

MEETING MINUTES

Cobble Hill Parks Commission Meeting

March 5, 2018

Youth Hall, 3665 Watson Avenue, Cobble Hill, B.C.

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Present: Shelly Balme, Dennis Cage, Gord Dickenson, Brenda Donn, Annie Ingraham, Ruth Koehn, Alan Seal, Tanya Soroka (CVRD), Jennifer Symons, Bill Turner, Lynn Wilson (Chair)

Regrets: Matteus Clement – Area “C” Electoral Area Director

Meeting started at 7 p.m.

1. Moved/seconded *that the agenda is approved as circulated.* **Carried**
2. Moved/seconded *that minutes of February 5, 2018 are adopted as circulated.* **Carried**
3. Volunteer hours – 10 hours
4. Business arising from the minutes
 - a. 2012 Cobble Hill Parks and Trails Master Plan: Review of recommendations – **see Attachment 1.**
5. Reports - **none**
6. New Business
 - a. Possible Rona tree donation and volunteer tree planting at Cobble Hill Common – **for information**
 - b. Discussion of arranging a site visit to Cobble Hill community parks – **tabled to next meeting**
 - c. Discussion of possible volunteer projects in Cobble Hill community parks – **tabled to next meeting**
 - d. Notification of extension of Cobble Hill Parks Commission term – **for information**
7. Director’s Report – **none**
8. Adjournment – 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.

Attachment 1

Review of Cobble Hill Parks & Trails Master Plan (2012) Recommendations

Accomplished:

- Quarry Nature Park – installation of restroom, litter receptacles, picnic area, signage
- Cobble Hill Common – acquisition of land for a park; installed plantings, trees, signage, pathways, drainage, electricity, irrigation, sod, turf, memorial wall, new parking spaces; removed chain-link fencing, excess perimeter trees, rubble.
- Watson Park – developed trail between Twin Cedars and Watson Road
- Fairfield Trail – improvements made by local school group “Roots & Shoots”
- Manley Creek Park – improved trails and installed new bridges
- Boatswain Park – park refurbishment completed, including new playground and sports court, tree and shrub clearing to improve sightlines, new parking spaces
- William Shearing Park – park refurbishment completed, including new playground equipment and picnic area, selective pruning and tree clearing
- Hatch Point Trail – trail upgrade to make it accessible, new signage

Tabled:

- Train Station Building – coordinate with Island Corridor Foundation
- Northwest Wildlife Preservation Society—pursuit of partnership opportunity
- Lefran Road/Garnett Creek – establishment of a trail connection between Satellite Park and Cherry Point and acquisition of land along Garnett Creek for a nature park

Deleted:

- Cobble Hill Common – seniors’ housing complex
- Watson Trail – interpretive sign
- Fairfield Park – picnic tables

Still Planned:

- Quarry Nature Park – develop park management plan; management plan should address realignment of the parking lot and potential for playground (or at Cobble Hill Common)
- Cobble Hill Common – complete currently scheduled park improvements; continue with park development planning, develop a site plan for the Common (with public input)

- Cobble Hill trail and pathway development -- push for opportunities to develop trail linkages in Cobble Hill as identified in the park & trail master plan, particularly the Village Roadside Pathway, and along Cobble Hill Road, Hutchinson Road, and Telegraph Road
- Manley Creek Park – repair or replace the beach staircase as appropriate. Continue improving interior park trails to address erosion and water management issues
- Park land acquisition – as opportunities arise and as aligned with budgetary and other strategic priorities
- Cherry Point Park – plan for improvements in the 2019 budget. Identify specific actions and/or improvements that will be undertaken. Improve accessibility. Refer to parks & trails master plan.
- Farnsworth Park – consider improving park facilities such as installing a washroom or portable toilet, improving the park trail, and planning for additional access points

New Ideas:

- Cobble Hill Common – nature scape playground and/or old farm implement playground
- Cobble Hill Common – engage with the public about what they would like to see in the park
- Cobble Hill Common – install a portable toilet in SE corner of park
- Merilees Nature Park – consider decommissioning observation deck at end of life span