

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

DATE: November 10, 2009

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 7:07pm.

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Marcia Stewart

Vice-chairperson: Sheny Gregory

Members: Dave Charney, Wayne Palliser, Gerald Thom

ALSO PRESENT:

Director:

Alternate Director: Alex Marshall

Secretary: Tara Daly

Guests:

REGRETS: Dan Nickel, Director Klaus Kuhn

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded to accept the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of October 13, 2009 be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

- **Elk signs** are still coming; there has been a warning put on the Font Board
- **Flag at Arbutus Park** ~ after some discussion on the pride of keeping it up year-long it was decided by consensus to take it down after November 11, 2009 for the winter, W. Palliser will take care of it
- **No reply from Brian Farquhar** re: letter from Wayne Hopkins (Woodland Shores developer) confirming having no problem with land donated to Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) residents for community park to become a regional park; Ryan Dias will look into; the remaining Crown Land blocks should have been dedicated as parkland with the remaining Island Timberlands blocks unable to remove timber so should not be purchased at this time; there is also a ± 10 acre private parcel
- **Budget Concerns** ~ after discussion it was felt that the Boy Scouts had agreed to do maintenance on the existing trail system as per their contract with the CVRD and the Woodland Shores development plan; M. Stewart will investigate
- **Questions needing answers from B. Farquhar** ~ for clarification by December 8, 2009 meeting answers needed are: Marble Bay Park excess cost of \$1 200, Bald Mountain parks maintenance breakdown of \$12 000; commission felt the costs of the forester (Tom Jones) overseeing the planting was to be paid for by Woodland Shores ~ information needed in order to make a motion on budget at December meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

- Ryan Lendrum has indicated the Ben Wingo doesn't wish to be gatekeeper for the Little League Park in 2010; S. Gregory will speak to some people about assuming the duties

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **NONE**
- Alternate Director A. Marshall let the commission know that at UBCM, the group looking at amalgamation of the Cowichan Lake area was informed that there was no money for a study which would have to be done before proceeding with amalgamation; at this point the group is monitoring the progress in the South End where they are investigating either becoming a municipality or pulling some services (planning, building inspection, parks) from the CVRD

COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION

- **Arena** ~ the demolition began today (November 10th)
- **Me N' You Nites** Fowl Dinner was a success; next event is a Games and Cards Nite on November 13th
- **Badminton** on Wednesday evenings with S. Gregory is going well

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- **NONE**

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT – Ryan Dias

- **Boy Scouts** have requested an increase in their land mass either to the east or to the south; problems could arise with public access because of Boy Scout rules which don't allow the public on their land; lawyers are looking at an easement agreement; R. Dias is still investigating
- **Woodland Shores** ~ CVRD is still holding the letter of credit; about 90% of commitments are completed
- **Parks Clean-up** ~ maintenance contractor has winterized all buildings; the Clements Centre from Duncan volunteered raking leaves at the Little League Park, (it was noted by Parks commission members that Swordfern Park and Arbutus Park still need to be raked)

OLD BUSINESS

- **Picnic Table Top** ~ as there is no money in the budget to purchase legs for the donation from Ben Wingo, S. Gregory will get the top to W. Palliser who, along with G. Thom will make legs
- **Community vs. Regional Parks** ~ further discussion was held on the topic

NEW BUSINESS

- **Boy Scout Camp walkabout** ~ D. Charney and W. Palliser joined R. Dias, Director Kuhn, Jack Casey (Scout Camp caretaker), and representatives from the Scouts & Guides around the new camp; the application from the Boy Scouts for extension of the property lines should be dealt with by the developer, CVRD, and the Scouts; Scout policies have to be taken into account along with public access to parkland; further flat land would allow the Scouts to have twice as many campers; new camp is working well but some deficiencies have to be dealt with
- **Parks Maintenance Reports: Price/Swordfern Parks (G. Thom)** ~ fairly well maintained, noted some exposed roots on the north trail that could use some gravel to smooth out; **Mile 77 Park (W. Palliser)** ~ water system broke down but was repaired but in the interim the grass suffered, didn't seem to be any topsoil as the grass shouldn't have burned that quickly, lawns were cut regularly, washrooms weren't cleaned well and garbage wasn't collected enough; trail to lake was improved by volunteers, alder will be pulled out, washroom building was sealed and vents installed which shouldn't be paid for by Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks as it was a flaw in the building construction, water lines have been winterized, antifreeze has been put in the toilets & traps **but not in the toilet tanks**, good use was made of the park by the public; **Marble Bay Park (D. Charney)** ~ low maintenance, picked up garbage on a recent hike, survey tapes that used to clarify the trail direction aren't too visible, S. Gregory offered to put up more survey tape on her next hike of the trail, discussion on possibilities of connecting trails so that there could be a circle route rather

than up and down the same way; **Little League Park (S. Gregory)** ~ with the maintenance contractor having the ball schedule, the field was mowed before each game, the washrooms were okay, S. Gregory will paint the doors for the opening of next year's ball season, storage room was cleared out and is being used for storage by the maintenance contractor but clarification is needed on availability of storage for the ball team during the season, vent hole in the concession ceiling is still a problem, yard light isn't working properly, possibility of having a hot water tank or in-line heater was discussed, S. Gregory will arrange a meeting with R. Dias to discuss outfield upgrades, in-field is great but something easier to slide on around the bases would be better (red PlayBall); **Hard Hat Shack (M. Stewart)** ~ mostly well maintained except for the trail which was not weeded at all; **Arbutus Park (M. Stewart)** ~ irrigation not working properly, yard light not working at all, leaves need to be raked, out-of-area dock inside our dock system, problem with the washroom but has been fixed, electrical is still a problem

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

December 8, 2009
7pm at Youbou Lanes

ITEMS FOR DECEMBER AGENDA

clarification of Budget items for motion on same
suggestions for Community Park events for 2010
new park names

/s/ Tara Daly
Secretary