

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

DATE: June 8, 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:

Members: Dan Nickel, Gerald Thom

ALSO PRESENT:

Director: Klaus Kuhn

Alternate Director:

Secretary: Tara Daly

REGRETS: Dave Charney, Sheny Gregory, Wayne Palliser

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

Old Business ~ Bench/table from Ben Wingo

New Business ~ invasive plants in parks

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of May 11, 2010 be accepted with corrections:

page 2 ~ transmission 'tour' should be transmission 'tower'

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

- postponing park development in Youbou Lands development ~ Director Kuhn has spoken with Brian Farquhar who seems to be okay with the process

CORRESPONDENCE

- none

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Town Clean-up ~ at a recent APC meeting it was suggested an article in the local paper encouraging residents to clean-up their properties in conjunction with the upcoming development at Youbou Lands
- By-laws west of Youbou haven't been enforced resulting in the raping of the shoreline and riparian areas; residents and interested parties are encouraged to write letters of concern in care of Tom Anderson, manager, Planning and Development Department at CVRD
- items of interest/concerns that could be put in the paper article are: watch for elk; be aware of bears in the area; unmuffled boats are illegal on the lake; garbage should be put out the morning of collection, not the night before

COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION

- June 12th is Lake Days Dance with 'Whole Lotta Led' headlining and 'Joint Chiefs' opening
- June 11th is a Youth Dance

- the roof on the arena will be finished for these events
- the Summer Playbook will be out on June 2nd
- work is progressing on the kitchen in the upper hall at Youbou, cupboards are being taken out along the windows on the west side being replaced with stainless and commercial sink area
- August 14th is Youbou Regatta; Director Kuhn will call L. Backlund to check on electrical upgrades at Arbutus Park

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- called Roger Wiles about the selection of the park name, have not reached George deLure yet
- M. Stewart and S. Gregory walked the Bald Mountain trail and were impressed with their condition, the grass still isn't very good in the park area
- M. Stewart or Director Kuhn will contact Jack Casey of the Scout Camp to obtain a letter of intent from them indicating they will maintain the trail system

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT – Ryan Dias

- **trees in Swordfern Park** marked by 'danger tree assessor' will be removed; Commission suggested that Redwood, a local firm, could be used in future
- **slab for bench** including labour would be \$300; it was noted there is an existing slab; G. Thom will get metal bench brackets from R. Dias and will make the bench
- **Little League Park** ~ proposal by Ross Rivers is completed at no cost; due diligence is necessary to avoid liability concerns, signage will be installed
- **Font Board** platform ~ G. Thom will think about the design allowing easier access to change the information, CVRD carpenter can build to suit
- **Names for Parks** ~ M. Stewart told R. Dias that the Commission felt it was important that all items be complete before the hold back funds are returned to the developer
- **Daily washroom cleaning** ~ starts on June 21st with staff not being available before that time; it's important that ball teams inform the Commission or CVRD staff of any sanitary issues; possibility of hiring a local person to clean washrooms at the parks and remove that items from the contract
- **September meeting** ~ R. Dias and Maintenance Contractor will attend the meeting to discuss improvements in the contract before renewal
- **Transmission Tower** tree removal was done by a grant through Ministry of Forests implemented by Dan Derby, manager of Public Safety for CVRD

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT – Tanya Soroka

- **Signs** ~ will be cedar with colour; trail sign will be installed on the north side of the road in the parking lot with a map of trail system; the history board is \$600 therefore the Commission decided not to do it at this time
- **trail brochure/signage on trails** ~ a summer student will be doing a map of the trail
- M. Stewart will investigate the cost of pamphlets showing the history of the two family names (Stoker and Denninger) chosen for the parks

OLD BUSINESS

- **Gate opening** ~ G. Thom to contact R. Lendrum for payment for opening and closing the gate at Mile 77 Park

NEW BUSINESS

- **Picnic** on July 24th for park opening should be on Font Board by July 14
- **July 1st** celebrations should go on Font Board

- **garbage pick-up** at Hard Hat Shack is not being done/ will be
- **Nantree Park** bridge across ditch is missing
- **Yellow Flag Iris** is in the lawn at Nantree Park; seed can get into the lake, float down river, plug up spawning grounds; if left alone then seed heads must be cut, removal is preferable – G. Thom volunteered to remove
- **potted fir and cedar trees** at W. Palliser's home; no one has time right now to plant, will do in the future
- **Arbutus Park** Canada Day celebrations at 11am in Arbutus Park

ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35pm.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

July 13, 2010

7pm at Youbou Lanes

/s/ Tara Daly
Secretary