



Minutes Area A Parks Commission March 9, 2017

Attending: Deryk Norton, Brook Adams, April Tilson, Nancy Crichton, Director Davis, and Bonnie Mills

Regrets: David Keir, Jim Conner, Libby Conner

Ed Arnold has resigned due to health related issues

The meeting came to order at 7:05 p.m.

- Discussion of Area A Community Parks and Trails Master Plan adopted in 2015.
 - Hindrances to enactment
 - Discussions are ongoing with MOTI concerning our first two priorities: Mill Bay Road and Shawnigan/Mill Bay roadside trails as well as any other roadside trails in the CVRD.
 - The agreement is no longer active with Island TimberLands for the Rat Lake Trail.
- Report from the Director
 - When the weather is more predictable, there will be a beach cleanup at the base of Keir Road, surrounding the Mill Bay Community Wharf. In discussions with Solid Waste, there is a need for 2 bins (one for fibreglass) for the debris that has collected during the winter months. The CVRD is currently developing policy around free tipping. Should this not be covered in that policy, the cost would have to be borne by Area A Community Parks.
 - MOTION: It was Moved and Seconded that if free tipping is not possible, Area A Community Parks Budget 231 fund 2 bins for the purposes of beach clean up around the Mill Bay Community Wharf at Kier Road to a maximum cost of \$1000.00. Motion Carried
 - A discussion ensued regarding waste disposal issues. There needs to be careful sorting and separation of items from the garbage and recycling. There is a CVRD “recyclopedia”
<http://www.zerowastecowichan.ca/recyclopedia>
for those who are computer literate. Information also comes out with the recycling calendar. Pamphlets are available from Fisher Road Depot with free and charged items listed.
 - Discussion item: Trail cleanup. There is a need for garbage collection along Barry Road between the Cove and Frances Kelsey School. This is a road right of way through Limona property i.e. private property. Tim Horton’s cleans up between their business and The Cove. Rotary has a program for cleanup from Hutchinson to Kilmalu. The question was raised that a similar arrangement could be made with a high school group.
 - The type of walking path along Mill Bay Road was discussed: pebble vs. concrete sidewalk. There is a clear need for traffic calming strategies to create a safe environment for pedestrians.
 - Information Item: There will be an All Candidates Meeting for Seniors in Cobble Hill on April 4th beginning at 6:00. Issues of roadside trails, pedestrian safety, traffic calming and seniors housing can be brought up at this time. It will be a time to meet our local candidates for office for the upcoming election and to make them aware of the issues that concern senior citizens in this area. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 13, 2017 in the Livingston Room, Brentwood College.