



Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission held in the Upper Community Hall, 8550 Hemlock Street, Youbou, BC, on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:05 pm.

PRESENT: Marcia Stewart
Rob Somers
Rose Davidson
Ian Halowaty
Dan Nickel

ALSO PRESENT: Klaus Kuhn, Area I Director

GUESTS: June and Andy Ross from Saseenos and
Duncan Hume from Youbou

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

After receiving nominations from the floor, it was moved and seconded that the following officers be elected by acclamation for another term:

Marcia Stewart – Chairperson

MOTION CARRIED

Rob Somers – Vice Chair

MOTION CARRIED

Rose (Roswitha) Davidson will continue acting as Secretary.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PARKS COMMISSION MEMBER:

Area I Director Klaus Kuhn appointed Duncan Hume to become a member of the Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission, subject to approval by the CVRD.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be amended by adding the following item:

NB 2: Review of Tanya Soroka's memo of April 11, 2016 regarding the proposed rezoning of the Shaw Creek Property on Cowichan Lake

And that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks meeting of February 9, 2016 be adopted.

BUSINESS ARISING

None

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS:

AREA I DIRECTOR KLAUS KUHN:

Klaus Kuhn reported on the Island Corridor Foundation's proposal to repair the tracks of the rail road. Bruce Graham, Manager of ICF, recently gave a presentation to the CVRD and declared that the project could be finished with the

\$7.5 million expected from the Federal Government. Klaus Kuhn believes this is unrealistic and that costs could easily run much higher, since maintenance on the tracks has not been done in many years. Also, it was disconcerting that Nanaimo District had withdrawn its support of \$945,000 that morning, but it had not been mentioned during the presentation.

**COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION
L. BLATCHFORD**

- A new Program Assistant II will be starting on Monday. This position will be responsible for the bowling alley.
- The CVRD Summer Recreation Guide will be coming out in May and will include swimming lessons at Arbutus Park and information about Youbou Regatta.
- Cowichan Lake Recreation will be hosting for the first time the Vancouver Island Carpet Bowling Finals at the curling rink on April 13.
- Lake Days Dance will be held Saturday, June 11, at the Arena with the live band “Row of Crowz”. Tickets (\$20 each) will be on sale soon.
- Youbou Lanes turns 65 on July 14, 2016. A celebration is planned for Saturday, July 16 at Youbou Hall and Bowling Alley. Linda Blatchford will be pulling together a small committee of staff and volunteers to brainstorm suggestions and ideas in May. The Youbou Community Association has offered help and additional volunteer help from Parks Commission Members would be appreciated. If anyone is interested, please forward email addresses to be included.

None

**CHAIRPERSON
M. STEWART**

Maintenance crews are out getting things done.

Action Item Report:

**CVRD
RYAN DIAS**

Park 77: Washed-out slab under park bench has been repaired.

Little League Park: Bleachers have been repaired.

Price Park: Drainage problem has not yet been solved and needs follow-up.

Arbutus Park Community Survey – Tanya Soroka: A Committee consisting of five members from the public plus Parks Commission Member Rob Somers has been formed. Graham Gidden will take over from Tanya Soroka. The first meeting is expected to take place end of April.

OLD BUSINESS

OB 1

Arbutus Park Float Repair Update: Initial quotes received were rejected as being too high. Independent quote from Harold Engineering received; they will provide full assessment and a new budget. Will go out for re-quoting end of April and it is hoped that the job will be completed by the end of May.

OB 2

Gerald Thom Memorial: Greg Adams advised Klaus Kuhn that, since the project on the Sunfest site has been delayed by rains, his crew will not be able to work on the memorial until the fall (maybe September).

OB 3

Mile 77 Park – Hole in Parking Lot: Got filled in with gravel. Klaus Kuhn will talk to fire chief to be more careful during fire drills in the park.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB 1

Tanya Soroka memo of April 11, 2016 regarding the proposed rezoning of the Shaw Creek Property on Cowichan Lake (approx. 16 km west of Youbou): Was discussed by Members of the Parks Commission and the opinion is that

NB 2

1. The proposed lands being offered are suitable for parkland.
2. The lands should be set aside for environmental purposes only, i.e. it should be left as wilderness area with no trails or other amenities.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded that the Regular meeting of Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next Regular meeting of Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2016.