

Minutes: Meeting Area A Parks Commission Sept. 18, 2014

Present: David Gall, Chair, Mike Walker, Director, David Crowe, Alternate, Ryan Dias, Parks Operation Superintendent, Brook Adams, Greg Farley, Judy Meszaros, Deryk Norton, Ron Parsons, John Ramsey, April Tilson. Audience: Kerry Davis, Blaise Salmon and owner of property on Whittaker Rd.

1. Review and Input into the 2014/2015 budgets as prepared by Parks and trails Division staff and presented by Ryan Dias
 - A. Offer to donate a pathway corridor and additional 2.5 acres from the owners of 875 Whittaker Road, Malahat.

MOTION: to accept the property donation to join existing path from Ebadora Lane which will be a contribution to the eventual completion of the Malahat trail. John Ramsey moved, Brook Adams seconded.

- B. Pilings at Wharf and floats are a major part of the 2014 budget and will be completed by end of year.
- C. REQUEST: The Commission requested that Ryan give an assessment of the cost of an invasive species study.

MOTION: Greg Farley moved and Brook Adams seconded to accept the draft budget as presented.

- D. REQUEST: That Janine send a more detailed description of the summer program at Huckleberry Park that may be used at Deloume Park.

2. Student summer work projects
 - A. Lilmac trail drainage Improvements
 - B. Hollings Creek Trail resurfacing
 - C. Mill Bay Nature Park trail cleanup

The Commission will give Ryan further feedback after the next meeting concerning the hard surfacing at Deloume Park.

REQUEST: that Ryan contact MOT concerning erosion at Bucktail Rd and Deloume Rd.

3. Discussion of property owner's request that the Parks Commission purchase land on Church Rd adjacent to Mill Bay Nature Park.

MOTION: John Ramsey moved and Deryk Norton seconded to decline the purchase.

4. Marina proposal for 11 parking spaces. Director Walker described the proposal from the Marina saying that this is a matter for the APC or MOT to decide.

5. Status of boat ramp. The boat ramp on the Malahat First Nation is going ahead with traffic calming and moving of the road to enable a boardwalk. The ramp will go to tender in December for a June completion.

6. Limona (Stonebridge) property walkabout – there has been little movement so there will not be a walkabout in the near future.

7. Director Walker's Report

Public works will relocate the RCMP building to the property donated by Limona across Mill Bay Rd from the Ambulance Services building by 2017. It has been rezoned to P1 and will have its own septic.

Much of the rest of the report was covered in the preceding items.

8. Other business

The Paterson family and Heath family have agreed to paying for memorial benches in the park area that will be at the end of Handy Road. Parks or Director Walker will do an inventory of the benches to standardize the plaques.