

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission held at Youbou Lanes, 8550 Hemlock Street, Youbou, BC, on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 7:01 pm.

PRESENT: Chairperson Marcia Stewart
Vice-Chairperson Gerald Thom
Rose Davidson, Dan Nickel, Rob Somers

ALSO PRESENT: Director Pat Weaver
Recording Secretary Tara Daly

REGRETS: Ken Wilde

GUESTS: Al Capeling

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be amended with the addition of one Old Business items:

**OB5 Creekside Trail; and
that the agenda, as amended be approved.**

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of March 12, 2013 be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Tanya Soroka emailed asking for a schedule of Parks Commission meetings; M. Stewart will fill in the information and send back to T. Soroka

REPORTS

AREA I DIRECTOR

Alternate Director Hodson attended on behalf of Director Weaver

COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION

- L. Blatchford reported the arena ice will be taken out on May 26th and will be back in at the end of July; the curling ice will be out until the end of August
- Full no smoking ban in all CVRD parks and property; CLR is last in Regional District to put the ban in place
- Recreation Assistance Program is now available to assist low income families, with no budget implications (25% of cost must be covered by the recipient with funding available up to \$2000)
- Play Before You Play policy is being enforced

CHAIRPERSON

- No report
- M. Stewart welcomed Al Capeling to the meeting

CVRD

Ryan Dias

- Mike Miller, Capital Parks Projects Specialist, CVRD has set aside \$9 000 for Little League Park irrigation; ballfield and lower field would be separate sprinkling systems; cost estimates to be done – costly, want to redo everything right back to the pump; more volume with new system but irrigation is probably not the biggest problem – connection to the water system rather than the well should improve pressure as currently there’s usually a problem with getting the water to the housing – The current cost for water: \$682 spent with \$300 budgeted for Arbutus; \$250 budgeted for Mile 77 Park; \$400 budgeted for Stoker Park
- R. Dias will attend the next Parks meeting with information/discussion about Bald Mountain, Little League Park washroom/concession building, Arbutus Park lifeguard hut/washroom
- Staff to re-check the rotting on the power pole and the property line at Arbutus Park – the pole belongs to CVRD; do we pay rent for the light? Rob spoke to Brad Logan from BC Hydro who confirmed that it’s our pole and that the extra equipment shouldn’t be on pole
- R. Dias will update Bald Mountain tree planting of a few years ago with recommendations (3-5 years? follow-up from developer; anything that didn’t take is their responsibility – B. Faquahar should have contract); planting was done over a 24 month period with a report completed by a forester

OLD BUSINESS

OB1

50/50 Funding Grant: Western Economic Diversification Canada Grant for Arbutus Park – was not successful; \$46mil budget saw 284 applications for a \$330mil total request – further information can be found at www.wd.gc.ca; Area I Parks has \$170, 000 in reserve but it would be foolish not to try to get matching funds; CLR should also contribute - bring ideas to next meeting; think outside of the box for fixing the lifeguard shack

OB2

Arbutus Park: lawn wasn’t properly top-dressed; seed was just put on top not worked in; should be ribboned off while germinating

OB3

Little League Park: new gatekeeper, Al Capeling; will contact R. Dias directly. R. Somers reported the washrooms looks fine, no leaks in roof; good cleaning is needed; toilets could use an update – O. Smycniuk will look at them once the water is turned on

OB4

Stoker Park: the picnic table as been placed at Nantree Park; R. Somers will meet with B. Wilson at Stoker Park to pick a place to place the bench by the water’s edge

OB5

Creekside Park Trail: Dan Brown said that that the trail seems to be useable and safe; MoTH will not allow barriers in that area nor will they allow tree planting between the path and Youbou Road; maintenance seems to be okay (Commission noted that several areas are eye level to

the tires on the road; people prefer to use the private road rather than walk along the path); should the path be abandoned?

NEW BUSINESS

NB1

- Summer Student projects – crew is starting in May; Little League Park washrooms (wash, clean-out, and paint); touch-up at Arbutus Park; clearing out trails at Price Park and Swordfern Park
- Little League Park - maintenance contractor should be brushing out creak on a yearly basis

NB2

Park reports (persons responsible):

- R. Somers (Stoker Park and playfield) – need garbage cans for playfield
- D. Nickel (Nantree Park) – longer ladders are needed for wharf
- G. Thom (Mile 77 Park)
- R. Davidson (Price Park and Swordfern Park)
- A. Capeling (Little League Park) – need garbage cans
- M. Stewart (Arbutus Park)
- reports for next meeting; doggie bags for all of the parks are needed

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular meeting of Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission will be held on May 14, 2013 at Youbou Lanes at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

8:13 pm

It was moved and seconded that the Regular Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission meeting be adjourned at 8:13 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.