

MINUTES OF ELECTORAL AREA “G” (SALTAIR/GULF ISLANDS)
PARKS COMMISSION

DATE: November 2nd, 2015
TIME: 7:00 pm

MINUTES of the Electoral Area “G” Parks Commission Meeting held on Monday, November 02nd, 2015 at 3850 South Oyster School Road, Saltair Community Building.

PRESENT: Chairperson: Tim Godau
Secretary: Jackie Rieck
Members: Paul Bottomley, Glen Hammond, Dave Key, Amanda Redpath
Kelly Schellenberg
Director: Mel Dorey
Guest: Debbie Neal
ABSENT: Member: Harry Brunt

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Motion: **It was moved and seconded to accept the Agenda as submitted. Motion carried.**

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES Motion: **It was moved seconded that the Minutes of Area G Parks Commission Meeting of October 06th, 2015 be adopted. Motion carried.**

REPORTS:

R1-DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Bicycle Route Committee has plans to consult with CVRD to gain their support and endorse a Saltair Bicycle route and have it incorporated into the Master Cycling Plan of the Cowichan Valley Regional District. The group's tasks include, ongoing communications with Alan Callander (Manager/Active Transportation and Climate Action Policy MOT), Stuart Johnson, (Area Manager of MOT), specifically to create a safe bike path along Chemainus Rd. Rallying support from the Tourism Industry and Chamber of Commerce, Bike shops, Cycling groups and Town of Ladysmith and North Cowichan District. Next Meeting will be held at the Dayliner Cafe on November 5th, at 9:30 am.

-Discussed CVRD proposal to adopt “CVRD Bylaw No. 3931 – Arts & Culture Initiatives Service Establishment Bylaw 2015”. Elector Response Form can be found on CVRD website.

R2-CVRD REPORT:

The following are Action Items from October 13th, 2015 Parks and Trails Division Meeting:
-Community/school bus shelter volunteer/donation project will need to be set up through a qualified contractor for issuance of a building permit and to provide oversight of the project.

-Brent Wilson will include “trail wood debris fuel management” along the wood chip trail of Centennial park into the 2016 summer student work schedule for Saltair Parks.

-Graham Gidden will provide an estimate to complete a baseline inventory of invasive species of Electoral Area G parks and Beach Accesses.

-Brent Wilson will follow-up with the parks maintenance contractor to clear brush from the ditch impairing visibility at Thicke Rd entrance of Stocking Creek park.

-Brian Farquhar will follow-up with the Community Centre's tenant regarding the nightly closure of yellow security gate to rear parking lot. ****To date gate is still being left open.**

R3-SALTAIR COMMUNITY CENTRE:

-Non-profit Society meeting scheduled for Friday, November 6th, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Society is looking for further volunteers to help with the planned Showcase event. If interested please contact Mel Dorey or Diana MacTavish.

-Yellow security gate is not being closed in the evening or on weekends. This gate needs to be secured to deter vandalism of the grounds and building.

R4-CENTENNIAL PARK:

-Dave Key reported a crowd of about 200, in attendance at the 2015 Saltair Halloween celebration. Approximately, 50 children entered the costume contest vying for the grand prize of “Free ice cream for one year” donated by 49th Parallel Grocery. Big thanks to the crew that organized the refreshments, pallet bonfire and spectacular fireworks display!

-Tennis court crack still in need of repairs.

-Discussed “TD Green Streets” tree planting grant, submitted by Debbie Neal. Matching funds are not required with this grant and Commission felt the Community Ctr grounds as well as Centennial park could benefit from further tree planting. Chairperson Tim Godau asked Kelly Schellenberg to follow up potential grant application with CVRD staff.

R5-PRINCESS DIANA PARK:

-Olsen road improvement project is complete. Diana parking lot was not affected by the road widening.

-It was noted that leaf blowing of the trails is removing bark mulch from the pathways. Tim Godau will follow up with CVRD.

R6-PARKINSON/CLIFCOE CONNECTOR:

-It was discussed to move forward with the development of the Clifcoe Connector Trail. The goal of the trail is to make it both pedestrian and cycling friendly and to provide access for residents living on the eastern side of Saltair to connect to the Thick Rd entrance of Stocking Creek Park as well as Chemainus Rd and Byron's Food Market. Commission agreed to earmark the Parkinson/Clifcoe Connector as a major capitol project for Saltair. CVRD staff provided a cost breakdown of \$49,277.50. The Commission agreed to lay away \$15,000 for the next three years. Commission also requests the CVRD pursue potential grants that may assist in the cost of the project.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to support the Parkinson/Clifcoe Connector Major Capitol project and budget a lay away amount of \$15,000.00/yearly for 2016, 2017 and 2018. Commission also request CVRD staff pursue potential grants which may assist in the cost of the project.

MOTION CARRIED

R7-STOCKING CREEK PARK:

-Thick Rd ditch has been cleared of brush.

R8-BEACH ACCESSES:

-Davis Lagoon area water line upgrades will be delayed for several months due to the discovery of a First Nations midden.

R9-SALTAIR BALL LEAGUE:

-No report.

R10-LADYSMITH PARKS & REC:

-No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB1- Invasive Species and Fuel Management

-Kelly Schellenberg provided an informative session regarding invasive species and fuel management practices.

NB2- It was noted that an Annual General Meeting needs to be planned for January 2016 as our commission appointments are coming to an end on December 31st 2015. Director Dorey to follow up with a date and public notices.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:35 pm NEXT MEETING: to be announced

