

**AREA F PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING  
FEB. 16, 2016**

**Present:** Ray Wear, Ian Morrison, David Lowther, Mary Lowther, Bill Bakkan,  
Brian Peters, Dave Darling, Ryan Dias.

**Absent:** Thor Repstock

**Called to order:** 19:05. Director Ian Morrison in the chair.

**Elections:** **Chair:** David Lowther  
**Vice chair:** Thor Repstock  
**Secretary:** Mary Lowther

David Lowther assumed the chair.

**Previous Minutes:** unavailable. Secretary to prepare for next meeting.

**Staff Report:** Ryan Dias reported that once a park asset or amenity is scheduled for removal the commission has an opportunity to recommend replacement. If not, it will come out as scheduled at a cost of removal and site remediation. Projected budget over the next five years was discussed in that context.

Costs for landscaping maintenance have increased and the request for a new landscaper will go to tender this fall (3-year term). CVRD will clean debris in swimming areas on a weekly basis in the summers.

**MSC:** to receive the report.

**Central Park Committee Report:** The plan for the proposed walkway and floats for Central Beach was discussed. Concerns were raised about wave attenuation and debris created by the removal of the boom sticks.

**MSC:** to receive the report.

**Business arising:** Concerns were raised about the condition of the trail in Memory Lane. Director Morrison suggested the Forestry Co op be contacted regarding trail enhancement. Raymond Wear will discuss with staff to report next meeting.

**Mesachie Skydome:** Ryan Dias will get an engineering assessment for costs to repair skydome.

**MSC:** to replace the playground in Honeymoon Bay.

**MSC:** to seek estimates for playground replacement based on variable costs.

Director Morrison suggested we invite the community to provide input on spending priorities.

Next meeting March 3, 2016 at 19:00, Cowichan Lake Arena.

**MSC:** to adjourn at 21:15.