

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Area H Parks Commission held at the North Oyster Community Centre on Saturday, November 6, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

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

ABSENT: Murray McNab, Murray McNabBrad Uytterhagen

Bruce Mason called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

**Moved
Seconded**

That the agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 23, 2010 were adopted.

**BUSINESS
ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES**

**B1 Maintenance
Contract**

Mary Marcotte reported that she had a phone conference with Warren Jones and Ron Austin to talk about outstanding Area H Parks Commission issues, including the Area H Parks contract terms. She subsequently met with Brian Farquhar and Ryan Diaz to review and amend contract details. It was clarified that the contract is with the CVRD, not with the Area H Parks Commission. Agreement was reached to include the Area H Parks Commissions wording in the proposed contract, including having separate contract segments for each park.

**Moved
Seconded**

That the contract be put out to tender this year rather than using the option to renew, and that it be for a 3-year term.

MOTION CARRIED

Parks Commission members reviewed a recent memo from Ryan Diaz to Mary Marcotte regarding contract wording, and made a few further suggestions.

**B2 Elliott's Beach
Maintenance
Contract**

Mary Marcotte reported that issues regarding this contract were also reviewed in the above-mentioned meetings. It is understood that it will not be possible for the new maintenance person to be a "quasi" employee of the CVRD because of liability concerns. It was agreed that there can be a separate contract for maintenance of this park.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

**REPORTS:
R1 Yellow Point
Park**

Don Pigott reported that the Corrections supervisor has still not arranged to have inmates clear broom at Yellow Point Park. If he is unable to set a date soon, perhaps parks commission members should organize their own work party for this purpose.

**R2 Blue Heron
Park**

Still no action from the surveyor. Usage of this park continues to be high.

R3 Raven Park

Some recent usage has been noted.

R4 Elliott's Beach

See B2 above re: contract issue. Vandalism continues to be a problem in this park. Don Pigott knows someone in the community who would donate cedar to repair the damaged bench. Parks Commission members decided to go ahead with this project despite the current lack of a local caretaker who lives close to the park.

R5 Michael Lake

It was decided that there is no need for the new contractor to walk the trail monthly. Parks Commission members will undertake to do this.

R6 Trillium Park

Trillium Park is looking good and continues to be well used.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

**UB1 Wedding
Policy**

Barbara Waters is to draft a standard letter regarding the parks policy for community members wishing to hold weddings and other public events at Area H parks, as per the motion passed at the September 23, 2010 meeting.

**UB2 Heart Lake
Development**

The rezoning application is still under consideration by the provincial government. Application has been made to the ALC to create the acreages included in the plan. Don Pigott has determined that the distance across Bush Creek is 50 feet; should approval be obtained for building a bridge there, he may be able to obtain trusses at low cost.

**UB3 CVRD Hats
and T-shirts**

These are on order.

**UB4 Recreation
Taxation Issue**

Mary Marcotte gave an update and a discussion ensued.

NEXT MEETING **Thursday, January 27, 2011, 6:30 p.m., North Oyster Community Hall, or at the call of the Chair.**

ADJOURNMENT **Moved
Seconded**

That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Barbara Waters, Secretary
November 16, 2010