

Area D Parks Commission General Meeting Minutes
Bench School
October 17th, 2011

Meeting called to order: 1835

Present: Kerrie Talbot, Roger Southern, Dave Nisbet, Megan Stone, Lori Iannidinardo, Steve Garnett, Bruce Clark

Minutes from last meeting (September 19, 2011)

Approved

New Business

1) Summer Playground Program re: whether to expand to 10 weeks and also expand to two age groups. Discussion: no decision made. Kerrie to check with Brian Farquhar re: a) to do we have the money in our budget? b) at what expense would this increase in budget come c) are there any additional grants? Also, the Parks Commission could stay with the 9 week program (versus proposed 10 week) to save money. This will be discussed again at next meeting once we have the above answers.

2) 5 Year Plan: to be postponed until next meeting

Ongoing Business

1) Wilmot & Cowichan Bay Rd (corner) walking trail: the Parks Commission feels the conceptual drawing put forward by the CVRD is nice landscaping but there is no path. This is not what we had wanted and are hoping CVRD staff can re-work it within MOT guidelines. We suggest a) the Wilmot Rd be measured from the west side of the road so we know where to start the set back b) that MOT meanwhile erect “no parking” signs in order to improve safety / visibility for drivers and pedestrians. Funds for this corner to be reserved until we can approve a plan. The Parks Commission would like to have it officially recorded that we have been advocating for a corner that is safe and accessible for pedestrians and people of the community. We are very disappointed with MOT responses and feel they have not been supportive of our pedestrian safety concerns. Motion: The Parks Commission would like a meeting with MOT and CVRD Parks staff to discuss the Wilmot/Cowichan Bay Rd corner on site. Lori to arrange. Motion Passed.

2) Wilmot Road - design for safe walking trail: Cam to be contacted by Kerrie to attend above meeting as the 2 concepts are linked.

3) (in camera) Land and legal matter.

4) South Cowichan Quarterly Meeting: reviewed

Meeting adjourned at 2007

Next Meeting on 21 November, 2011, at Bench School, at 6:30pm