 2010, be

adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 – Cowichan Valley

Trail Completion Initiative - Fall 2010

Update

Dan Brown, Parks Trails Technician, presented this staff report, dated November 10, 2010, regarding the Cowichan Valley Trail Completion Initiative – Fall 2010 Update.

Received as information.

SR2 – Regional Parks Maintenance Services Contract Extension

Ryan Dias, Parks Operations Superintendent, presented this staff report dated November 4, 2010, regarding the Regional Parks Maintenance Services Contract Extension.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the regional parks portion of the parks maintenance services contract with Easy Living Landscape Holdings Ltd. be extended for an additional three years, commencing January 2011 through December 2013, as per the existing contract renewal terms, for a total fixed price of \$133,007 (excluding HST).

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Municipality of North Cowichan regarding Chemainus Pedestrian Crossings and Sidewalks Correspondence received from Mark Ruttan, Deputy CAO, Municipality of North Cowichan, regarding the Chemainus Pedestrian Crossings and Sidewalks.

It was Moved and Seconded

That a response letter be sent to North Cowichan which acknowledges prioritization of expected higher use sections of the Cowichan Valley Trail northern completion initiative and requests that North Cowichan work with local developers to complete a multi-use trail link between Elm Street and Chapman Road.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 – Update – Hillcrest Road access to Chemainus River Road Ryan Dias, Parks Operations Superintendent, Parks and Trails Division presented this staff report dated November 10, 2010, regarding Hillcrest Road Access to Chemainus River Road – Committee Update.

It was Moved and Seconded

On behalf of the Regional Board, that the Board Chair send a letter to the Minister of Forests requesting assistance with resolving the issue of installing a gate on Hillcrest Forestry Road to manage after hour use and vandalism concerns at Chemainus River Park.

MOTION CARRIED

NB2 – Trails South of Cowichan River

Director Loren Duncan, Electoral Area E, spoke regarding trail connectivity interests from Miller Road in Electoral Area E along the rail corridor right-of-way to the Duncan train station.

Received as information.

CLOSED SESSION

It was Moved and Seconded

That the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the *Community Charter* Part 4, Division 3, Section 90(1), Subsections as noted in accordance with each agenda item.

MOTION CARRIED

The Committee moved into Closed Session at 4:19 p.m.

RISE

The Committee rose without report.

ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary