

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, January 12, 2016 at 7:05 pm.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Marcia Stewart  
Rob Somers, Vice Chair  
Rose Davidson, Recording Secretary  
Ian Halowaty

**ABSENT:** Area I Director Klaus Kuhn  
Dan Nickel

#### **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/Meade Creek) Parks meeting of December 8, 2015 be adopted.

#### **BUSINESS ARISING**

None

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **REPORTS**

##### **COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION**

L. Blatchford

- Winter/Spring Programs going well.
- The 2015 Q3 Program Stats Report shows increases in use in almost all categories compared to 2014 stats; especially registered users were up by 36%.
- The Family New Year's Eve Event was a success with 28 families attending.
- A "Curl BC Mixed Island Play" will be hosted at Cowichan Rocks Curling Club February 5-7.
- A new permanent part-time Program Assistant II position has been created by blending two casual positions (the Bowling Alley Coordinator Casual Position and the Casual Program Assistant II position) in hopes of attracting skilled labour. It will not require an increased tax requisition.

##### **CHAIRPERSON**

M. Stewart

No report.

##### **CVRD**

Ryan Dias

Our 2016 budget of \$116,000 has been approved. The new budgeting process represents a major improvement since it provides budget certainty as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

##### **Arbutus Park Dock**

The insurance company has okayed the money to fix the dock. The repair contract is open to tender.

##### **Maintenance Contract**

Easy Living's contract runs for one more year before it will go to tender.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **OB 1**

##### **Memorial for Gerald Thom**

Rob Somers continues with efforts to try and secure funds for the project.

##### **OB 2**

##### **Arbutus Park Revitalization Survey prepared by Tanya Soroka.**

Parks Commission members have reviewed the survey results and the requests/suggestions made by the public. M. Stewart will forward the commission's recommendations to Tanya Soroka.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **NB 1**

##### **Parks Commission Meeting Dates for 2016:**

Tentatively, meetings will always fall on the second Tuesday of every month (with the exception of August), i.e. **January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, September 13, October 11, November 8 and December 13.**

**NB 2**

**AGM**

This year, no AGM will be needed. We only need one more person to be appointed to replace Monroe Grobe who had resigned earlier last year.

**NB 3**

**Follow-Up of 2016 Budget and 5-Year Financial Plan:**

Either Ryan Dias or Brian Farquhar will be attending our next meeting on Tuesday, February 9. In preparation for the discussion of the 5-Year Financial Plan, Parks Commission Members will meet at 9 am on February 9 at Little League Park to do a walk-about of the parks and evaluate all park facilities.

**NB 4**

**Request received to review possibility of Pickle-Ball/Tennis Court in Mile 77 or Playfield Park.**

Pickle ball has become very popular among residents of Area I. We should review the possibility of building a Pickle-Ball /Tennis Court when we discuss the 5-Year Financial Plan at either Mile 77 or Playfield Park. However, M. Stewart would also like to see support from the community through fund raisers for such a project. R. Somers is getting cost estimate from Mike Miller of CVRD.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved and seconded that the Regular meeting of Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission be adjourned.

**MOTION CARRIED**  
**Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**

The next Regular meeting of Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2016.