



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, June 14, 2016 at 7:02 pm.

**PRESENT:** Marcia Stewart, Chairperson  
Rob Somers, Vice-Chair  
Rose Davidson, Recording Secretary  
Duncan Hume

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

**ABSENT:** Dan Nickel

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

- NB 1:** BBQ organized by Youbou Community Association  
In Little League Park
- NB 2:** Youbou Signage
- NB 3:** Carly Cove Rezoning Application
- NB 4:** No Camping Signs

**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 May 10, 2016 be adopted.**

#### **BUSINESS ARISING**

None

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **REPORTS:**

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

Klaus Kuhn reported on the status and latest developments concerning Nantree, Shaw Creek and Youbou Lands.

##### **COWICHAN LK RECREATION L.BLATCHFORD**

Cowichan Lake Recreation has been very busy hosting events:

First, the largest female invitational selection camp; 80 top athletes were here to be evaluated by Hockey Canada and BC Hockey scouts. If selected, the girls move forward to a strength and conditioning camp which takes place in July. At that camp, they will find out if they made the BC Team.

Second, the BC Community Forest Co-op AGM and Conference with approx. 112 delegates from all over the province. They loved the area and our facilities and we were honored to work closely with the host Committee. It proved that conferences of this caliber can be held in the Cowichan Lake area, even though there is not one big hotel and people stayed in the Lake Cowichan Lodge, cabins and B&B's.

This past weekend, the Lake Days Dance was a great success with 350 people attending.

Canada Day on July 1<sup>st</sup> will be held at the Skydome and hall in Mesachie Lake and will feature musicians, dancing, water cannon, games for kids, birthday cake, concession and more (5 pm to 9 pm).

Youbou Lanes will be celebrating its 65<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, July 16, with an event at the Youbou Hall and Bowling Alley from 1pm to 4 pm; free bowling, a pinsetter reunion, displays of history with volunteers Tara Daly and Anne Campbell at the helm. The Youbou Community Association will be hosting a Chili Cook-Off, with contestants providing a crock pot of their specialty to be taste-tested and voted on. CLR will provide a \$50 voucher for first prize and YCA will provide 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes. Licensed facility in the bowling alley.

Bay Days on Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> will be hosted by CLR in partnership with the Honeymoon Bay Community Society and Honeymoon Bay Volunteer Fire Department.

The Annual Youbou Regatta at Arbutus Park will be held Saturday, August 13. CLR looking for volunteers to man the concession (11 am to 3 pm).

Lifeguards at Arbutus Park will be on duty from Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, until Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> – Mondays to Fridays from 10 am to 5 pm; Saturdays/Sundays from noon till 5 pm.

**CHAIRPERSON  
M. STEWART**

None

**CVRD  
RYAN DIAS**

**Arbutus Park Dock Repair Update:** Dock repair is almost completed with the exception of one boom; elements of the structure are also in need of repair. However, since the insurance company will not pay for those, it will have to be included in next year's budget.

**Shaw Creek:** Tanya Soroka will forward our recommendations to the Planning Division.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**OB 1**

**Arbutus Plan Revitalization:** We reviewed the plans and drawings provided by Graham Gidden and concluded that we preferred Layout Concept #2. As far as the washroom building is concerned, we have the following comments:

- Would it be possible to have a simple dividing panel in each of the men’s and women’s change rooms to give people more privacy?
- Is there a way to include two sinks rather than the one in each washroom?

Regarding the playground, Marcia Stewart suggested to consult with the community before removing any items like possibly the slide, otherwise people might get upset.

**OB 2**

**Southern Playfield Park:** Before accepting any new trees for planting in this area, the CVRD proposes to establish a “Tree Planting Guideline” so that trees will be chosen for their suitability for a particular location in the park. People could then choose from a list of trees, if they are inclined to make a donation to the park.

The lawn area in Playfield Park has been cleared of moss and reseeded.

**OB 3**

**Mile 77 Park – Beach Area:** Klaus Kuhn will discuss the issue of expanding and opening up the beach area with Ryan Dias, since he believes there might be “external” funds available to do this work.

**MOTION:**

**A motion was moved and seconded that CVRD staff, in cooperation with the Area I Parks Commission, prepare a work plan to open up public access to the beach area at Mile 77 Park.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NB 1**

**Youbou Community Association** have asked and were granted permission to organize a “Garage Sale Wind-Up BBQ” in Little League Park on Saturday, June 18, from 1 pm to 5 pm

**NB 2**

**Youbou Signage:**

- Gilles Voyer, who made the “Youbou Welcomes You” sign 30 years ago, has recently repainted it at the request of the Youbou Community Association (YCA) and they advanced him \$100 for materials, however, since CVRD has always paid Gilles in the past for this repair job, YCA asked Klaus Kuhn if they could get a refund. Klaus told Duncan Hume to get in touch with Gilles and have him prepare two invoices – one for \$100 for materials paid and to be refunded to YCA and a second one for an additional \$100 to be paid to Gilles Voyer for his work.

- **Little League Sign:** nobody knows who made that sign. CVRD staff should have a look at it and see if it could be “spruced up”. It definitely needs to be moved from its present location, because it is way up hidden behind a tall cedar tree.

**NB 3**

- **Bug Pole near Youbou Hard-Hat Shack:** is okay for now.

**Carly Cove Property Rezoning Application:** We reviewed Tanya Soroka’s memo and attachments and concluded that there should be a provision for public access to the lake:

- To protect the riparian area, the waterfront could be publicly owned
- If not that, at least one lot should be set aside for public access.
- Also, contributions could be made to the Nature and Habitat Fund

**NB 4**

However, to better assess the situation, Commission Members would like to go on a site visit.

**No Camping Signs:** In view of the expected influx of visitors to the area during Sunfest, Commission Members recommend that CVRD put up “No Camping” signs in Mile 77 and Stoker Parks and also near the “Bug Pole” next to the Hard-Hat Shack, because there is a large grassy area that people might find “inviting”.

**NB 5**

Commission members reviewed the **Financial Statement and Revised Budget** dated May 19, 2016.

**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 9:04 p.m.

The next Regular meeting of Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2016.