

**Area D Parks Commission Monthly Meeting,**  
Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre, Cowichan Bay, BC  
Sept. 17/12

**Meeting called to order:** 18:42

**Present:** Lori Iannidinardo - Director, Kerrie Talbot - Chairperson, Bruce Clarke - acting secretary, Megan Stone, Steve Garnett, Roger Southern and David Nisbet. Guest – Brian Farquhar.

**Motion:** Moved by David Nisbet seconded by Roger Southern.  
Accept Minutes from last meeting (June 18/12). Carried.

**Cowichan Gateway Project: Brian Farquhar**

Brian presented concept drawings and pictures of the project as developed by CVRD staff as of July 2012. He noted Pacific Industrial had won the contract to design and build the small craft float and ramp with work commencing in October. Discussion of parking and consideration for small craft drop off area.

**Motion:** Moved by Bruce Clarke seconded by Roger Southern.  
Direct the \$30,000 in 2012 Capital Budget for Wilmot Trail to the Cowichan Gateway Project. Carried.

**Coverdale Watson playground**

Discussion on the age and use of equipment in the park – B. Farquhar provided staff reporting on state of items in the park.

**Action:** The Commission committed to hosting a public meeting to receive input for the future development of the park.

**Summer Playground Program**

The Kerry Park Staff Report of Sept 11, 2012 was received with thanks and gratitude. Discussion on continued support and expansion with minor changes in 2013.

**2013 Community Park Budget**

A draft for discussion was presented by Brian Farquhar. Brian did a line by line explanation and comparison to 2012 expenditures and anticipated programs for 2013.

**Motion:** Moved by Bruce Clarke seconded by Megan Stone.  
Area D Parks Commission supports the first draft of the 2013 Community Park Budget. Carried.

**Lanes Road Ravine**

Discussion on possible naming of the area – determined naming not a priority.

**Oceanfront Suites Project**

Members of the Commission have attended a viewing and with interest expressed at a community meeting in September; it was deemed worthwhile to investigate further. CVRD staff have been instructed to investigate the possibility of community use of a portion of the Oceanfront Suites building.

**Bench Road/Cowichan Bay Intersection**

Discussion and agreement by the Commission on the need to welcome visitors to the area. The Bench Road/Cowichan Bay Road intersection location is an appropriate point for welcoming to the area and other signage is the only use of this space at this time.

**Motion:** Moved by Lori Iannidinardo seconded by Kerrie Talbot

CVRD staff be requested to investigate the creation of and placement of a “Welcome to Cowichan Bay” sign on the Bench Road and Cowichan Bay intersection property.

Carried.

**Next Meeting:** October 15, location to be determined.

**Meeting adjourned:** 20:35