

MINUTES OF ELECTORAL AREA G (Saltair/Gulf Islands) PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: September 17, 2009

TIME: 7:00 pm

MINUTES of the Electoral Area G Parks Commission held on the above noted date and time at the Water Board Building, Saltair, BC. Called to order by chair at 7:05 pm.

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Harry Brunt

Secretary: Jackie Rieck

Members: Norm Flinton, Tim Godau, Kelly Schellenberg, Glen Hammond,

ALSO PRESENT:

Director: Mel Dorey

Guests: Jamie Whalen and Penny Clare

ABSENT:

Paul Bottomley and Dave Key

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

No minutes were taken from Annual General Meeting of June 17th, 2009, however the Agenda from this meeting was reviewed and accepted. An agreement was made to move the next Annual General Meeting and Elections to January 11, 2010.

Motion Carried

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Chairperson's Report:

☞ A welcome was expressed to newly elected Commission Members: Jackie Rieck, Tim Godau, Kelly Schellenberg and Paul Bottomley.

☞ Reminder of upcoming Budget Meeting (scheduled for October 5th, 2009). Future improvements such as: land acquisitions, new beach accesses, construction of stairs on west side of Stocking Creek for waterfall access, are a few of the notions for Area G Budget planning consideration.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Playground Committee members: Jamie Whalen, Paul Bottomley, Jackie Rieck, Sheila Charette, Tim Godau, and Penny Clare came to an agreement to recommend the playground design from the company of "Henderson Playground and Park Amenities" at a cost of \$40,000. Installation was not included in the Henderson Proposal and it was agreed upon that the Commission in conjunction with the CVRD perform a Community install. Henderson requested we provide at least 20 volunteers to assemble the playground. Site preparation would be prepared by the CVRD.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to proceed with the purchase of a new playground from Henderson Playground and Park Amenities.

MOTION CARRIED

2. The Centennial Park Concession building was once again the target of vandals. The door lock and door framework was damaged. Two portable stereos were stolen. The lock is being replaced and framework reinforced with a metal frame. Also, the Concession has a chronic perimeter drainage issue and is on the list for future maintenance.
3. Several verbal requests were received to install Dog Waste Bag Dispensers in Centennial Park, Princess Diana Park, Stocking Creek Park and Boulder Point Beach Access. Harry Brunt will investigate and prepare cost information for next meeting.
4. Tennis Court resurfacing has been completed. Feedback from users has been very positive!
5. The Ball Hockey Court requires perimeter skirting repairs and possible repainting of goal crease and lines. The wooden picnic table currently located at the hockey court has fallen into disrepair and will be replaced with a concrete picnic table.
6. We are awaiting the Summer Day Camp Recreation Budget Report. Commission members have requested to be involved in the selection process for next season's candidates as there were some complaints received regarding lack of fast-paced interesting activities. Some comments made by children and parents were: "Its more like Day Care instead of Day Camp". "Its boring...all we do is sit around". Request to liaison with CVRD in regards to improving the Summer Day Camp experience.
7. A future vision for Saltair trails is for all parks to eventually connect to each other. One step to achieve this goal is for a 5 metre trail acquisition from the Parkinson property. This would potentially allow hikers leaving Stocking Creek Park to be able to cross Chemainus Rd via a portion of Parkinson's property and connect to Cliffcoe Rd.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended that building a trail on the north end boundary of the Parkinson's property be investigated.

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that if the above mentioned motion was not feasible a 5 year hold of "no trail building" be implemented in the rezoning agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

8. A request was received to place park bench rest stops in Stocking Creek Park. Kelly Schellenberg has to agreed to flag potential locations for two benches.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to provide two park benches in Stocking Creek Park.

MOTION CARRIED

9. Signage improvements required for directions to Stocking Creek Park .
10. Closed Session

NEW BUSINESS

☞ Dave Keys will be handling the fireworks display, posters, bonfire and party organization for Halloween 2009. Harry Brunt will supply refreshments/food and the Grand Prize of “Ice Cream For A Year” for the Halloween Costume Contest (Courtesy of 49th Parallel Foods). Judy Durban will be invited to provide musical entertainment and to co-judge the costume contest with Kelly Schellenberg. Volunteers to assist in the preparation and clean-up would be greatly appreciated. Contact Dave Keys if interested in helping out.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to provide \$2,000 for the purchase of fireworks for Halloween 2009.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:23 pm.

NEXT MEETING

October 5th 2009 Budget Meeting Water Board Building at 7:00 pm.