

Area D Parks Commission Meeting Minutes  
Bench School, Cowichan Bay  
May 25, 2009

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Steve Garnett, Donna Einarsson, Lori Iannidinardo, Val Townsend

Regrets: Kerrie Talbot, Danica Rice, Megan Stone

Old Business

1. Green mapping workshop went well.
2. Lori has requested vests for the Parks Commission.

New Business

**1. Trail Trek on June 6**

Members met at a previous meeting and organized the structure. Have budget of \$300.

Signs need to be made to identify Stephanie Stroll, George Bartlett and Ordano Trails. Lori will contact Ryan Dias.

**2. Cellular tower**

Rogers wants to put up a cellular tower in a 60x60 foot treed area in Coverdale Watson Park, which would provide \$12000.00 for Parks. Steve made a motion to decline. Val seconded. Another option is to put it up by the fire station.

**3. Park Improvements**

Master plan for **Hecate Park** is still in planning stage. Have opportunity to add \$20,000.00 to \$25,000 we already have. This will have to wait until next year, to have supplies ordered before next summer. We do need new signage for Hecate Park – dusk to dawn warning signs which would give police the right to question speeders and overnight campers. Calming devices need to be suggested to South Cowichan Parks. Also need to know the names on the memorial benches.

Tennis courts are not being resurfaced at **Coverdale Watson Park**. A gatekeeper needs to be reinstated if vandalism and spins in park get worse. Steve suggested a chain fence in the future.

There will not be any surveying of **Kennedy Lane**.

Off-road walking trail on Wilmot will be constructed by summer work crew as top priority. Lori is working on final approval with Ross Deveau at MOE. Ryan Dias and Dan Brown met with commission members to discuss trail siting / crossing etc.

**4. Community Education**

Issue about dumping garden refuse in ravines needs to be addressed because of erosion and invasive species. Need to also investigate the protocols of the Band. Lori will talk to Ernie Elliot. A mail out was suggested about the ravines and information signs along the fences of the farmers' fields need to be

posted.

**5. Meeting of interest**

South Cowichan Parks is hosting an information meeting regarding the Mill Bay Church renovations on May 28 @6:00-7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30. Next meeting: June 15 @ 5:30 at Bench School.