

AREA E PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITIEE MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 2018

Regular meeting held at Glenora Hall

PRESENT: Frank McCorkell: Chair, Irene Evans, Howard Heyd, Mike Lees, Paul Slade: acting secretary

Alison Nicholson, Area E Director.

Apologies: Greg Shoop: v/c and Secretary.

Call to order: 19:33

AGENDA: Not circulated, suggested topics to consider:

- Devote a portion of the gas tax funding to at least one other 'priority' pathway project in another part of the Area E, perhaps one of those identified by Alison in her recent community up-date;
- Recommend that the future commission increase outside funding by working with those
 with a common interest eg. Cowichan Tribes, neighboring electoral areas, or parks and
 recreation volunteers; and press for developers to build recreational infra-structure.

Reading of the minutes from November 8th By Paul

Motion to accept: approved.

Business arising:

Pathway projects with Gas Tax Money of \$150,000.00. Pathway along Koksilah Rd., Cowichan Station: No estimated costs at this time.

MOTH must be involved in planning and design and has suggested that the surveying does not need to be too precise so perhaps not too expensive.

Priority roadside trail planning. Eagle Heights Along Miller Rd.,

Suggested that a partnership with Cowichan Tribes and other stakeholders could be possible.

MOTH should be approached to help with prioritising and look seriously at Allenby Rd.

Width and safety concerns with lots of usage should be driving priority.

Community involvement and input should be encouraged. Perhaps past and existing community groups should be petitioned to gather community input.

Paved, roadside trails would be preferred by the Commission.

Suggestions to enhance existing pseudo trails and easy trail locations with little expenses incurred and improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists along busy roads, ie: Hanks and Cowichan Lake Rds.

Budget discussions:

New Parks Asset Management Discussion: Minor capital projects: \$25,000.00 listed for Glenora Trailhead: \$1SK for well related issues: pump change?, Pressure tanks change?, Query: Should the pumps and pressure tanks be replaced routinely? Water tank and booster pump installation in 2017: Commission requesting to be advised of why/ how these were determined to be required on a high production well system? 10K for staining and painting of caretaker residence and the washrooms. Commission requesting Methods and Reasons for determining costs and timing of painting residence.

Landing on staircase to river should be assessed and plan/budget for replacement.

Discussed approaching DFO to perhaps cut stairs/ wide area into the bedrock to access river safely.

Maplewood Park/ Bl.Jsy Place Creek runoff issues and BC Transit facility and new trails. Alison to share CVRD and Transit plans for the trails being contemplated to determine responsibility of the Stream crossing and management thereof.

Road entrance to Glenora Trailhead was upgraded recently and the work is well done. Thank you.

UNFINFISHED BUSINESS: Currie Park: walk through pass gate at the new crosswalk is too tight for strollers.

The Commission feels that the Parks department should still have "eyes" in the field to assist with the asset management and budgeting as well as take advantage of the expertise and resources available in the volunteer commissions.

Next meeting TBD. Most likely not until February.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:10

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