

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Area I (Youbou/Meades Creek) Parks Commission

Held in the Upper Community Hall, 8550 Hemlock Street, Youbou, BC on

Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:06 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Marcia Stewart

Vice Chair Rob Somers

Don Macdonald

Duncan Hume

Area Director – Klaus Kuhn

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes:

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the regular Area I (Youbou/Meades Creek) Parks Commission meeting held on May 16, 2017 be adopted.

Motion carried.

Correspondence

REPORTS

Area I_Director: -The Nantree/Peri Rd rezoning application is due for a decision June 14th.

The Shaw Creek rezoning application will possibly be decided in July.

Cowichan Lake Recreation: The new data base, "ReConnect Cowichan" is up and running and going through some early difficulties as far as public use is concerned. However, as with all new systems, problems are expected and will be dealt with.

1. There will be a Canada Day celebration at Mesachie Lake Sky Dome to honour Canada 150.

There will also be Bay Days celebration July 15 in Honeymoon Bay and the Youbou Regatta Aug 12. Don Macdonald, Klaus Kuhn and Rob Somers have all volunteered to help at the regatta in the concession tent.

Chairperson Report: Marcia Stewart will be attending the CVRD Parks Commission chairs meeting June 21st.

CVRD Report: A member of the Youbou Community Association inquired at the CVRD office about the use of public road accesses (road ends) for use as park. Graham Gidden explained that these road accesses are Dept. of Highways property and the CVRD is not able to fund any maintenance for these lakefront properties.

- **OB 1:** Arbutus Park Revitalization Budget reduced from \$290,000 to \$245,000
- **OB 2: Carly Cove** No new information
- **OB 3:** Shaw Creek A decision on rezoning is expected in July.

OB 4: Mile 77 Park – The picnic shelter, proposed by Greg Adams and his Laketown Ranch group is still in the works. There is no definite date for start of construction and the CVRD will require a letter from Mr. Adams with his proposal prior to start.

NB 1: Invasive Plant Species Inventory – This has been proposed for Area I parks at a cost of \$2,500. We feel this is an unnecessary expense and that these funds could be better used for the Arbutus Park upgrade.

Motion – To eliminate funding for an invasive plant species inventory of Area I parks and apply it to the Arbutus Park Upgrade. **Motion seconded. Motion carried.**

- **NB 2:** All park bookings must go through Graham Gidden of the CVRD Parks and Trails Dept.
- **NB 3:** Youbou vandalism at the Little League Park, near the children's play area. The grass was chewed up in one area by a 4 wheel drive vehicle but there was no damage to the irrigation system and the damaged grass was repaired at a cost of \$1500. The Parks Commission recommends placement of a large rock or concrete barrier to block access at the east end of the existing line of concrete barriers on Bremner Rd. Duncan Hume will speak to an area resident and see if this can be done at no cost to the CVRD.
- **NB 4:** The gate keeper positions for Mile 77 Park and the Little League Park have been filled.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded that the regular meeting of Area I Parks Commission be adjourned.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2017