

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

**DATE:** September 14, 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, Sheny Gregory, Dan Nickel, Gerald Thom

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Director: Klaus Kuhn

Alternate Director:

Secretary: Tara Daly

**REGRETS:** Wayne Palliser

**GUESTS:**

### **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded to accept the agenda as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

*It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of July 13, 2010 be accepted.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **BUSINESS ARISING**

- the Commission would like to use REDWOOD TREE SERVICE - Chris Whitehead at 250.749.4745 for any work that needs to be done in the parks; this is on the premise that he is qualified; some Commission members have had work done by him and are very pleased with the results
- T. Daly will speak to L. Blatchford about the updates to the electrical in the hall
- two (2) dead cottonwoods need to be removed at Mile 77 Park; they are at the creek mouth

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- there are 'galls' eating the Scotch Broom which could be very beneficial; G. Thom removed and properly disposed of a large 'Giant Hogweed' in Youbou, the owners of the property had no idea and were very happy to have it taken care of
- a letter has been received from the Boy Scouts of Canada with their intentions being that they hope to assist with upkeep and make aware any problems on the pathways

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- CVRD Chairperson Gerry Giles and Director Kuhn sent a letter to UBCM (Union of BC Municipalities) delegates asking for a coordinated approach to senior government re: riparian areas and boat traffic concerns on the lakes; they're hoping to have a meeting of the concerns delegates at the upcoming convention
- Director Kuhn also noted there is discontent with the continued downloading and no funding to implement or maintain from the provincial government
- about eighty (80) people turned out for the recent river clean-up; the area was from the weir to

a ways beyond Little Beach, from Skutz Falls to Stoltz Pool and Sandy Pool; it seemed to be less this year as there were only 3-4 pick-up truck loads taken to the Meade Creek Transfer Station; although it is an improvement the goal is to have no garbage in the river

### **COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION**

- the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Lake Walk is on September 18<sup>th</sup> with about 360 entrants although some may come in at the last minute

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- thank-you to everyone for helping out at the Youbou Regatta, the concession made about \$1200
- the ladder on the wharf at Nantree Park is broke on one side, it was reported a month ago but it's still not fixed

### **COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT – Ryan Dias**

- **Summer Students** ~ cleaned out Price Park trail, painted the gables on Mile 77 Parks washroom building, cleaned up in Swordfern Park, helped with the building of the new bridge in Price Park, didn't do the trail alongside Creekside development as it is part of the maintenance contract
- **checking the actual cost of \$3 679.18 and the budget allowance of \$1 200.00, the Commission is upset at the overage, three (3) times the budgeted amount and is seriously considering the benefits of three (3) days work for that cost**
- **Stage 3 Water Restrictions** ~ Youbou remains on restrictions and as a result of those the irrigation systems were turned off at Little League Park, Mile 77 Park, and Arbutus Park
- **Price Park bridge** was completed on July 22<sup>nd</sup>
- **Woodland Shores** ~ park is now being maintained by CVRD, grass has been cut and everything is looking good
- **trails brushed on Bald Mountain** ~ Commission had previously said they didn't want that done because of the cost

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Contract negotiations for Maintenance** ~ Commission would like to have a separate contract for washroom maintenance and gate opening/closing, discussion determined the washrooms should be ready by May 1 at the Little League Park, for sure, with weekly cleaning until the end of June (ball season), two (2) days a week for July and August, and weekly for the month of September; the parks included in the contract would be Little League Park, Arbutus Park, Mile 77 Park, and Woodland Shores (Stoker Park). A more definite schedule for the other parks would have to be worked out before the contract was drawn up.
- **Park Dedication** ~ it was decided to have a photo-op rather than a celebration as many Commission members couldn't make the date; M. Stewart will contact George deLure and Roger Wiles to set a time
- **Contract** ~ discussion on whether or not to remove maintenance from Swordfern Park, the neighbours mostly take care of it; what would the cost savings be?
- **Font Board** – electricity costs seem quite high at Mile 77 Park, could it be from the font board? G. Thom will look in the mechanical room to see if there's a timer as the Commission doesn't believe it's every been changed allowing for longer days; will also look into a 'photo cell'

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Mile 77 Park** ~ the contractor will be replacing the damaged trees from weed-wacking

- **Woodland Shores** ~ dead trees still need to be removed
- **Capital Projects** ~ upgrade/replace washroom fixtures at Arbutus Park and Little League Park; playground equipment at Little League Park and Arbutus Park; connective trail system
- **Sand** at Arbutus Park beach needs to be put in next year
- **Arbutus Park** ~ dead parts of the Arbutus trees were removed but the truck made a mess of the lawn; the lawn seemed extremely wet this year – possibly being over irrigated, should be looked into
- **Mile 77 Park** ~ possibly no watering done at park next season

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10pm.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **NEXT MEETING**

October 12, 2010

7pm at Youbou Lanes

/s/ Tara Daly  
Secretary

**Brian Farquhar or Ryan Dias will be attending the next meeting for discussions on the budget**