

# AREA D PARKS COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 24, 2009  
LOCATION: 5:00 Black Coffee  
PRESENT: Morris Cleveland, Lori Iannidinardo, Kerrie Talbot, Danica Rice, Donna Einarsson

### AGENDA

- Annual General Meeting
- Ministry of Transportation update from Area Director
- Questions for staff to research and pursue
- Hecate Park Play Structure

### COMMISSION UPDATE:

#### Annual General Meeting

The agenda for the AGM will be as follows:

#### Introductions:

- Morris will introduce the Commission and Lori and provide an overview of the evening agenda

#### Introduction of guest speakers (Morris):

- Jim Wisnia from Streamkeepers Society Treffery Creek (verify name?)
- Cowichan Community Land Trust -John Scull and Erin? Eelgrass...
- Purple Martin Stewardship Recovery Program- Speaker- Brian?
- Ministry of Environment, Cowichan Estuary Environmental Management Plan- Peter Law

#### Parks Commission Highlights of 2008

- Master Plan and its element as outlined on the visual aid provided by Tanya
- Heron update by Kerrie
- Coverdale Watson Cemetery by Donna
- Volunteer projects from 2008: Glen Road greenbelt, Cees and Miep Hof trail improvements
- Maple Grove Park parking area improvement, Wilmot trail, Stephanies Stroll ribbon cutting ceremony by Danica
- \*\*Upcoming projects for 2009- Danica
- Question and answer and public comment period - Danica

#### Elections

- 3 elected members
- 2 are appointed
- Potential for one more appointed member based on Water District representative structure changes

AGM Needs- HOTEL: flip chart and easels and a stand,

CVRD: big pads of paper for public comment, 4-8 big markers, 40 copies

## of the Agenda

Question for Brian- protocol for general public and approving minutes from past AGMs

Questions to be asked of the public at the AGM - answers to be written on big paper pads with markers.

- What parks related projects are important to you
- How is the parks commission doing
- What would you like to see happen in your neighbourhood regarding parks and trails
- General comments

### Ministry of Transportation Update from Area Director-

The following is a list of request for Permits to construct that the commission would like CVRD staff to complete:

- Permit to construct a bus shelter on both sides of the road at Hecate Park/Wessex-engineering funds?
- Permit to construct needed parkland and trail between Hayes log dump and Hecate Park
- Permit to construct a bus shelter at the end of the Maritime Center (3m from white line) needs to be portable
- Permit to construct the Wilmot Road right of way trails (okay with Ross from Cowichan Bay Heights to Koksilah Rd.)
- Lanes Rd permit to construct on Sparwood Road - 33 feet on the south side of Sparwood is highways property ROW (potential walking path later on?)
- Permit to construct a beach access on Fairbanks

Other MOT issues to yet resolve

- Kennedy Lane- sort out private property encroachments with MOT and CVRD. Perhaps a formal survey would be first step to show exact property boundaries to adjacent landowners.

Projects still in negotiation-

- Sutherland Rd.

### Other questions for staff to research:

- the potential for parks acquisition of Hayes property
- 3 lot subdivision on George Rd. at Wilmot is there potential for a trail and or connection?
- Hecate Park car racing issue to be reported to South Cowichan Parks Commission
- Drug issues happening in the park as well as lack of doggie bags at Hecate Park
- Coverdale Watson car doughnuts as a result of no/very low parking curb, and a need for doggie bag dispensers and bags

### Hecate Park Play Structure

The parks commission is enthusiastic about the potential purchase of a set of Kompan park play structures. Quotes from the company provided a maritime feel playground design concept that would cost approximately \$19 000.00. This cost does not include installation as the Commission would like to recruit volunteers to install the system as long as this is allowed by CVRD. Kompan did mention that they are used to working with communities who install their own structures and they are available to give support and detailed installation instructions. Feedback from staff on next steps for project implementation would be much appreciated.