

## **MINUTES OF ELECTORAL AREA I (Youbou/Meade Creek) PARKS COMMISSION MEETING**

**DATE:** January 12, 2010

**TIME:** 7:00pm

**MINUTES** of the Electoral Area I Parks Commission Meeting held on the above noted date and time at Youbou Lanes, Youbou, BC. Called to order by chair at 7:10pm.

### **PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Marcia Stewart

Vice-chairperson: Sheny Gregory

Members: Dave Charney, Dan Nickel, Gerald Thom, Wayne Palliser

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Director:

Alternate Director:

Secretary: Tara Daly

**REGRETS:** Director Klaus Kuhn

### **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

*It was Moved and Seconded to accept the agenda with additions of:*

*Student Crew Project, Naming of Parks, clarifications of tax base for 2009 for Woodland Shores, logging above Youbou, Waterfront Park and Playground at Woodland Shores, all under New Business*

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

*It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of December 8, 2009 be accepted.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **BUSINESS ARISING**

- Gatekeeper ~ S. Gregory sent an email to M. Stewart who will forward it to R. Lendrum
- Light at Little League Park is on all the time
- S. Gregory will call Ben Wingo about the picnic table top to be taken to W. Palliser's

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- None

### **COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION**

- all programs are going well
- Me 'n' You Nites are holding a Robbie Burns Dinner and fundraiser auction on January 16<sup>th</sup>
- Arena renovations ~ there is permafrost under the curling ice; logs from Youbou Lands development have been cut and delivered, big announcement about funding for the renovations

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- **letter to B. Farquhar** hasn't been responded to as of yet because of the Christmas break; budget booklets will be given to directors mid-February with the Board of Directors receiving the information by the end of February and adoption by the end of March
- **Chairs of Parks Commission** ~ meeting to be held at the beginning of February

## **COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT – Ryan Dias**

- **gatekeeper** ~ already dealt with
- **Arbutus Park** light has been fixed
- **Little League Park concession vent** will be fixed
- **pruning of trees at Little League Park** will be done by Parks Commission members, M. Stewart to call everyone on a nice day to prune
- **Maintenance Contractor** is doing once per week maintenance, some minor storm clean-up has been done, Parks Commission to consider what items are important to be done before the April start-up

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Picnic Table Top** ~ dealt with
- **Gatekeeper** for Little League Park ~ dealt with
- **AGM** ~ T. Daly to contact CLR to book hall, CVRD for advertisements, Fire Commission for report, APC and Fire Commission to attend meeting and potluck to be held after the meeting
- **Budget** ~ possible \$28 500 increase is confusing, believe that planting has been completed, \$12 000 maintenance should be removed from budget as volunteers have offered to do it (W. Palliser will get a written agreement from the Boy Scouts – Jack Casey indicating their willingness to do maintenance on the Uplands trail system), expecting a reply by February Parks Commission meeting

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Community Events** ~ April: Plant ID (Kathryn Swan), May: Hike (S. Gregory to contact new hiking group), June 21<sup>st</sup>: picnic at Mile 77 Park, July: Canada Day, August: Regatta with possible softball game on Sunday, September: garbage pick-up (ask Linda); all activities are to be firmed up for February meeting to be submitted to CLR Playbook
- **Student Crew** ~ clean trail at Creekside Estates
- **Park Naming** ~ M. Stewart will contact R. Dias and R. Lendrum re: the timeline of takeover of the parks and process of naming
- **Tax Base** ~ residential vs F1; there is an expectation of monies coming from taxes in new developments which should pay for most if not all of the upkeep, it's advantageous to have developers pay for amenities at the time of developing, clarification is needed
- **Playground at Woodland Shores** ~ Parks Commission will tour area at 10am on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, some concern about construction
- **Logging above Youbou** ~ although TimberWest has said they are not logging the area for at least three (3) years there is concern about the possibility of slides, erosion, and the inadequacy of culverts, logging could be done from the north side of the mountain without too much problem and the inability of the public to notice until possibly too late to make a difference, G. Thom to investigate keeping proactive ways in mind

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50pm.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **NEXT MEETING**

February 9, 2010  
7pm at Youbou Lanes

**Annual General Meeting** ~ Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 1pm in the lower Youbou Community Hall

/s/ Tara Daly  
Secretary