



**CVRD Area “G” Parks Commission
Meeting – June 6, 2016 Minutes**

Attendance: Tim Godau, Jackie Rieck, Greg Taylor, Paul Bottomley, Jason Wilson, Glenn Hammond, Dave Key, Kelly Schellenberg @ 19:36,

Director: Mel Dorey

Regrets: Amanda Redpath, Harry Brunt

Call to Order: 19:00 Chair: Tim Godau

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - *Motion: To approve the agenda Carried*

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – *Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 2, 2016 Meeting Motion Carried*

3. OLD BUSINESS –

- .1 Mel has spoken to the CVRD staff regarding trail remediation in Stocking Creek Park
- .2 Wood mulch delivery for Princess Diana Park will be delayed until the fall. Greg noted the use of the same wood mulch on trails in Victoria’s Beacon Hill Park
- .3 Still waiting for “No Smoking” signage to be posted, in accordance to new bylaws
- .4 Dave excused himself from the meeting @ 19:38 to fill ruts on the Centennial field
- .5 Tim will contact Mike Miller regarding a future drainage plan for the field near the concession booth in Centennial Park
- .6 Tim will follow up on an incompetent job of cleaning the tennis courts which removed a fair amount of the green surface and left behind black streaking, resulting in a future expense of a repainting job
- .7 Tim or Greg will show CVRD staff the need for a small drainage channel to prevent erosion on the Clifcoe – Stuart path
- .8 Summer Student staff are requested to work on drainage issues on the Timmer Trail in Stocking Creek Park

4. REPORTS –

4.1 Director Mel Dorey described the strong efforts being made primarily by the larger communities within the CVRD to force all Communities and Areas to be taxed to support the large recreation centres like in Duncan. Parks Commission members voiced strong unanimous opposition to the idea, noting these concerns:

- most Saltairians favour the recreation opportunities within the Saltair community itself in the parks, at the ocean shore and on the trails and chose to live in Saltair because of these attributes. In comparison, others who wanted large recreation centres chose to live in places like Duncan.
- few Saltairians use the non-Saltair facilities and those who do can pay the non-resident fees
- Saltairians were not given a voice in the decisions which resulted in these extravagantly expensive ventures which now are creating unacceptably high tax burdens
- Saltair gave all its industrial land base to Ladysmith in perpetuity for an access charge of \$40,000 per year to Ladysmith recreation facilities; this charge should not be increased, in fact, given the tax generating potential of the industrial land there is good reason to remove the charge

- many park users are from outside Saltair, especially from Ladysmith
 - if a regional recreation taxation is proposed, it is essential that, for fair democratic representation, Saltairians are permitted to vote as a community and the result of that vote must be the sole determinant of the outcome for Saltair, not in a combined voting process where larger communities can overwhelm the outcome of a Saltair vote.

Motion: Given the satisfaction of Saltairians with the existing outdoor-based recreation activities available within the community, and the need to support our Area Director in representing this position, the members of the Parks Commission voice their opposition to any efforts by the CVRD to force Saltair to participate in, and to be taxed for, any regional recreation scheme. Motion Carried

4.2 CVRD Report

4.2.1 Tim asked that members email him any topics or issues to present at a CVRD Parks Working Group Meeting on June 21st. Greg was asked to join Tim.

4.3.1 Saltair Trans Canada trail committee is conducting a data collection of cyclists, pedestrian and vehicle traffic along Chemainus Road. Data is needed to apply for grants. Volunteers are needed to assist with the help count can contact Grace Predy at volunteer@sunnysaltair.ca

4.4 Centennial Park

4.4.1 Tim will ask Harry Brunt to adjust the light timer at the ball fields

4.4.2 ***Motion: that the CVRD install “No Smoking” signs at all park entrances as soon as possible and that the CVRD By-law Enforcement Official make regular park patrols during Baseball season and fine violators. Motion carried***

4.4.3 ***Motion: That a garbage can be installed at the Lytton entrance to Centennial Park. Motion Carried CVRD to follow up.***

4.5 Stocking Creek Park

4.5.1 Summer student workers recommended to work on the following tasks:

- improving drainage on the Timmer trail – contact Jackie for site visit
- improving drainage on Clifcoe - Stuart trail – see Greg for site visit
- remove rocks that present a tripping hazard on Princess Diana trails – see Jackie

4.5.2 With the exception of the lack of clarity of the signs for trail difficulty, the signs for the park were gratefully accepted. It was agreed unanimously to include under the “main path” sign - “Path of Kon”, in recognition of resident; Kon Keffer, who had built the original trails in the park.

4.5.3 ***Motion: The main trail in Stocking Creek be named “Path of Kon”. Motion Carried***

4.6 Softball League- Email from Amanda Redpath:

4.6.1 One ball team left litter the field and exhibited bad behavior. The team has apologized and says it will not do this again. The garbage cans will be unlocked to ensure garbage can be disposed of properly.

4.6.2 Ryan Dias will be contacted to correct the slow flushing toilets and locate the metal pins for the bases, which were covered up during infield maintenance

4.6.3 ***Motion: Rather than numbering the ball diamonds, they be named in recognition of Saltairians who have volunteered on park activities. Therefore, one diamond will be named the Frost Diamond and the other the Dorey Diamond. Motion Carried***

5. NEXT MEETINGS –

Monday, September 12, 2016, Saltair Community Centre

6. ADJOURNMENT – *Motion: To adjourn meeting at 20:50.*

Submitted by: Greg Taylor 16/06/13