

Minutes of the September 26, 2013 Cobble Hill Parks Commission meeting held at 7:00 pm in the Youth Hall located at 3665 Watson Avenue, Cobble Hill, B.C.

Those present: John Krug - Chair, Gord Dickenson, Al Garside, Alan Seal, Jennifer Symons, Bill Turner, Brian Farquhar and Gerry Giles.

Apologies: Ruth Koehn, Annie Ingraham, Lynn Wilson and Dennis Cage.

Parks Commission members toured the Cobble Hill Common property prior to the meeting which was called to order at 7 pm by Chair Krug.

The agenda was adopted as amended by adding Purple Pipe Irrigation Costs, Cobble Hill Common Plantings and Farnsworth Park Hedge.

Moved/second
that the minutes of July 18, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes:

An update was provided on the opening of Quarry Nature Park washroom. It was noted the inside lights at the washroom need to be on a timer as they are remaining on all night. Also, the hose for the bike wash keeps being removed. The sod near the washroom has been laid and a feature tree planted. Some spring bulbs will be planted as will the extra Kinnikinnick.

A pathway providing wheelchair access to the washroom followed by a circular route of Quarry Nature Park is being planned by Dan Brown. This will likely be a two year project. The commission is hoping wheelchair access to the washroom can be constructed in 2013 or early in 2014.

John and Gerry reported on a meeting held with Pacific Northwest Wildlife Conservation Society. Nothing new since the meeting held with the society two or three years ago. Brian Farquhar will email a copy of the vision document and plan he helped to develop for the Colony Farm in Coquitlam. Brian, John or Gerry will report back on any further developments regarding the Manley Farm.

Gerry also reported those young people involved and interested in the Bike Park were frustrated with the lack of progress made in the park this year. Next year's budget should include work in the bike park and young people should be involved in any upgrading plans..

Delegations: There were no delegations

Reports:

- The CVRD Parks Staff report on the summer program offered at Farnsworth Park was discussed. It was noted the parks commission is

generally supportive of this program but would like to see greater utilization of this resource.

Moved/second

the Commission requests Kerry Park staff to evaluate the program and its location to see if either Evergreen Independent School or Gallier Park might also provide a suitable venue for operating this program.

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence: None Received

Unfinished business: Nothing to report

New business:

1. The 2014 Budget was reviewed at length and the following additions were approved:

2014 Budget Capital Projects

William Shearing – Park Infrastructure Renewal - \$10,000

Ross Park – landscaping improvements - \$5,000

Watson Park – trail surfacing - \$3,000

Cobble Hill Common – footbridge, sump, trees - \$5,000

Bike Park – modifications - \$8,000

Quarry Nature Park – entrance paving improvements - \$10,000

Cobble Hill Common, Train Station & Quarry Nature Park – irrigation and purple pipe connections - \$25,000

Undefined project(s) - \$13,000 +/-

2014 Projects summary (including the \$15,500 from above) - \$94,500

2015 Budget

Existing Parks Structures Replacement

Farnsworth Park – new playground - \$40,000

2014/15 Capital Projects

Quarry Nature Park – Wheelchair access pathway and parking improvements - cost to be determined

Lefran Trail - cost to be determined pending approval from landowner

Boatswain Park – revitalization cost to be determined pending community consultation and site plan preparation.

Moved/second

that the 2014 Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation budget be increased by \$20,000 to accommodate the above work.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Additional fruit trees for the Common were discussed as were modifications to the water garden area to accommodate annual use by the Cobble Hill Fair.

Moved/second

that three additional fruit trees be purchased and planted in the Cobble Hill Common as a replacement for the Goji berry bushes and further that the water area facing Fisher Road be modified to include the installation of a culvert near the Kiosk along with the addition of a bridge structure to accommodate pedestrian traffic during the Cobble Hill Fair. **MOTION CARRIED**

It was agreed the Shawnigan Cobble Hill Farmers Institute and Agricultural Society should replace the Kinnikinnick plants and shrubs damaged during the 2013 Cobble Hill Fair.

3. The issue of water consumption in the parks was discussed and the parks commission reiterated their desire to disconnect our parks from the Cobble Hill Improvement District's domestic water supply by using the purple pipe system. See 2014 budget item.
4. The height of the Leyland Cypress hedge at Farnsworth Park was again discussed. When this hedge grows too tall it becomes a security issue with respect to visibility into the park.

Moved/second

that the Farnsworth Leyland Cypress hedge be trimmed to the satisfaction of the neighbour and that trimming this hedge then be added to the annual maintenance contract. **MOTION CARRIED**

5. The Porta Potty at Farnsworth Park is not properly maintained.
6. The maintenance contract for Area C parks was briefly discussed.

Closed session:

- Property acquisition was discussed

Adjournment took place at 9:25 pm with the next Cobble Hill Parks Commission Meeting being held at the call of the Chair.

John Krug, Chair