

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

**DATE:** September 8, 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 7:10pm.

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Marcia Stewart

Vice-chairperson: Sheny Gregory

Members: Dan Nickel, Gerald Thom

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Director: Klaus Kuhn

Alternate Director:

Secretary: Tara Daly

Guests:

**REGRETS:** Alternate Director Alex Marshall, Dave Charney, Wayne Palliser

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

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

*Funding ~ Community Development Trust (Job Opportunities Program)*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

*It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of July 14, 2009 be accepted.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

- **Bald Mountain Trail** ~ S. Gregory hiked the trail, it zig-zags across decommissioned logging roads, some signage is up with more to come, beach on South Arm is similar to Price Park, some rubble near the top indicating possible reinforcement of the bank, two (2) Tot Lots are in
- **Creekside Pathway** ~ strata would need 100% approval to have any changes made to the use/maintenance of pathway; doesn't seem to be a problem with the general public using the private road through the development instead of the pathway, strata council will be in touch with Director Kuhn if it approves any changes

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Archie Benson bench at Little League Park ~ a letter was received from Elaine Benson, Archie's sister, saying the bench was in disrepair and that she would like to replace it

*It was Moved and Seconded that Elaine Benson purchase and install, at her cost, a new memorial bench for Archie Benson situated at the Little League Park*

**AND FURTHER THAT**

*benches constructed at Providence Farm be investigated.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Kate Miller (CVRD Environment) and Vancouver Island University students will be doing work around the lake (water quality, water flow, etc). The VIU professor, MoE Peter Law, Director Kuhn,

and Director Morrison met. There will be sixteen (16) students working on the project starting on September 25, which will include a spot survey and video of lakeshore attached to GPS better identifying the SPEA. Possibility of a long-term project dependent on funding. Another possibility could be that a Lake Stewardship (new ad-hoc group) could finish with a camera and boat made available. G. Thom will investigate the involvement of the Aquaculture Department.

- Bald Mountain will remain a community park unless the public decides different. Director Kuhn has been investigating different opportunities to keep taxes down with Bald Mountain greenspace being an area that could be sold to the CVRD making it a regional park. A regional park would be funded by the entire regional district rather than the 1100 residents of Area I.
- Cowichan River clean-up will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Mike Waller, owner of a local tubing company has donated \$1000 towards prizes, CVRD has waived dumping fees, a diving team will be assisting
- Lake Stewardship committees are moving forward

### **COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION**

- **Great Lake Walk** ~ Thomas Krielen, Youbou Lands development, has committed to contributing \$10 per walker that crosses the finish line. The monies raised will go to non-profit local groups and he has challenged others to do the same.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- **Regatta** ~ M. Stewart thanked everyone for helping at the concession
- **Beware of Bear** signs have been laminated and will be installed at the remaining parks (Mile 77 Park, Hard Hat Shack, Arbutus Park, and Spring Beach)
- **Regional Parks Chair meeting** on Thursday with budget process discussion, key dates identified, 2010-11 capital replacement discussion being some of the topics
- **Community Ballgame** on September 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm, the OAP will be doing lunch (M. Stewart to phone and remind)
- **Scout Camp** facilities have the approval of the Scouts with ongoing work still to be done
- **Parks** article written in the Lake Cowichan Gazette by Kathryn Swan was well done
- **Walkabout** concerns were emailed to Ryan

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

- **Woodland Shores** ~ developers have given a Letter Of Credit to the CVRD which would pay for any deficiencies in amenities completion; developers have given more than original plans including a big picnic area, bigger parking lot, heat in the washrooms; if the commission isn't happy with completed amenities there will be done again
- **Woodland Shores boat launch** is moving forward with changes that will require rezoning; commission questioned whether the proposal would come to them
- **Frog Pond** has no update

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Community Ballgame** ~ M. Stewart to investigate getting `bank sand` to level outfield after the game

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **2010 Capital Projects** identified are new bridge at Price Park, Mile 77 Park bridge repair/replacement and tree planting, Arbutus Park and Little League Park irrigation systems, buoy system at Price Park (proper buoys are needed)
- **Three-Year Vision** ~ ideas put forward by members of the commission included: trail improvements, Youbou clean-up including properties and roadsides could possibly result in an attitude change with more pride in our community, identification of sensitive eco-systems in parks that shouldn't be trodden

on, work towards having the Parks Maintenance contractor from Area I, public trail around the lake (including both mountain and lakeshore) with a variety of viewpoints, increased community involvement and awareness of surroundings (Neighbourhood is not just around your house.), garbage clean-up along roadsides, clean out Creekside pathway, community garden/market possibly at Little League Park

- **Community Development Trust** is \$9 million directed towards unemployed forest workers, communities/organizations apply with the focus of the projects being recreation (trails), tree planting and spacing, and broom removal, S. Gregory will look into the possibility of the commission obtaining some of the funding

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40pm.*

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **NEXT MEETING**

October 13, 2009  
7pm at Youbou Lanes

#### **ITEMS FOR OCTOBER AGENDA**

Budget  
Brian Farquhar to attend

/s/ Tara Daly  
Secretary