

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission held in Youbou Lanes, 8550 Hemlock Street, Youbou BC, on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 7:05 pm.

**PRESENT:** Chair Marcia Stewart  
Vice Chair Gerald Thom  
Dave Charney, Gillian Scott

**ALSO PRESENT:** Director Pat Weaver  
Recording Secretary Tara Daly

**ABSENT:** Dan Nickel, Ken Wilde

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**It was moved and seconded that the agenda be amended with the addition of one New Business item:**

**NB2 Resignation; and  
that the agenda, as amended, be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**It was moved and seconded that the minutes of May 8, 2012 regular Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission be adopted.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **REPORTS**

##### **DIRECTOR WEAVER**

Director Weaver reported that she had attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) convention in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Extra activities included a trip to a landfill and information on the local Native Band including moving towards self-governance, housing developments, and teaching young people through a variety of ways including a service station owned by the Band.

Director Weaver also spoke with a gentleman from Jasper, Nova Scotia about similarities with weir complications.

Director Weaver reported that the recent Lake Days celebrations were good but the weather was on the cool side.

#### **CHAIRPERSON**

M. Stewart spoke with Scott Norris, Conservation Officer, about the bear problem; the Conservation Officers have been given permission to ticket and then fine persons that are encouraging the bear population to remain in residential areas.

M. Stewart spoke with Thomas Kreilin of Youbou Lands and thanked him for installing concrete blocks and padlocks at the entrance of the former

millsite to deter trespassing.

M. Stewart wrote a letter to BPOE (Elks) outlining the upgrades needed at Arbutus Park and asking for monetary assistance. M. Stewart will provide more information on costs.

**CVRD**

Ryan Dias reported that the slide and diving board would not be put in place at Arbutus Park until the lifeguards are working because of liability; the CVRD in-house Engineer will look at the diving board base to check for security; G. Thom volunteered to dive off the wharf to remove a tree limb.

The slide at Nantree Park will not be installed at all; the floating walkway has been fixed so that it moves properly; the broken piling has been removed.

**The Commission questions where the slide will be going and what the original cost was.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

M. Stewart requested that emails be sent in black and white only, to accommodate clearer printing.

**OB1**

The Safety Audit had an underlying theme that the facility must be safe:

- Signage on the dock and for lifeguards on/off duty
- Removing tree limb
- Rope and floats installed delineating the drop off
- Railings installed on stairs to the beach

The cost of about \$5,000 will be taken from the Repairs and Maintenance budget to pay for the upgrades, with Cowichan Lake Recreation paying for the signs.

**OB2**

Lifeguard Hut ~ the Commission must determine how to move forward; costs estimated to be between \$50,000 and \$100,000 depending on whether the building includes washrooms or just lifeguard space; once a concept is agreed upon, CVRD staff does a cost analysis that is presented to the Commission for a decision, it then goes to tender; as of December 31, 2011 there is \$172,000 in the Reserve budget

**OB3**

Trailer ~ option to building for Lifeguard Hut:

- BritCo rental of a 8'X16' trailer for 2 months is \$1520 plus taxes and doesn't have washrooms or changerooms
- BritCo rental which includes changerooms, no bathrooms and no wheels is \$420 per month with \$1460 in set-up costs (concrete pad)

A permanent shed would be needed to house the pressure pump and maintenance tools

**M. Stewart will ask R. Dias if CVRD would accept a temporary trailer in place of a permanent building.**

**OB4** Price Park land swap ~ Tanya Soroka reported that mandatory advertising has been done, the costs will be split 50/50 between land owner and Area I Parks, the closing date is the end of July.

There will be a meeting at the site on Tuesday, June 20, 2012 with the owners, CVRD staff, surveyors, and any members of the Commission who wish to attend (G, Thom, M. Stewart, G. Scott, and possibly D. Charney, and K. Wilde)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1** Park Walkabout ~ on May 22, 2012 D. Charney, D. Nickel, M. Stewart attended:

- Arbutus Park – garbage cans aren't closing properly in the back which could allow bears to break in; Maple tree branches are touching the powerline
- Little League Park – a paint touch-up is needed on the benches
- Swordfern Park – looks okay
- Price Park – the tables are not in a good position to be used, maybe they should be moved down to Arbutus Park
- Mile 77 Park – looks okay
- Marble Bay Park – the new signage at the parking lot looks good with useful information
- Stoker Park – garbage cans have the same problem as Arbutus Park and the garbage hadn't been removed for awhile
- Playfield – looks okay, houses are being built with landscaping, starting to look lived in
- Nantree Park – 'pick-up after dog' sign need replacing

**NB2** D. Charney informed the Commission that he and his wife, Marlyn have sold their home and will be moving, the end of July or the beginning of August, to Fort Langley. M. Stewart thanked him for his time on the Commission and wished them well.

**NB3** The next Regular meeting of Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission will be held on July 10, 2012 in Youbou Lanes at 7:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**8:30 pm** It was moved and seconded that the Regular Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission meeting be adjourned.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.