

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

**DATE:** April 14, 2009

**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 7:05pm.

### **PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Marcia Stewart

Vice-Chairperson: Sheny Gregory

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

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Director: Klaus Kuhn

Alternate Director:

Secretary: Tara Daly

Guests:

**ABSENT:** Alternate Director Alex Marshall

### **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

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

*Arbutus Park irrigation, Woodland Shores trail ~ under Old Business*

*Bear and Cougar signs ~ under New Business*

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

*It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of March 10, 2009 be accepted with the following*

*corrections: D. Nickel was absent, under 'Director's Report' ~ parkland acquisition was decreased by \$200 000 not to.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **ELECTION**

- **Marcia Stewart** was elected by acclamation as chairperson; **Sheny Gregory** was elected by acclamation as vice-chairperson
- **Tara Daly** is continuing as secretary

### **BUSINESS ARISING**

- **Arbutus Park** irrigation ~ G. Thom has contacted a person about a quote for doing the work but hasn't had a reply
- **Marble Bay Park** trail ~ W. Palliser will clear the trail tomorrow (April 15<sup>th</sup>); also has been clearing with a broom-puller (purchased through CVRD) on the Creekside pathway
- **Keys** ~ W. Palliser and G. Thom have keys to the gates and washrooms at Mile 77 Park and Little League Park
- **Parks Maintenance Contract** ~ *Director Kuhn will get hard copies of the contract for the commission members*
- **Urban Development** seminar presented by CVRD ~ W. Palliser attended; he noted that everyone starts in the middle saving water and trees but there is no control over the roots and ground, should start at the beginning saving the roots and ground then the trees and water; promoting saving rainwater by installing tanks; important to save gullies and low ground, no back fill, not enough enforcement; touched on raising of the weir ~ W. Palliser suggested all valleys in the watershed be purchased, be allowed to grow, and water will recharge quicker; in global warming the ocean will rise and installation

of dikes in low lying areas would cost billions, W. Palliser suggested that houses affected should be moved now; Deborah Epps of MoE is responsible for lake monitoring and said there has been a 50% cut in the budget and noted coliform counts were low last year; Peter Law of MoE expressed interest in looking at the side valleys. *Director Kuhn will talk to Kate Miller, CVRD Environment, to see if there will be a Staff Report produced.*

- **Youbou Lands** ~ W. Palliser would like to ask Thomas Krielein if the two green belts could be combined which would result in a bigger lot with more trees

## CORRESPONDENCE

- NONE

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a meeting for the introduction to the public for the PDA will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> with an open house from noon until 2pm and a meeting from 2-4pm; PDA is for twenty (20) years whereas previous ones have only been for ten (10) years
- Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 7pm in the Youbou Lower Community Hall will be the Public Hearing for Youbou Lands
- haven't received any further complaints about the Font Board

## COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION

- in the process of hiring Summer Staff; Arbutus Park will have lifeguards seven (7) days a week from June 29<sup>th</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup>
- Youbou Regatta is on August 8<sup>th</sup>
- Heather Roberts, office staff, will contact W. Palliser by email weekly with a list of events for the Font Board
- deadline for advertisement on Parks activities in the next PlayBook is May 12<sup>th</sup>, L. Backlund will also invite Area F to participate

## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- June 14<sup>th</sup> Barbeque at Mile 77 Park ~ W. Palliser and G. Thom will arrange for barbeques, S. Gregory will be away
- May 24<sup>th</sup> Plant Identification Walk starting at Swordfern Parks and proceeding through Price Park at 1pm with Kathryn Swan
- M. Stewart to see if an advertisement could be put in the 'Youbounian' (a new local paper) asking for interest in a community garden
- discussion on T. Daly producing an advertisement for the PlayBook as opposed to just giving information, the ad was not printed as produced by T. Daly in the last PlayBook; T. Daly will ask L. Backlund how she wants the information
- Green Mapping Workshop ~ a question arose so M. Stewart asked B. Farquhar if parks are for sale, the simple answer is if they are considered surplus then yes, dependent on how the land was acquired (gift, purchase, subdivision), Parks Commission would make a recommendation and it would have public input
- a community garden could happen in parks through a non-profit organization or a program through recreation

## COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

- **Muscular Dystrophy** (Fire Department) fundraiser ~ no reply yet
- **Woodland Shores** ~ is proceeding, another meeting with the Parks Commission in the next month, done by June so that lots can go on the market; *question by commission member if there is a clause or contract that makes the developer responsible for what has been done for a length of time, main road*

on south side of the mountain has a nice, meandering gravel trail

### OLD BUSINESS

- **Font Board** ~ W. Palliser will speak to people who installed about brightness
- **Marble Bay Hike** ~ M. Stewart will make direction signs (Youbou Road, North Shore Road, and Marble Bay Road, W. Palliser will install
- **Mile 77 Park** trees have been planted by W. Palliser and G. Thom but were delayed because of snow
- **Director Kuhn** will speak with B. Farquhar re: obtaining receipts on all work done in Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks for the commission, after the work is completed then the commission would receive a copy of the receipt
- **Flag Pole** at Arbutus Park – W. Palliser has the flag but needs a bucket truck to get the pole, will be done by May long weekend, CVRD purchased the paint, G. Thom will investigate getting a truck

### NEW BUSINESS

- **Park Activities** ~ July 1<sup>st</sup> Canada Day at Arbutus Park hosted by Kathryn Swan and Parks Commission from 10am to noon with cake & ‘O Canada’ at 11am, concession supplied by Youbou OAPO #115, entertainment, everyone come waving a flag and wearing red & white; August 8<sup>th</sup> Youbou Regatta will have Parks Commission members running the concession; September 26<sup>th</sup> Community Ballgame at Little League Park from 1-3pm, family oriented, multi-age, concession supplied by Youbou OAPO #115, don’t forget your gloves, everyone gets to ‘scratch and spit’
- **Designation of Parks** – Mile 77 (W. Palliser), Price Park and Swordfern Park (S. Gregory and G. Thom), Arbutus Park and Hard Hat Shack picnic site (M. Stewart), Little League Park (S. Gregory), Marble Bay Park (D. Charney and S. Gregory), Nantree Park (D. Nickel)
- **Parks maintenance** forms are to be filled out by individual park caretakers and brought to the meeting next month
- **Danger Signs** – in parks warning of Bear & Cougar sightings should be dated, discussion and decision to put up pamphlets on the kiosks at Marble Bay, Price, Swordfern, Arbutus, and Hard Hat Shack that explains what to do if you come in contact with a bear or cougar

### ADJOURNMENT

*It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20pm.*

### MOTION CARRIED

### NEXT MEETING

**NOTE:** Next meeting on May 19, 2009 at 7:00pm at Youbou Lanes  
One week later because of the Provincial Election, get out and vote

/s/ Tara Daly  
Secretary