



Minutes CVRD Area “G” Parks Commission Meeting September 12, 2016

Attendance: Amanda Redpath, Kelly Schellenberg, Jason Wilson, Tim Godau, Jackie Rieck, Glen Hammond and Greg Taylor (joined meeting at 7:30 pm)

Regrets: Paul Bottomley, Dave Key, Mel Dorey, Harry Brunt

Guest: Lynn Smith, Neil Isbister

Call to Order: 7:10 pm **Chair:** Tim Godau

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - Agenda amended to include a presentation by resident, Neil Isbister as the First Item of New Business. *Motion:* To amend and approve the agenda: Kelly Schellenberg. Carried.
2. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** – *Motion:* To approve the minutes from the June 6, 2016 Meeting: Jason Wilson. Carried.
3. **OLD BUSINESS** –
 - 3.1 Stocking Creek Park – Main trail (Kon Trail)- two seasonal boggy sections still require remediation by CVRD trail staff.
Action: CVRD to update Parks Commission regarding this issue.
 - 3.2 Centennial Park – Awaiting estimate from CVRD for drainage plan between the picnic and concession building on the field.
 - 3.3 Centennial Park – Awaiting information from CVRD for deep tining the playing fields in fall 2016.
 - 3.4 “Path of Kon” – revisit of main trail name – **Motion:** To change the main Stocking Creek trail name to “Kon Trail” as per Kon Keffer’s verbal request. Tim Godau. Carried.
 - 3.5 Stuart/Clifcoe Connector – Greg Taylor spoke to Brian F who is scheduled to meet with a contractor regarding the need for a small drainage channel to prevent trail erosion. **Action:** Ongoing liaison to occur between CVRD staff and Greg Taylor.
 - 3.6 Signage at Centennial Park.
Action: Brian Farquhar will follow up on the posting of “No Smoking” bylaw signage.
4. **NEW BUSINESS** –
 - 4.1 Neil Isbister – Neil presented his application to subdivide his property located at 3835 Gardner Road West. The required 5% provision for park area would not accommodate the existing trail through the property for example so Neil proposes that the 5% monetary alternative be acceptable. If no further information is sent to Tim Godau by September 16, 2016, the Commission will support the monetary method.
Motion: To support that CVRD accept the 5% cash alternative for 3835 Gardner Road West subdivision. Tim Godau. Carried.

5. REPORTS –

5.1 Director Report – No Report

5.2 CVRD Report – CVRD Parks Manager, Brian Farquhar, will be attending the Oct 3, 2016 meeting.

5.3 Centennial Park –

a. Concession Stand drainage issue ongoing.

b. Halloween Festivities: Same as 2015. Specific amount to be identified and confirmed at the October 3rd, 2016 meeting.

c. Trails: Report from Greg Taylor: “Repeated leaf blowing has removed the applied wood chip surface as well as fine materials from the trails; exposing roots and rocks. Once heavy rains occur, the concave path creates a puddling situation. This is also happening on the Trans Canada Trail. Photos are available.” **Motion:** *To organize a volunteer party to apply wood chips to CVRD Area “G” Community Trails. Tim Godau carried. Note: one “No” to the vote was provided by Kelly S who advocates for wood chips only on appropriate trail sections. Carried.*

5.4 Diana Princess of Wales Park - trail erosion has occurred as the result of aggressive leaf blowing activities by Parks Contractors. Area “G” Parks Commission continues to advocate for the use of wood chips (ie not bark mulch) on Community Trails instead of gravel and to see a reduction in leaf blowing methods. We also continue to support proper trail alignment and drainage to accommodate the use of wood chips.

5.5 Parkinson/Clifcoe Connector Trail – No report

5.6 Stocking Creek Park –

a. Huckleberry/Timmer Trail junction: a new pathway was constructed to bypass a severe boggy section of the Timmer Trail, completed by CVRD summer student program.

b. A safety railing was erected near the staircase to Stocking Creek Falls

c. Green Information Board: **Motion:** *Tim Godau will follow up with CVRD to obtain a large map of Stocking Creek Park trails that can be laminated and posted on the green information Bulletin Board at the South Side of Stocking Creek Bridge. Amanda C. Carried.*

5.7 Beach Accesses – No Report

5.8 Saltair Ball League – Discussion on the new names selected for the ball diamonds.

Action: Amanda will investigate naming with the League and report back to the Commission.

5.9 Ladysmith Parks & Recreation – No Report

6. NEXT MEETINGS –

Monday, October 3, 2016, Saltair Community Centre. Scribe will be Greg Taylor.

7. ADJOURNMENT – *Motion: To adjourn meeting at 9 pm. Tim Godau. Carried.*

Submitted by: Kelly Schellenberg, October 2, 2016