

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

DATE: March 10, 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: 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:

Mile 77 Park ~ under Old Business

Summer Students ~ under New Business

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of February 10, 2009 be accepted

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

- **Marble Bay Park** ~ trail clearing will be done by W. Palliser tomorrow (March 11th)

It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting move In-Camera.

MOTION CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded to rise with no report.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

- NONE

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- CVRD Budget discussion ~ final session tomorrow (March 11th); union wages have a 3½% increase; with the current economic situation no new positions (communication, emergency, and a ½-time) that had been suggested with the restructuring will be filled; okay with proposed budget
- Parkland acquisition was decreased to \$200 000; some concerns raised from Area F residents
- Parks Contractor ~ *Easy Living* out of Nanaimo with an office in Duncan; is currently responsible for Areas A,B,C, and E; good reputation; Cowichan Lake Community Forest Co-op bid was \$15 000 more; a hard copy of the contract for all commission members will be forthcoming

- Urban Development and the Environment seminar on March 29th from 9am to 4pm
- Social Committee ~ Director Kuhn will help out with a Grant-in-aid if needed

COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION

- full page advertising the Park activities for April, May, and June is in the current PlayBook
- W. Palliser will change the Font Board; W. Palliser will also check with Linda Backlund about information for Cowichan Lake Recreation to be put on the board

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Covered in other areas

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

- **Dock** ~ Cliff Gibson (dock builder) from Jornec inspected the dock and confirmed it did not belong to Arbutus Park
- **Marble Bay/ Meade Creek Road Pathway** ~ has been referred to MoTH for approval (Woodland Shores)
- **Woodland Shores** ~ water tank to be installed on far southwest corner of Uplands Parks would have minimal impact on parkland and/or waterways; Engineering staff will investigate; roads have been deactivated
- **Mile 77 Park** sign ~ has been reinstalled; retaining wall at the bridge is finished with back fill still needing to be done; it is felt by the commission that the work at the bridge has been done improperly and monies used for repairs should be taken from general revenues no Area I Parks budget
- **Nantree Park** ~ deck boards have been replaced; boom have been pulled out; RCMP have been involved in disputes over proper use
- **Arbutus Park** ~ irrigation work quote for \$9 000 includes new lines with valves/ heads being reused; G. Thom will look into cost
- **Little League Park** ~ controls have been fixed for the irrigation system; no quotes have been accepted for work in the outfield because there is no funding at this time

OLD BUSINESS

- **Font Board** ~ timer should be set to go off earlier (10pm); letters and handle are stored in the park washroom; reducing light could be done by using cool white bulbs for a cost of \$150 or a diffuser for a cost of \$750 which would reduce the brightness by about 40%; \$1 900 remaining in the grant; W. Palliser will look into; landscaping still needs to be completed
- **Tree Planting** ~ March 15th at 10am; under fifty (50) to be planted with Firs on the north side of the property and deciduous on the south side and west side of the creek; if pouring rain G. Thom and W. Palliser will complete through the week
- **AGM** ~ 1pm on March 29th with Town Hall meeting to follow; potluck for Fire Commission, APC, and Parks Commission after

NEW BUSINESS

- **Easy Living Landscaping** ~ \$67 000 for a two (2) year contract; five (5) workers from Cowichan Valley to start with decreasing to three (3); two (2) week earlier start with no increase in cost; owner is Brent Wilson
- **Top Soil** ~ at Little League Park could be spread around by users
- **Summer Students** ~ two (2) days in area; start on May 4th for a six (6) week period within CVRD; duties will be to pull the broom on the trail at Creekside and paint playground equipment at Arbutus Park and Little League Park
- **Park** assignments will be done after the AGM with diligence by commission members because of the new contractor

- **Woodland Shores** walkabout ~ spent most of the time at the Scout Camp, nothing can be used from the old camp, playfield will be like a soccer pitch, culverts need to be changed and blasted rock needs to be further investigated; North Park will be developed in three (3) to five (5) years; South Park has the stakes in for the picnic shelter/ washroom building, three (3) picnic tables will be installed on the lake side of the existing trail with the path to the beach near them, stairway to beach will be constructed of low to no maintenance material, not wood; Interior Playfield measures about forty (40) metres by seventy-seven (77) metres, semi-level soccer type field surrounded by residential buildings will have no washroom facilities, swing set, tot lot, and picnic tables with three (3) accesses; Park Site Visit will be the final sighting of all buildings and amenities; Big Park ~ some tree planting has been done, no GPS of trails yet, discussion on heli-pads for medical emergencies but it was noted the trails are wide enough for quads

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting on April 14, 2009 at 7:00pm at Youbou Lanes

Item for next agenda

games and prizes for Mile 77 Park community picnic

/s/ Tara Daly
Secretary