

Area A Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes
November 26th, 2009
Held at Brentwood College

Present: David Gall, Clyde Olgivie, June Laraman, Joan Pope, Paris Webster, Greg Farley, Cathy Leslie, Mario Iannidinardo, Brian Harrison (Area A Director), Roger Burgess (alternate Director)

Meeting Minutes: It was moved and seconded
That the meeting minutes for October 15th, 2009 be accepted.

Agenda: It was moved and seconded
That the meeting agenda for November 26th, 2009 be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

Existing Business:

Progress Reports

Inlet Drive Beach Access: The CVRD Parks Operations Superintendent, Ryan Dias, provided an alternative solution to the original recommendation by MoT to install 3 parking stalls. The solution is to proceed with trail access only. Ross Deveau MoT provided a verbal okay to do this. The solution also includes the planting of trees along the top entrance of the park and installing no parking/private property signs along the property owners' side to the south. The Area A PRC members reviewed the alternative solution and the Area A PRC Chair, David Gall, gave the okay for the work to proceed.

The work proceeded using the JOP crew, however, with the recent deluge of rain; the culvert off the upper road was plugged and wiped out the newly laid gravel along the trail. Parks staff will follow up with Highways about the plugged culvert before any attempts are made to relay the gravel.

The commission wanted assurance that the owners of the private property are comfortable with the solution and asked that the PRC members who live in the area be contacted once the work is ready to be resumed. This will be communicated under a separate email.

Area A Parks & Recreation Update - Mill Bay Messenger: June Laraman drafted the update, which was circulated and approved by the Area A PRC and Director Harrison. The article has been submitted to the editor of the messenger and should appear in the January issue.

Budget Update

YTD Budget

- The November 19th, 2009 financials were distributed and reviewed. It was noted that \$51,766.12 had been expensed against a budget amount of \$112,674.00 leaving a variance of \$60,907.88 YTD.

Budget Update (cont'd)

- The Area A PRC restated that any year-end surplus identified in the 2009 budget should be allocated to the development of the Mill Springs tot lot in 2010. This was originally recommended and agreed at the September 17th, 2009 meeting.

South Cowichan Parks

& Recreation:

The November 2nd, 2009 South Cowichan Parks & Recreation minutes were distributed to Area A PRC and reviewed.

Roger Burgess provided an overview of the scope of work for the Mill Bay Historic Church, which he had submitted, to Brian Farguhar for evaluation. No feedback had been received from the CVRD Parks staff at the time of the meeting. It is hoped that the scope of work could be included in the January 23rd, 2009 Open House.

New Business

Potential Rezoning of 2691 Mill Bay Rd to a residential duplex zone – Park Dedication Considerations:

Tanya Soroka, CVRD Parks staff, had sent through a soft copy of the request, which was distributed to the Area A PRC. The request is to determine if the commission has any interest in park dedication or financial contribution of a section of the previously proposed roadside trail corridor along Mill Bay Rd. The PRC was reminded that park dedication or cash contribution is not a statutory requirement as part of the rezoning application.

It was moved and seconded that
The Area A PRC recommend to the CVRD Board that a set back for a potential walking path and bicycle path be considered for the area that borders the property along Mill Bay Rd.

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Other

Cowichan Community Land Trust:

David Gall provided an overview of the functions of the trust and also reviewed their area of operation on a map. David Gall highlighted that if anyone is interested they can contact the Cowichan Community Land Trust direct at 250 746-0227.

Director's Report:

- Stated that that 4 commission member's term expires on December 31st, 2009. The procedure is that there will need to be an election in the early part of January for these 4 positions. The other 4 positions are appointed by the Area A Director and will stand for the rest of the area director's term. Director Harrison indicated that he has contacted Brian Farquhar about how the process will be handled for the elected positions and is awaiting his response.
- The Meredith Rd rezoning application has been turned down by the MoT due to the placement of water and sewer in relation to the driveways.
- The Mill Bill Veterinary Clinic contacted Director Harrison about the possibility a potential sidewalk be continued past their location. This application has not come before the EASC as yet.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded

That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Next meeting January 21st, 2010 at 7 PM at Brentwood College pending affirmation of the commission members.