



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, May 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Marcia Stewart, Chairperson  
Rob Somers, Vice-Chair  
Rose Davidson, Recording Secretary  
Ian Halowaty  
Dan Nickel

**ALSO PRESENT:** Klaus Kuhn, Area I Director

**GUEST:** Duncan Hume of Youbou  
Nominee for Area I Parks Commission Member

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**Correspondence received from Jerry Melissa**  
**And**  
**OB 3: 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 April 12, 2016 be adopted.**

#### **BUSINESS ARISING**

None

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

Marcia Stewart read a very nice letter received from Jerry Melissa of Youbou thanking the work crew that maintains the Youbou Little League Park – “Having played in dozens of parks throughout North America, I was hard pressed to find a more pleasurable facility than we have here in Youbou.”

#### **REPORTS:**

#### **AREA I DIRECTOR KLAUS KUHN:**

Klaus Kuhn had discussions with Ryan Dias and Greg Adams on whether portable washrooms should be placed in Arbutus Park and Mile 77 during

SunFest but for now it was decided to wait and see how this year develops.

Marcia asked Klaus whether the lines at crosswalks by Arbutus Park and other locations throughout Yubou will also be repainted seeing that the middle line has now been painted. Crosswalks are in need of repainting and this should be done before summer arrives.

Dan Nickel asked whether the Meade Creek/Yubou Road intersection was being surveyed. This issue has been dragging on because of a dispute over an old railway right-of-way. The intersection is unsafe due to the marked difference between the level of both roads making it hard for people coming from Meade Creek to see oncoming traffic on Yubou Road. Meade Creek Road should also be widened.

**COWICHAN LAKE  
RECREATION  
L. BLATCHFORD**

None

**CHAIRPERSON  
M. STEWART**

Acknowledged Ian Halowaty and thanked him for his contribution to Area I Parks during the two-years he has been with the Commission. He has been a valuable member and will be missed.

**CVRD  
RYAN DIAS**

**Arbutus Park Dock Repair Update:** Awaiting engineering report. Assessment of dock is better than anticipated. Concrete floats are good; wood portion needs to be replaced. It will go out to tender soon and is expected to be completed by mid-June. Ian Halowaty commented that about 5-6 boom sticks may need to be replaced. Klaus Kuhn will contact TimberWest and see what they could provide.

**Southern Playfield:** Originally, \$10,000 was available to fix the drainage problem. However, after the \$5,000 insurance deductible on the Arbutus claim, there are no plans to work on the drainage problem this year – only reseeding and top-dressing of lawn.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**OB 1**

**Arbutus Plan Revitalization:** The first meeting is planned for May 12 in Upper Yubou Hall, organized by Graham Gidden.

**OB 2**

**Gerald Thom Memorial:** Gerald’s widow, Caroline Thom, has advised that she has other plans for a memorial for her late husband in Saywell Park, Lake Cowichan. The originally planned shelter in his name in Mile 77 Park will still go ahead but no longer be named after Gerald Thom. Plans to build the shelter by Greg Adams’ crew will not start until the fall.

**OB 3**

**Shaw Creek:** Dan Nickel asked what happened to the \$75,000 from the sale

of the property next to the Creekside waste-treatment plant and other money that may have been set aside for park acquisitions; could this money not have been used to buy a lot adjacent to the Shaw Creek Estuary? Klaus Kuhn replied that no money had been designated for the purchase of land in Shaw Creek and, since there is an application for rezoning, \$75,000 is still sitting in the Parkland Acquisition Fund.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **NB 1**

**Southern Playfield Park:** Rob Somers reported that the four trees planted last year have survived winter and also damage done by deer. The same neighbour who donated these trees is offering to buy another six trees. Ryan Dias would prefer these trees not be planted until the fall, however, Marcia pointed out that the best selection for trees is right now. She will discuss this with Ryan.

Rob also asked if it would be possible to set up a volley ball net there. There is an issue around having to remove the net every night for safety reasons. He will discuss it with Ryan Dias.

Rob reported that the “**wetland loop**” on **Bald Mountain** is a total mess, with dead trees pointing every which way. He has talked to Brent Wilson about this and they both will go and see if things could be cleaned up a bit.

#### **NB 2**

**Arbutus Park – Application by Youbou Community Association to use the concession stand on July 30 during SunFest for sale of pop and chips/popcorn:** The application was discussed by the members and nobody has an issue with it.

#### **NB 3**

**Mile 77 Park- beach area:** Marcia Stewart has had discussions with Ryan Dias about expanding the beach area in Mile 77 Park. The Ministry of Environment would have to be involved and any work plans would probably not be established until 2017. Klaus Kuhn will also discuss this issue with Ryan Dias.

### **ADJOURNEMENT**

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

**MOTION CARRIED  
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

**The next Regular meeting of Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2016.**