

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

DATE: July 13, 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:

Members: Dave Charney (7:14), Dan Nickel, Gerald Thom

ALSO PRESENT:

Director: Klaus Kuhn (7:14)

Alternate Director:

Secretary: Tara Daly

REGRETS: Sheny Gregory, Wayne Palliser

GUESTS: Maggie Bray

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded to accept the agenda with additions:

Old Business ~ Nantree Park bridge

New Business ~ Little League Park bench

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of June 8, 2010 be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

- power at Arbutus Park – Linda Blatchford will have the Cotton Candy stand on the far side of the park and will also look into if any improvements have been done
- danger trees have been removed in Swordfern Park; they were dead or dying from root rot

CORRESPONDENCE

- none

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- the recent houseboat/speed boat accident on Shushwap Lake encouraged Director Kuhn to contact representatives from East Kootenays, Okanagan, and Fraser Valley to collectively formulate a two-prong approach 1) speak to provincial government about problems with lake traffic and 2) publicity; the recommendation has gone through EASC with the chair going to write a letter
- Youbou Lands are completing the rest of the clean-up; it will probably be sometime in 2011 before development starts
- Mann property (5-acre lots) – question as to what happened with the exchange of land which would allow access to Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) parkland – Director Kuhn will investigate

COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION

- the kitchen in the upper Youbou Hall is complete
- the bottom half of the main Youbou Hall is being painted
- Utility Water Works has disbanded and has donated \$1 700 to the Youbou Hall; L. Blatchford has suggested moving the stove in the kitchen to the bar area in the lower hall and putting the monies towards an electric commercial stove for the kitchen
- swimming lessons and day camps starting slow but are now doing well
- Regatta on August 14th with Gerald and wife, Caroline, Shenya, Marcia, and Maggie (frying onions) volunteering time and Dave and Dan volunteering their time and trucks

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Canada Day sponsored by Me 'n' You-Nites was successful even though only the flag raising and singing of 'O Canada' happened at Arbutus Park (because the weather was so miserable) with the barbeque, entertainment, and games and the Youbou Church
- Mile 77 Park – Ryan Dias will look into the platform for the font board
- Mile 77 Park and Hard Hat Shack trees have been weed-whacked again; Ryan Dias has spoken with Easy Living
- Hard Hat Shack – there's a dead tree with a memorial plaque that M. Stewart will look into further

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT – Ryan Dias

- **danger trees at Miracle Close** ~ will be a cost of \$2 000 - \$ 2 500; the policy is to remove any danger trees
- **Redwood Tree Company** ~ G. Thom will send contact information for this local company to Ryan Dias
- **Price Park bridge** ~ has been removed, was very rotten; concrete will be poured on Thursday or Friday of this week and will set for 3-4 days then the railings will be installed, the Student Crew has been assisting, completion the end of the following week
- **Creekside Trail** ~ the Commission noted that the Easy Living is responsible for the maintenance of the trail but that they (Commission) had budgeted for the Student Crew to do it; for future reference when determining what Student Crew should do
- **Woodland Shores** ~ the park has been over-seeded and top-dressed again; Easy Living (at its expense) will fertilize and maintain to make sure the grass is doing well; when park is signed of Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks will be responsible for weekly cutting (if needed), watering, and electricity; possible walkabout on Wednesday or Thursday
- **Park Opening/Dedication** ~ Tanya Soroka reports the Denninger Trail sign is complete and the Stoker Park sign is being made; pamphlets will not be ready
- **New Staff/Position** ~ Tanya Soroka is now a Parks & Trails Planner (master planner of parks and trails) and Graham Giddon is the new Parks Planning Technician

OLD BUSINESS

- **Bear Proofing** ~ reminder will be put on font board; there should be a fine for anyone who puts their garbage out the night before collection day
- **Creekside Trail** ~ discussion around maintenance of trail with the Commission adamant about maintaining it with future plans to have walking trails from Youbou to Lake Cowichan
- **Maintenance Contract** ~ 1) remove washroom cleaning at Arbutus Park, Little League Park, Mile 77 Park, and Stoker Park adding that responsibility to gate opening/closing and garbage removal and contract out to a local person; timeline would be from May 24th weekend to after Labour Day; G. Thom has a person in mind and will contact, 2) email M. Stewart with any

other concerns with the contract, 3) Commission didn't feel it was necessary to have staff and the contractor attend the September 14th meeting

- **Picnic** ~ will be postponed until September 26th at 1pm; cake and coffee to be provided

NEW BUSINESS

- **Mile 77 Park** ~ sprinkler heads need adjusting
- **Price Park** ~ trails could use some brushing out
- **Nantree Park bridge** ~ should be replaced or a 5 foot culvert installed to allow access over the ditch
- **Arbutus Park** ~ yard light is out again, the sand at the end of the ramp is really low and should be considered a potential hazard
- **Financial Statement** ~ pretty well on track
- **Little League Park** ~ R. Lendrum and M. Stewart were at park; liability signs will be installed this week, blackberries are taking over the access road to the north of the park and need to be removed, doggie bag dispensers or at least a sign needs to be installed along the east fence; lawn looks great – thanks to Easy Living; Slow Pitch Ball Tournament on July 17th
- **Mile 77 Park** ~ consider cutting back on grass watering at park next season
- **Font Board** ~ bear proof garbage, un-muffled boats prohibited, respect lake, environment & each other, watch for elk – all suggestions
- **Little League Park Bench** ~ posts are cemented in the back with the seat being put in place this coming week; thanks to G. Thom for his work

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

September 14, 2010
7pm at Youbou Lanes

/s/ Tara Daly
Secretary

DON'T FORGET THE YOUBOU REGATTA ON AUGUST 14TH