

Shawnigan Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

May 20, 2010

Attendees: Margaret Symon, Bill Savage, Betty Lord, Catherine Whittome, Al Brunet, Lori Treloar

Scribe: Lori Treloar

Minutes from the April 15, 2010 meeting: approved

Margaret advised that Trina has been busy with her baby and working on her Master's Degree and has not been able to attend meetings.

Old Business:

Shawnigan Parks and Trails Master Plan

The final version of the Parks and Trails Master Plan is with Tanya Soroka at the CVRD. She has been busy and has not been able to run copies for the commission. Tanya has indicated that the final plan will be presented in the fall.

Halliday Walsh proposal

Margaret talked to CVRD staff regarding the property that Halliday proposed for parkland acquisition. The CVRD staff indicated that the property would not be a priority at this time.

Picnic Table

CVRD staff told Margaret that the commission could not hold a raffle. Catherine, however, had talked to Ron Austen and Ron did not see a problem with a raffle. Margaret will check with Ron. In the meantime, it was decided that an email be sent to Ken Cossey to elicit his support for the endeavour. The email will be cc'd to Ron Austen. Lori will send the email. The tickets will be sold for \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and the total funds raised will likely be under \$5000. Any funds generated will be used to create boat safety literature.

Triathlon

The Subaru triathlon event is still desperate for volunteers. Catherine needs about twenty people for the bike race. She has a list of specific locations for volunteers to choose from. The shifts would be from 7:30-12:30 on Sunday May 30. There is a volunteer orientation at Shawnigan School Thursday May 27th at 7 pm.

Meadowview

Bill brought up the issue of the donated parkland on Meadowview. The lot is now apparently for sale and, technically, the proceeds should be applied to the Shawnigan Parks budget as the property was originally given by the developer for a park. There is some confusion about this property due to litigation issues. The director, Ken Cossey, knows little about the situation and the CVRD representative is not forthcoming with information. Margaret will follow up.

Memory Island

Bill asked about the requested signage for Memory Island. We have been waiting a long time for the signage. Margaret also mentioned that we are waiting for a fuel reduction crew for the

island. It was scheduled in the fall of 2009 and has not yet been done. Margaret will follow up on both issues.

New issue:

There is a lot in the new subdivision off Shawnigan Lake Road (near the Black Swan) that is designated park. Bill is aware of one or two trees that have fallen on the property due to wind. A resident in the area advised Bill that the CVRD gave permission for a neighbour to take the tree(s) if he wanted. Bill contends that the lumber from fallen trees could potentially provide revenue for the commission. Bill advised that he would be willing to process trees in these situations and then donate some of the wood back to the commission for projects.

Adjourned: 8:10

Next meeting: June 17, 2010