

## **MINUTES OF ELECTORAL AREA I (Youbou/Meade Creek) PARKS COMMISSION MEETING**

**DATE:** February 9, 2010

**TIME:** 7:00pm

**MINUTES** of the Electoral Area I Parks Commission Meeting held on the above noted date and time at Youbou Lanes, Youbou, BC. Called to order by chair at 7:07pm.

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Marcia Stewart

Vice-chairperson: Sheny Gregory

Members: Dan Nickel, Gerald Thom, Wayne Palliser

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Director:

Alternate Director:

Secretary: Tara Daly

**REGRETS:** Dave Charney, Director Klaus Kuhn

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

*It was Moved and Seconded to accept the agenda with addition of:  
Mile 77 Park under New Business*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

*It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of January 12, 2010 be accepted.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

- meeting for the chairs of the Regional District parks hasn't happened yet

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Ian Graeme ~ wants to make sure the Commission is aware of the \$5/\$100 000 assessed value taxed for park acquisition in the Regional District and that the last year the Board of Directors chose not to tax the full amount; he will be attending the upcoming Board meeting and making a presentation

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- attending EASC meeting
- noted that there is a slight increase in the port-a-potty rentals for the parks
- **QUESTIONS FROM COMMISSION TO DIRECTOR:**
  - 1) Woodland Shores ~ follow-up with Tom Anderson re: the time-line of changing the zoning from F1 to residential
  - 2) Woodland Shores ~ where does the affluent go after treatment?
  - 3) School ~ why is the Town of Lake Cowichan seem to be taking a leading interest in whether or not there will be a school at Youbou Lands (note: there is a school in Youbou now)

**COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION**

- received \$1 million Grant for the Arena renovation which the Commission wishes to pay down the monies borrowed
- Winter PlayBook was successful; Spring PlayBook deadline is February 24<sup>th</sup>, an ad for our Park naming contest could be free if room, if not ¼ page is \$75 and a ½ page is \$105; our activities can be

put in as part of the programs for the Cowichan Lake Area ~ the Commission doesn't wish to pay for an ad so will only put one in if it's free

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- **None**

**COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT – Ryan Dias**

- **through a grant, 6 displaced Forest Workers** have been taking down windfalls, covering exposed roots, and cleaning the trails in Price Park and will move onto cleaning the Marble Bay Park trails
- **Student Crew** ~ because of the aforementioned grant the student crew can concentrate on the trail at Creekside Estates
- **Maintenance Contractor** ~ has begun doing the winter clean-up at no extra cost, a handrail at Nantree Park is broken but will have to wait for the water to recede

**COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT – Brian Farquhar**

- **Woodland Shore taxes** have been changed from F1 to residential (*Commission would like to know when that took place*); \$6500 operational costs for three Woodland Shores parks (breakdown: \$1500 Upland Park, \$2500 Waterfront Park, and \$2500 Playfield) covers such items as water consumption, fertilizer, doggie bags, general maintenance keeping in line with other parks with similar amenities and similar size; **what percentage of the \$180 000 paid into taxes is designated for park maintenance? If there isn't \$12 000 then it shouldn't be spent this year**
- **From Commission** ~ a letter of intent is coming from the Boy Scouts of Canada stating they wish to maintain the trails and would report anything that they are unable to deal with, **\$12 000 in budget can be taken out because pulling broom is impossible (let nature take care of it, with trees growing up it would be choked out), more tree planting isn't needed this year**
- **From Commission** ~ it is understood that Wayne Hopkins (developer at Woodland Shores) is paying \$375/lot towards Lake Enhancement rather than a covenant put in place protecting the foreshore (riparian area) and parks and that CVRD is attempting to get government approval to allow the by-law officer to issue tickets on the spot for any infractions

*It was Moved and Seconded that Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission sees no need to spent \$12,000 on Upland Park in the year 2010 unless it is generated through taxes received from Woodland Shores property*

**AND FURTHER THAT**

*the Commission is aware of maintenance needs on the other two Woodland Shores parks but only after they have been brought up to approved standards which should include:*

- at least 6" topsoil*
- levelling*
- drainage improvements*
- re-seeding*

*thereby decreasing the on-going maintenance costs for watering and fertilizing.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Woodland Shores** ~ there is a crack in the slab at the playground, there is a concern with the safety of the bark chips put in place in the playground both from an environmental (fire-wick) stand point and physical (getting into eyes) stand point – would rather have sand (pebbles) as there is at Arbutus Park; should there be further bracing at the corners of the structure in the picnic area of Waterfront Park?
- **Table Top** ~ W. Palliser will get the key for the storage room at Little League Park and take the top home for finishing, the Youbou OAPO #115 are buying a plaque to install noting that it was a donation

from them

- **Gatekeeper** ~ R. Dias noted that the submitted names aren't really interested, S. Gregory will continue to look for someone, W. Palliser volunteered his time as a last resort
- **Annual General Meeting** ~ W. Palliser will put information on the Font Board
- **Community Events**

April – Price Park walkabout identified wild foliage with Kathryn Swan, M. Stewart to confirm a date with her

May 20<sup>th</sup> – to coincide with Heritage Days in Lake Cowichan, we will announce the name of the Waterfront Park at Woodland Shores, cake will be served, T. Daly to ask about bowling passes for prizes and M. Stewart will get Park hats, advertising will be done by a write-up in the Gazette, posters put around the area, and announcement at the Parks AGM

June 27<sup>th</sup> – 11am at Mile 77 Park, a picnic with free drinks and hotdogs

- Tanya Soroka asked about naming of Bald Mountain park/trail system – the Commission noted that it is Bald Mountain and it will remain Bald Mountain

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Mile 77 Park** ~ the trees that were planted last year need staking, Maintenance Contractor has stripped the bark off the trees on the grass with the weed-wacker – the Commission feels it should be their responsibility to replace the damaged trees
- **Fuel Management Prescriptions** ~ 2 grants available – one is 100% planning costs covered and the other is 75% labour covered which would reduce fuel and thinning 10 metres on either side of the trails through Bald Mountain with a cost of \$157 to Parks

*It was Moved and Seconded that \$157 be spent to allow Fuel Management Prescription and implementation on Marble Bay Park trails through two (2) available grants.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

## ADJOURNMENT

*It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30pm.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

## NEXT MEETING

March 9, 2010

7pm at Youbou Lanes

**Annual General Meeting** ~ Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 1pm in the lower Youbou Community Hall

/s/ Tara Daly  
Secretary