

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

DATE: March 19th, 2012

TIME: 7:00 pm

MINUTES of the electoral Area “G” Parks Commission **Special** Meeting held on the above noted date and time at **11095 Valdron Rd** Saltair BC.

PRESENT:

Vice-Chairman: Tim Godau

Secretary: Jackie Rieck

Members: Kelly Schellenberg, Paul Bottomley, Hans Nelles, Christine Nelles

ABSENT:

Chairman: Harry Brunt

Members: Dave Key, and Glen Hammond

ALSO PRESENT:

Director: Mel Dorey

Guest: Dennis Ahola and Donna Dorey

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of Area “G” Parks Commission Meeting of March 5th, 2012 be accepted with one amendment: Page 1 of 4 “**PRESENT**” Paul Bottomley's name was inadvertently omitted from the attendance roster. Apologies to Paul! He was present at this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve regular agenda with the following additions:

- Review Works Projects for Centennial Park
- Beach Access (cedar tree removal) below Punnett Close, off of Gardner Rd (special guest) Dennis Ahola
- Wood Chip Project
- Stocking Creek Park trail improvements.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis Ahola was in attendance to inform the Commission of his request for permission to have six of his own Western Red Cedars removed from the Beach Access trail. Dennis outlined his concerns and reasons for the removal, as well as his plans to take away stumps, roots, plant grass seeds and replace the old trees with Pyramid Cedars at his own expense and on his property line. Dennis had submitted a written request dated, February 20, 2012, to Brian Farquhar (Parks Manager of CVRD) for further consideration. Commission members were in agreement with his proposal. Vice-chair thanked Dennis for his presentation and Dennis took his leave from the meeting.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS:

Members requested a revisit of the “motions passed”(Page 2 of 4) regarding the four “Capital Works Projects” planned for 2012 listed in “Parks Commission Meeting of March 5th, 2012”. A discussion was held and resulted in the following changes:

FIRST MOTION: It was moved and seconded to cancel removal of the Practice Tennis Court asphalt in Centennial Park and monitor the condition of the court annually.

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND MOTION: It was moved and seconded to obtain a cost estimate on the purchase and installation of three additional heavy duty basketball hoops for the smaller Hockey Court. Two hoops would be installed at a height of 9ft and across from each other to form a shorter basketball play zone area. The 3rd hoop would be mounted to concrete wall across from existing hoop.

MOTION CARRIED

THIRD MOTION: It was moved and seconded to place the landscape/beautification improvements project to the Mountain View

Drive Entrance of Centennial Park on hold. Members will revisit this project after Director has consulted with Graham Gidden (CVRD).

MOTION CARRIED

FOURTH MOTION: It was moved and seconded to amend the Centennial Park Fitness Trail budget allocation from \$10,000 to \$3,000.

MOTION CARRIED

FIFTH MOTION: It was moved and seconded to upgrade Stocking Creek Trail Improvements to No. 1 on the list of 2012 Capital Works Projects and increase allocated budget amount from \$20,317 to \$23,317.

MOTION CARRIED

****A request was made in regards to the final cost of the Stocking Creek Staircase. Director to follow-up and bring final report to next meeting.**

Removal of maple tree on Parkinson Trail required.

STANDING REPORTS:

CVRD:

Still waiting for 24 X 36 Electoral Area "G" Communities Map for Parks Commission Meeting room.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Received a recent inquiry from a Bio fuel company regarding the possibility of Saltair housing a Depository tank for used cooking oil. Tank costs \$2500 and holds 10 gallons of oil.

CENTENNIAL PARK:

Complementary wood chips for the fitness trail will be delivered in a week. Equipment and chips have been donated by local Saltair citizens.

PRINCESS DIANA PARK:

Protruding rocks and stones have been removed. A 20ft 6inch diameter culvert pipe is needed for drainage in boggy section of trail.

STOCKING CREEK PARK:

Commission Members would like a walk-thru with Dan Brown (Trails Tech CVRD) to assess trails for areas of improvements and point out areas of concern.

Signage, Trail maps and memorial plaque (for Len Platt) are also requests seeking attention. Director is meeting with Mike Miller March 22nd, 2012.

BEACH ACCESSES:

Director to follow up with Department of Highways regarding the slippery surface of the Lagoon Bridge pedestrian walkway.

LADYSMITH PARKS & REC:

No report.

BASEBALL:

No report.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday April 8th, 2012

NEXT MEETING:

Next Parks meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 2nd, 2012, 7:00 pm at the CVRD Building, 10705 Chemainus Rd, Saltair.

****A special thank you to Mel and Donna Dorey for hosting the Parks meeting in their lovely home and for providing cookies and coffee as refreshments.**

ADJOURNMENT;

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.