

Area D Parks Commission

Monday, 17 June 2013
1830 @ Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre

Present: Kerrie Talbot, Roger Southern, Megan Stone, Dave Nisbet, Bruce Clarke, Steve Garnett, (Director) Lori Iannidinardo
Guest: Cheryl Delbridge

Meeting called to order: 18:45

Minutes of previous meeting: 'Open House, May 2nd'

Amended to read "discussion was raised for revision of the trail between Wilmot and Pavenham"

Approved as amended.

New Business

- 1) Request from CVRD Parks re: Capital Projects Planning: that the Parks Commission look at Capital Projects planning two years in advance instead of just one. Commission will discuss a 2 year plan at our September 16th meeting.
- 2) Doggie Bag dispenser @ Marine Gateway: a member of the public has requested we install a dispenser at Marine Gateway, noting that a lot of people drive solely to this location and do not walk along the path starting at Hecate Park, which is where the next closest dispenser is located. **Motion:** to request a Doggie Bag Dispenser and garbage can, be installed at the Marine Gateway, out of sight from the road so it is not filled by by-passing traffic. **Motion: passed**
- 3) Roberts Farm Trail – Koksilah to Ordano Rd: **Motion:** to accept the proposal of a walking trail from Koksilah Rd through to the water tower at Ordano Rd. The Parks Commission approves accepting any donations in kind that promote the construction of this trail, and requests that CVRD staff begin this process, and also consult with the Roberts family on its naming. **Motion: passed**

Background to this motion: this trail was discussed and regarded favourably by the community at the Area D Townhall meeting on 3 June 2013.

- 4) Discussion by Parks Commission re: promotion of cycling and cycle tourism in Cowichan Bay. The need for bike racks and water fountains were discussed favourably by the Commission, and will be further elaborated upon when the Commission formulates its 2 year budgetary plans. Also discussed was converting the dog water tap at Hecate Park into a dual dog and human water fountain.

Ongoing Business

- 5) Permit to Construct at Bench and Cowichan Bay Rd Intersection: **Motion:** to request that the CVRD request a permit to construct at Bench and Cowichan Bay Rd intersection for the triangle of land at said intersection. The intent would be to make this area a tidier, more welcoming entrance into Cowichan Bay, and to create safer sight-lines for those using the road. **Motion: passed.**
- 6) Sparwood driveway & tree removal (Martin Family development): discussed.
- 7) WCAAP funding: discussed. Kerrie to follow up with CVRD Parks staff regarding status of the application for additional funding from WCAAP. Parks notes that if additional funding is obtained, then this funding would only be for 60% of an identified project and that the additional 40% of the chosen project would need to be designated in the next planned budget.

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Meeting adjourned @ 19:49