

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

DATE: May 11, 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 7:15pm.

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Marcia Stewart

Vice-chairperson:

Members: Dave Charney, Dan Nickel, Gerald Thom,

ALSO PRESENT:

Director: Klaus Kuhn (arrived 7:50pm)

Alternate Director:

Secretary: Tara Daly

REGRETS: Sheny Gregory, Wayne Palliser

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

Old Business ~ Price Park

New Business ~ statement of revenue and expenses

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of April 13, 2010 be accepted with corrections:

Business Arising ~ effluent instead of affluent

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

- Mile 77 Park ~ G. Thom has taken over gate opening and closing, as well as, font board; he will call R. Lendrum to let him know

CORRESPONDENCE

- none

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Youbou Lands has been approved and returned from the Provincial Government; PDA (phased development agreement) still requires three (3) conditions to be met before the proposal goes forward to the Board of Directors 1) boat ramp positioning and public access, 2) TimberWest to sign PDA because of a portion of land still under their ownership but being sub-divided and turned over to Youbou Lands, 3) monies put aside for fish hatchery to be diverted to more suitable use - Ted Burns' report states the mill bay is prime area for fish habitat – possible building of small bays towards Cottonwood Creek promoting fish habitat; dredging of mill bay would probably cause too much disturbance
- *Will Parks Division work with T. Krielan to delay Park development? Commission doesn't wish to have maintenance costs for parks with no residents.* Director Kuhn will look into the possibility.
- Water Board – emphasize on water conservation, greater desire to look into forest practises, fish needs, usage; also looking at septic tank installations which were downloaded by Health Inspectors (government) to installers who have little background and must assume liability

- Building Inspectors are now trained as By-law Enforcement officers; direct complaints will still be dealt with by Nino Morano (CVRD By-law Officer)
- Poker Run (boat race) – a \$2000 donation was made last year and will happen again this year; new regulations state that boats with muffler switch are illegal, inspections should be done at boat launches
- RCMP plan to be out on the water for May long weekend with assistance from the Stewardship Committee checking for Operator's licenses

COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION

- renovations are moving along
- swimming lessons will begin on July 5th at Arbutus Park; if there isn't better attendance for Day Camp this will be the last year it's offered; Tennis Lessons are happening at Honeymoon Bay Hall; Cowichan Lake Treads (hiking group) meets Wednesday mornings and have already done Christopher Rock and Bald Mountain; a full-time maintenance person has been hired mainly for hall repairs; further staff hires are expected in the near future

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Plant Identification at Price Park had five (5) attendees, thanks to Kathryn Swan, G. Thom, and T. Daly

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT – Ryan Dias

- **Bridge at Price Park** ~stringers are rotten, foundation is wrong, will be replaced by a concrete base (slab and footings) with wooden pickets during the Fisheries window of June 15th to September 15th ~ *concern by Commission members that it's not rotting and should be postponed until next year; wondering about support*
- **Little League Park** ~ teams have filled in the holes with sand, seeding will be done in the fall, CVRD is still waiting for outfield proposal; washroom schedule will be adjusted to accommodate ball teams ~ *Commission hoping that consultant wasn't paid for the free proposal; S. Gregory to advise G. Thom of game nights to be put on font board; 'line pull' is missing from storage shed; teams will paint dugouts and concession building in July or August*
- **Mile 77 Park** ~ there are no water leaks, watering schedule will be adjusted as the water bill was quite high
- **Arbutus Park** – new irrigation lines will enhance growth, almost can't notice where the lines were installed
- **Woodland Shores** – the contractor is holding off on completion of Waterfront Park until better weather, CVRD won't consider taking over the park until after the first grass cutting, levelling park and installation of two (2) more inches of soil must be completed
- *Commission questioned the need to water in parks that aren't being used a great deal; it is understood that Woodland Shores needs watering in order to establish the grass for this year, at least*
- R. Dias walked the trails on Bald Mountain up to the transmission tower and reports they are great; Fuel Management Grant will remove branches
- **Mile 77 Park** – the tap has been moved to allow access to the fire hydrant

OLD BUSINESS

- **Boy Scout Letter** – M. Stewart will call W. Palliser to check on status
- **Little League Park** caretaker – taken care of
- **Price Park** – tree roots on west side of bridge towards the water need to be covered with gravel
- **Swordfern Park** – three (3) big firs are dead and need to be removed, liability issue
- **Name The Park Contest** – Waterfront will now be called 'Stoker Park' and the trails on Bald Mountain will be 'Bald Mountain Denninger Trail System'; the winners were George deLure for Stoker Park and Roger Wiles for Denninger Trail System; Saturday, July 24th at 11:30am will be a

picnic with sign unveiling at Stoker Park; G. Thom will cook and T. Daly will do children's games

NEW BUSINESS

- **Mile 77 Park** – washrooms are disgusting, initial cleaning should be now with weekly cleaning starting in June, G. Thom to monitor
- **Picnic Table** – two (2) pieces of 4' X 16'' X 8'; R. Dias investigating concrete base using the wood as tops, concerned about tables being stolen, possibly a bench would be better use
- **Font Board** – platform used to change sign is a liability issue
- **Font Board** – information that should be put on board to include: No un-muffled boats allowed on lake and Campfire Ban when applicable
- **Town Clean-up** sub-meeting was good, in the process of looking for funding, possibly have a day where residents can put out unwanted goods with others checking the items over as a community yard sale with leftovers being picked up and taken to Meade Creek transfer station (free tipping), before and after yard/ house clean-up contest with prizes of flowers with all participants receiving something; derelict vehicles can be towed away for free; possible installation of 'Free Store' at Meade Creek transfer station
- **Creekside Park** in budget papers needs to be changed to **Mile 77 Park**
- **Woodland Shores** boat ramp positioning change will be brought forward; proposed area is further from the swimming area

ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00pm.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

June 8, 2010

7pm at Youbou Lanes

/s/ Tara Daly
Secretary