

Minutes of the special meeting of the Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission held in the Curling Lounge, Monday, March 21, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Members: S. McFarlane (Chairperson); R. Wise; I. Morrison (Area F Director); R. Forrest (Mayor – Town of Lake Cowichan); D. Darling; K. Kuhn (Area I Director); L. Johnson; D. Adams; B. Peters.

ABSENT: none

ALSO PRESENT: L. Blatchford, Manager, Cowichan Lake Recreation

Meeting called to order at 5:31 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded:

That the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

OB1: Regionally Significant Gas Tax Funding – Cowichan Lake Sports Arena Parking Lot Upgrade:

The Commission discussed new information that has come out of a staff report titled “Potential Projects – Regionally Significant Projects Gas Tax Fund” going to the Regional Services Meeting on Wednesday March 23, 2011.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission strongly recommend inclusion of the eco-friendly Cowichan Lake Sports Arena parking lot upgrade on the recommended list of RSP funded projects and the subsequent submission to UBCM for the following reasons:

- **This is a shovel ready project.**
- **Based on specific information and commitments contained in the CVRD Board resolution of August 25, 2010, (10-469), approximately \$50,000 has already been spent on consulting engineers and landscape planning and design. Significant staff resources have also been expended.**
- **It meets the RSP criteria. Currently, polluted runoff from the parking lot directly migrates into the adjacent Cowichan River and riparian areas. This impacts the fragile, local ecological systems and could have serious consequences for**

downstream habitats associated with this heritage river. This project will significantly reduce the environmental impact of storm water contaminates on the Cowichan Watershed.

- Completion of this project is both weather and time sensitive and will also mitigate liability risk from the perspective of reducing trip and fall hazards.**
- This project meets components of the Corporate Strategic Plan specifically in the area of sustainable infrastructure and healthy environment.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEXT MEETING

Regular meeting to be held on Thursday March 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Curling Lounge.

D. Adams left the meeting at 6:21 p.m. and meeting adjourned 6:22 p.m.

Chairperson

Recording Secretary

Dated:_____