

**Minutes of the regular meeting of the Area I (Youbou/Meades Creek) Parks Commission**

Held in the Upper Community Hall, 8550 Hemlock St. Youbou, BC on Tuesday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:16 PM.

**Present:** Chairperson Marcia Stewart  
Vice chair Rob Somers  
Dan Nickel  
Ian Halowaty

**Regrets:** Area I director Klaus Kuhn  
Rose Davidson

**Approval of Agenda:**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.

**Motion carried.**

**Adoption of Minutes:**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the regular Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks meeting held on July 14 be adopted.

**Motion carried.**

**REPORTS**

**Area I Director:** No report.

**Cowichan Lake Recreation:** **Linda Blatchford.** Reports successful Youbou Regatta. There was no "Chicken Game" as had been advertised. A gambling license could not be attained in time.

**Chairperson Report:** The concession at the Youbou Regatta went well. Extremely busy and over \$1300.00 taken in. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked to make the regatta and the concession so successful.

**CVRD Report:** Ryan Dias is on vacation so no report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Gerald Thom**

**Memorial:** **Rob Somers-** Met with Mike Miller Aug 13 to discuss design for the proposed picnic shelter at Mile 77 Park and pick up design drawings. Will also meet Graham Gidden to confirm location. A cost break down was also received which indicated a total price of approximately \$23,000.00. It was also suggested that a realistic goal would be \$28 to \$30 thousand dollars. Since the shelter will be an asset to the park, partial funding should be requested of the CVRD. The un-used picnic table at Stoker Park should be relocated to the Mile 77 shelter when completed, saving the cost of a new one

**Arbutus Park  
Upgrade:**

The Parks Commission was asked to compile a list of questions that could be used in a survey of area residents for their input on the revitalization of Arbutus Park. The proposed survey will be presented to the Area I community in early fall. The questions are as follows:

- How often do residents visit the park?
- How many children take swimming lessons?
- How many attend Youbou Regatta?
- What improvements to the washroom building and concession are required?
- How will the parking situation be improved? Are lifeguards necessary?
- How will the beach and swimming area be improved?
- How important is Arbutus Park to the residents of Youbou and is it worthwhile replacing the washroom building considering the cost?

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Price Park:**

Ian reports a number of trees were blown down in Price Park on August 30 and were removed the next day. Many thanks to Brent Wilson for such a speedy response.

**Budget Discussion:**

It was felt that when possible, money should be set aside yearly for projects, rather than spending everything in the budget. There is enough work for Area I to keep the student crew busy for another week in the summer, rather than the one week that we have them for now.

**Adjournment:**

It was moved and seconded that the Regular Meeting of Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission be adjourned.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM**

**The next regular meeting of Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2015**

