



AREA A PARKS COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday April 14, 2016

Attending: Edward Arnold, Nancy Crichton, Brook Adams, David Keir, Deryk Norton, Bonnie Mills, Kerry Davis (Director), Tonya Soroka, Parks & Trails Planner, Ryan Dias

Limona: Mark Johnson and Jennifer Kay

Regrets: April Tilson, Greg Farley

In the absence of chairperson April Tilson, the meeting was opened by Deryk Norton, vice chair @ 7 pm.

Introductions were made.

Old business: The planned walk about with CVRD staff at the Deloume Park intersection of Bucktail and Deloume Roads to determine what might be done about the erosion.

Ryan Dias says the area has been seeded and he is working with the builder. Because the boundary line between the eroded area and the park is not well defined there is some question of responsibility.

Deryk Norton will contact April re: date for

walkabout. New Business

E-mail since last meeting, Brook will be attending the joint meeting with South Cowichan on April 19. It will be up to the South Cowichan Parks Commission to make recommendation to the CVRD board regarding the use of the old United Church. There was a brief discussion regarding the Mill Bay Historical Society as new location in said building. There have been no other requests for the use of this building.

Ryan Dias said if the Historical Society wants to make improvements it will be discussed. There is no water service to the building so it needs to be trucked in. The recommendation is that the Mill Bay Historical Society be considered as a potential user of the building and we would support them in securing this.

Presentation by Tonya Soroka and Mark Johnson about Stonebridge North. The south part of the project has already been rezoned.

Considerations for the following to be made:

Because the newly located RCMP station is a Federal entity there can be a request for Federal contribution for amenities. As the land for their building was free, this may be an encouragement to contribute.

The stone bridge needs to be brought up to CVRD standards post inspection. The potential for needing the stone bridge as an emergency access for fire or ambulance in the event of a blockage on the bridge over the Shawnigan creek on Highway 1 was also discussed. Whether the steep access down to the bridge and the steep ascent on the other side would allow for this was considered, and would the bridge take the weight of a fire truck. Best to keep it as a pedestrian walk way and plan for other emergency access.

The question of adequate water for the number of homes was discussed. There is plenty of water per the developer.

Parks and trail in the area along the creek will be up to the CVRD the developer said he would not provide the trails.

There will be individual sewage treatment facilities to each developed area.

A walkway off the shoulder of the road needs to be provided from the new RCMP station to Pioneer Square.

The width of the trails came into question. The developer feels 3-5 meters is adequate. CVRD standards are 7-10 meters. Mill Springs have problems with theirs being 5 meters.

On the subject of Covenants, we need to define what our expectations are with regard to the developer. Our standards will be followed with respect to amenities, road width, establishing trails or extra money for developing our own trails, paved access to and from the stone bridge. (If wheelchair accessible, they must be paved vs. stone), sewers to be built to CVRD standards, and increased road width up to 7 meters.

MOTION: That we generally support Stonebridge North with the following exceptions: that trail corridors width be increased to at least 7 meters to meet CVRD standards and that trails be built by the developer or cash provided to the CVRD to enable them to be built later. Unanimously carried.

Ryan Dias reviewed the 5-year financial plan.

The operational budget is \$80,000 dollars yearly. Surpluses in one year cannot be carried over into the following year.

Priorities in the budget can be reassessed based upon safety issues.

What is the policy of the provincial government regarding sidewalk in an urbanized electoral areas?

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.

Minutes recorded by Bonnie Mills