

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

DATE: March 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 7:10pm.

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Marcia Stewart

Vice-chairperson:

Members: Dave Charney, Dan Nickel, Gerald Thom, Wayne Palliser

ALSO PRESENT:

Director: Klaus Kuhn

Alternate Director:

Secretary: Tara Daly

REGRETS: Sheny Gregory

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

*It was Moved and Seconded to accept the agenda with addition of:
Woodland Shores under Old Business*

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

*It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of February 9, 2010 be accepted with corrections:
page 1 under Director's Report should be 'effluent' not 'affluent'
page 3 under Community Events should be 'May 23rd' not 'May 20th',
page 3 under New Business should be 'Marble Bay Park' not 'Bald Mountain'*

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

- Woodland Shores timeline for change from F1 to Residential ~ zoning was changed in Fall 2009
- Director Kuhn will check into where the effluent at Woodland Shores goes
- the questions from School District #79 to the Town of Lake Cowichan regarding the availability of school property on Youbou Lands was considered a non-issue after discussion

CORRESPONDENCE

- none

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Budget items include an increase of \$2.20/\$100,000 for Community Parks, an increase of \$3.20/\$100,000 for Regional Parks, \$1.30/\$100,000 for Parkland Acquisition, and a new function of Parks and Trails for \$2.00/\$100,000; Cowichan Lake Recreation (mostly for the arena renovation) will see an increase of \$8.70/\$100,000 ~ current increase in residential taxes is sitting at \$48.30/\$100,000 in Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek)
- there will be logging on Bald Mountain to remove trees around the emergency Relay Tower for a better sight-line for the solar cells, projected slash burn in April
- the by-law for lakeshore improvements put in place at the time of Creekside Estates development currently states that each lot contribute \$300 for the benefit of Area F and Area I (entire lake); Director Kuhn is wishing to have a by-law in place for further developments (Woodland Shores and Youbou

Lands) where how the monies are spent would be determined by the residents of Area I only, Area F currently has no waterfront developments

- Noise & Speed by-law is in place for Cowichan Lake, a continuing \$10,000 Grant-in-aid for the RCMP of Shawnigan Lake and Cowichan Lake hasn't been discussed at the CVRD Board table as of yet
- suggested by M. Stewart that having Sybille Sanderson of the CVRD Emergency Preparedness could be a part of the next Town Hall Meeting with a presentation/information specifically on earthquake preparedness

COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION

- renovations are moving along quite quickly
- the Youbou Hall will have some work done ~ upper hall kitchen will see a \$3000 upgrade, the entire hall will have a \$10,000 electrical upgrade, and the building will be powerwashed
- Adult Bowling at Youbou Lanes on Saturday evenings starting at 7:30pm

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- good Annual General Meeting for all twelve (12) attendees (Canada/USA Olympic gold medal game was also happening)

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT – Ryan Dias

- **ex- forestry workers** have basically completed work at Price Park and Marble Bay Park clearing deadfalls, improving drainage, brushing trails, and covering some roots; through further monies may be able to have workers for three (3) more days
- **Commission noted:** snags in Price Park; two (2) dead firs in Swordfern Park, possibly root rot; although the trails at Woodland Shores are not yet the responsibility of Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks it was noted there are three (3) trees across the low, loop trail
- **Capital Projects for 2010** ~ bridge replaced at Price Park; irrigation at Arbutus Park; assessment of Little League Park shows the first step to have insurance people in showing due diligence, Turf Manager believes the best way to improve the outfield is to lift turf, level, and replace
- **Maintenance Contractors** ~ have weeded Little League Park ballfield, aerated the ballfield and Arbutus Park, no grass cutting until April, trees will be pruned in April; investigation of 'playball' by taking a samples to Butler's Bros. indicates it is not the correct mix, company has been notified and will determine if it's correct and will remove or top-dress accordingly ~ the Commission felt that if it was wrong the it should be removed, not just top-dressed
- **Woodland Shores** ~ CVRD will not assume responsibility for the parks until the grass is germinating, growing well, and draining properly ~ the Commission felt the installation of mulch in the play area is dangerous for the children and generally a fire hazard (wick)

OLD BUSINESS

- **Gatekeeper** ~ S. Gregory unable to attend meeting but W. Palliser has offered to open gates at both Mile 77 Park and the Little League Park until someone is found
- **Plant ID Walk** ~ will be on May 2nd at Price Park with Kathryn Swan
- **Name the Park Contest** ~ M. Stewart will put entry forms at the garage, stores, and the hall but the big announcement may be delayed if CVRD has assumed responsibility for the park; M. Stewart will do an article for the paper; prizes will consist of CVRD Park hats and bowling passes
- **Marble Bay Park** ~ Tanya Soroka has let the Commission know that funds have been approved for the work to be done (widening trails); prescription in the Spring and operational in the Fall
- **Mile 77 Park** ~ elk are knocking off the trees that were planted last year, Bernie (Dinter's Nursery) will donate stakes and W. Palliser also has some re-bar; the Commission again noted at least six (6) small firs have been ringed through weed-whacking too close
- **Boy Scouts** letter is still coming stating they would be responsible for maintaining the trail system on

Bald Mountain, there is a waiver in the parks manual that allows volunteers in the parks

NEW BUSINESS

- **Lifeguard Hut** at Arbutus Park is currently being used by the Maintenance Contractor which leaves little room for the Summer Program, M. Stewart will speak to R. Dias
- **Bald Mountain** tree planting is mostly where they can be seen from the trails with the mountain tops being left pretty bare, Commission agreed that when walking the trails they would pay closer attention to what is or is not done
- **Meeting dates** will be given to Heather Roberts by T. Daly

ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00pm.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

April 13, 2010
7pm at Youbou Lanes

/s/ Tara Daly
Secretary