

**Area A Parks & Recreation Meeting
March 19th 2009
Held at Brentwood College**

Present: David Gall, Clyde Olgivie, June Laraman, Joan Pope, Paris Webster,
Mario Iiannidinardo
Regrets: Greg Farley, Sandilea Vollet, Brian Harrison, Roger Burgess
Meeting Minutes: It was moved and seconded
That the meeting minutes for February 19th be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

Agenda: It was moved and seconded
That the meeting agenda for March 19th be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

Area A Director Expectations

David Gall stated that the Area A priorities for 2009 were clearly stated in the Mill Bay Malahat Parks & Trails Master Plan. As David had a copy of the draft, these priorities were reviewed and it was agreed that these were valid. In addition, after review of the 2009 budget it was agreed that available dollars should be spent on:

- 1) Completion of the Briarwood/Limac Trail to connect it to the Mill Springs trail along Handeysen Creek.
- 2) To develop signage for all existing trails in Area A.
- 3) To develop and distribute Parks & Trails maps for Area A to key locations for use by area residents.

Note: The Mill Bay Malahat Parks & Trails Master Plan has not yet been released.

Existing Business:

Shore Rd & Inlet Dr: The CVRD report and recommendations provided by Dan Brown, Trails Planning Technician were reviewed.

It was moved and seconded that the CVRD recommendation for Site 2 (Inlet Drive) be recommended for approval and that the estimated costs for this project should be provided to the Area A PRC for evaluation.

MOTION CARRIED

Site Reviews:

Mill Springs: Agreed to meet March 25th at 5pm at the Mill Springs sales office. Tanya Soroka, CVRD Parks Planning Technician, to provide updated maps.

Sentinel Ridge: The report provided by both Brian Farquar, CVRD Parks Manager and Mike Tippet, CVRD Deputy Manager, Development Services, on the commitments and status of the Sentinel Ridge Parks and Phase II developments were reviewed.

The PRC stated several concerns re the development:

- 1) It was understood that the culvert would be removed before the development started. This did not occur.
- 2) Lots are being developed near the creek bed and although there are no fish in the creek there is concern that the creek will be further contaminated.
- 3) A raptor tree, designated to be conserved, was lost in the course of the development. There is ongoing concern that further infringement on the ecosystem and environment will occur.

The Area A PRC requests that the CVRD provide feedback on what is occurring at the site as there appears to be no recourse once the damage is done.

Budget Review:

It was noted that Director Harrison had advised that the CVRD Board had passed the “return of funding”. There was limited discussion of the budget as the issues raised were being pursued by Director Harrison who was unable to attend.

In review of the line items within the budget, a question arose as to what was included under Miscellaneous Equipment of \$27, 406. It was agreed that this should be clarified before the next meeting.

New Business:**Park Maintenance:**

The CVRD request from Brian Dias, Parks Operations Superintendent, for input on summer student priorities was distributed and discussed.

It was agreed that the best use of the summer students’ time would be on an Area A priority, specifically:

Completion of the Briarwood/Limac Trail to connect it to the Mill Springs trail along Handeysen Creek.

This will be communicated to Brian Dias as soon as the Area minutes are finalized.

**Individual Park
Donations:**

David Gall, Area A PRC Chair, recommended that we solicit individual donations from Area residents. The PRC agreed in concept that this was a good idea but stated that advertising dollars would be required. More discussion is required as to what form of advertising is appropriate and how much should be spent in and in what time frame.

This item will be carried forward to the next PRC meeting for further discussion.

Funding Grants:

David Gall, Area A PRC Chair, had determined that there were Federal funds available via 'Green Grants'. He recommended that the PRC consider that we request that the CVRD submit a request on our behalf to acquire 'Green Grant' funds to utilize professional unemployed loggers and tradesmen in general to do trail clean-up and parks maintenance.

It was moved and seconded

That a request be submitted to the CVRD to apply for this funding on our behalf.

MOTION CARRIED

Other:

PRC Appointees: David Gall announced that Sandilea Vollett had resigned on March 19th as she no longer lives in Area A.

The PRC agreed that more PRC members are required and David Gall encouraged the commission to contact Director Harrison directly should they have a candidate.

All commission members must be cleared and approved by Director Harrison.

**Lazier Rd/
Meredith Rd:**

Question as to whether the dollars received for this development would go into the reserve fund. It was agreed that this would be researched and discussed at the next PRC meeting.

Adjournment:

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next meeting: April 16th, 2009 at 7pm at Brentwood College