



REVISED 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, September 13, 2016, at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Marcia Stewart, Chairperson
Rob Somers, Vice-Chair
Rose Davidson, Recording Secretary
Duncan Hume
Dan Nickel

ALSO PRESENT: Klaus Kuhn, Area I Director

CARLY COVE DELEGATION: Craig Wilson and Jim Dias

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be amended by adding the following items:

- NB 2:** Sunset Beach public access area
- OB 4:** Mile 77 Park – picnic shelter

And that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MARCIA STEWART:

Welcomed the Carly Cove Delegation and stated that Area I Parks Commission Members are somewhat surprised to be included this early in their rezoning application process.

JIM DIAS:

Explained that the Carly Cove Rezoning Application has still to go through a lengthy process of consultation with Cowichan Tribes, a public hearing, subdivision approvals by Ministry of Highways and APC, before it can go to the Electoral Services Committee. Jim and Craig are here to get feedback from the Area I Parks Commission as to what would be expected, i.e. park land dedication or amenity towards a foreshore rehabilitation fund?

KLAUS KUHN:

Responded that it would have been much easier for them had they applied for rezoning 15 years earlier, as some of the adjacent property owners had done.

ROB SOMERS:

Asked whether a survey had been done and corner pins put in place, Jim Dias responded that because of cost considerations this would not be done until final approval is given.

The Delegation left to allow Parks Commission Members to have a discussion among themselves. After reviewing all the options available and taking into consideration that the OCP had originally established that no development should occur past Pine Point, the following motion was moved and seconded:

CARLY COVE MOTION:

- **The Protection of the Riparian Zone is imperative**
- **At least one lot should be set aside for park dedication**
- **In addition, we are also seeking a funding contribution to the Area I Nature and Habitat Fund established for Cowichan Lake.**

MOTION CARRIED

The Delegation was brought back in and the Motion read to them after which they left the room.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks meeting of June 14, 2016 be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING None

REPORTS:

AREA I DIRECTOR KLAUS KUHN:

The Youbou Community Association feels that the **Little League Park Sign** needs to be repainted and also relocated (right now it is hidden behind a cedar). Klaus discussed this with Ryan Dias and he agreed.

The **“Bug Pole”** in front of the Hard Hat Shack also needs repainting and the commemorative plaque may need replacing (it’s no longer legible). Duncan Hume said he would ask Gilles Voyer for a quote.

Klaus attended a meeting at CVRD board with the **CEO of Timberwest and the Chief Forester**. They gave a presentation as to how they will log. Klaus asked for another meeting with them to discuss the truck wash and other issues of concern to the community. They agreed and will meet with Klaus at his residence. Klaus will propose that Timberwest give much earlier notice of planned logging activities (i.e. more than the current 48hrs). Also, they should release a plan to the community for the whole year showing where they will log. And logging trucks should be equipped with fenders.

Duncan mentioned problems seen on logging sites: too much slash left behind; logging too close to creeks (i.e. within the 15m zone).

Marcia: There should be a permanent maintenance person at the truck wash; there should also be a speed sign placed right where the asphalt starts and motorists immediately start speeding.

“Regional Recreation”: Klaus mentioned that discussions have started to create a Regional Recreation area.

Youbou Lands: The old development plans are being re-evaluated; this could entail more park land along the shore next to Arbutus Park and around the water corridor.

COWICHAN LK RECREATION L.BLATCHFORD:

The Youbou Regatta was a great success. The Fall Recreation Guide is out. Volunteers are need for the “Haunted House” in Youbou Hall.

CHAIRPERSON M. STEWART:

A sign is needed for the **Horseshoe Pit** near Little League Park - newcomers to the area can never find it. (Lk Cowichan Anthony Rondow won the Canadian pee-wee horseshoe competition!)

CVRD RYAN DIAS:

The **Area I Parks budget** will be discussed at the next meeting on October 11 and Ryan will attend.

OB 1

Arbutus Park Revitalization – a meeting is planned to discuss next steps.

- OB 2** **Christopher Rock update** – Ryan Dias confirmed that it is not part of CVRD’s park inventory, the area belongs to Timberwest. Klaus Kuhn will talk to them and recommend that they do something to allow and improve public access.
- OB 3** **Carly Cove** – see discussion above.
- OB 4** **Mile 77 Park beach access and picnic shelter** – Klaus reported that funds from Cowichan Lake Forest Co-op (approx. \$10,000) might be available to open up more beach areas in Mile 77 Park; this would be started next year. He also spoke to Greg Adams about the picnic shelter and it is planned to be built this fall/winter.
- NB 1** **Price Park trees on waterfront** - an incident occurred where a lady got injured by the branches from a falling tree. Ryan Dias reported that foreshore trees will be evaluated differently from upland trees to prevent such accidents from happening.
- NB 2** **Sunset Beach Public Access** – Dan Nickel reported that during the recent “Pot Fest” at Laketown Ranch many visitors came to Sunset Beach and were observed “relieving” themselves on the beach and adjacent private properties. This problem will have to be addressed because tourist info maps handed out by the local Chamber of Commerce and also available online information will keep drawing customers from Laketown Ranch to Sunset Beach.
- 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 9:10 pm

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 2016, and will include the Budget Review for the next fiscal year.