

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Area H Parks Commission held at North Oyster community Centre April 25, 2013.

PRESENT: Chairperson Bruce Mason, Area H Director Mary Marcotte, Snuffy Ladret, Don Pigott, Secretary Barbara Waters

ALSO PRESENT: Ryan Dias, CVRD Parks Operations Superintendent

ABSENT: Brad Uytterhagen, Murray McNab

Chairperson Bruce Mason called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

**Moved
Seconded**

That the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

**Moved
Seconded**

That the minutes of the regular meeting of March 28, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**CLOSED
SESSION**

**Moved
Seconded**

That the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter Part 4, division 3, Section 90, Subsection (1) (c).

MOTION CARRIED

**Moved
Seconded**

That the commission rise without report.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS
ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES**

B1 Community Fisheries Grant

Snuffy Ladret described the work that could be done in Area H parks under a community fisheries grant, specifically in the new parkland at Bush Creek. HRDC would provide the crew. CVRD would provide materials to satisfy the requirement for goods in kind. Ryan Dias stated that he would not be able to authorize the project but we could approach Brian Farquhar for assistance. He stated that we would have to present a chart of the trails involved, and the bridge design would require an engineer's stamp. Although this project has been discussed with the CVRD no action has been taken yet and it would take quite a while to set up. Ryan suggests that Snuffy ask Bob Grant to contact him directly and describe what is required of the CVRD.

B2 Raise Road

Ryan Dias stated that the project manager is going to obtain quotations in order to start building the concrete stairs to the beach in mid-May.

At this point Ryan Dias left the meeting.

B3 Hansen Plaque

Mary Marcotte has spoken to Kim Hansen and confirmed that he is quite comfortable with his father's memorial plaque being moved to Raven Park. We will have a little ceremony when it is re-installed.

B4 Elliot's Beach

The CVRD has installed two steps to the beach, made of stone and concrete. Bruce Mason reported that the big tree stump that washed in during the winter is still blocking the hand rail and may have to be moved at some point. Meanwhile he has heard positive reports from the public regarding the new steps.

REPORTS**R1 Yellow Point Park**

Mary Marcotte reported that the park is a bit wet but looking good. Don had a conversation with contractor Grant Vizeley regarding the additional contract already approved for broom removal. We want the contractor to proceed with this when the broom is in bloom this season. The logs bordering the parking lot are rotting; Don will approach Murray McNab regarding possibly using salvage logs to replace them.

R2 Blue Heron Park

The contractor has requested that we alter the maintenance contract to allow leaf blowing in the parking lot in the fall.

**Moved:
Seconded:**

That we amend the parks maintenance contract to authorize the contractor to use a leaf blower at his discretion.

MOTION CARRIED**R3 Raven Park**

Bruce Mason reports that this park is looking better than it ever has before.

R4 Elliott’s Beach Usage continues to be good. Bruce Mason reports that the blackberries are starting to grow back and need to be addressed ASAP. See Business Arising from the Minutes regarding new stairs to the beach.

R5 Michael Lake Trail No report.

R6 Trillium Park The trilliums and other wild flowers are blooming and this park looks lovely.

R7 Ladysmith Parks and Recreation No report.

NEXT MEETING Thursday, April 25, 2013, 6:30, North Oyster Community Centre.

ADJOURNMENT Moved
Seconded

That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Barbara Waters, Secretary
April 26, 2013