



## **CVRD Area “G” Parks Commission Meeting – May 2, 2016 Minutes**

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**Attendance:** Amanda Redpath, Harry Brunt, Kelly Schellenberg, Jason Wilson, Tim Godau, Jackie Rieck and Greg Taylor

**Acting Director:** Sean Jonas

**Regrets:** Paul Bottomley, Dave Key, Glenn Hammond, Mel Dorey

**Guest:** Brian Farquhar (CVRD), Debbie Neal, Lynn Smith

**Call to Order:** 7:00 pm                      **Chair:** Tim Godau

- 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - *Motion: To approve the agenda: Harry Brunt. Carried.*
  
- 2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** – *Motion: To approve the minutes from the April 4, 2016 Meeting with the following amendments: Meeting Date of April 4, 2016, Section 3.2 Action is that CVRD will update the Parks Commission re puddles at Stocking Creek, and Section 5.3 student helper is Tyler: Harry Brunt. Carried.*
  
- 3. OLD BUSINESS** –
  - 3.1 Stocking Creek Park – the condition of the trails (specifically puddles) requires follow-up with CVRD.  
*Action:* CVRD to update Parks Commission regarding this issue.
  - 3.2 Centennial Park – Awaiting estimate from CVRD for drainage plan between the picnic and concession building on the field.
  - 3.3 Centennial Park – Awaiting estimate from CVRD for deep tining the playing fields in fall 2016.
  
- 4. NEW BUSINESS** –
  - 4.1 Access trail from Clifcoe Road to Stuart Road – the trail intersection with Stuart Road requires a review of the drainage.  
*Action:* CVRD to review the drainage in this vicinity. Note: Greg or other Commission member to send a photo to Tim Godau showing the drainage problem.
  - 4.2 To raise the profile of the unfinished TCT section in Saltair, the Parks Commission supports the collection of road use statistics in Saltair.  
*Action:* Brian Farquhar or designate will contact MOTH to facilitate the use of volunteers for the collection of this data.
  - 4.3 Timmer Trail (part of Stocking Creek Park trails on east side of Stocking Creek)  
*Action:* Spread wood chips on this short trail.
  - 4.4 General Discussion re wood chip/mulch surfacing and gravel surfing on trails:

*Action:* Brian Farquhar will speak to staff about using organic material instead of gravel on some trail sections. It was suggested that an operational trial take place in Diana Princess of Wales Park whereby a chip surface trail section is monitored for drainage and durability over a specific period of time; at least over a wet season. The trail would not be altered by leaf blowing.

4.5 Signage at Centennial Park.

*Action:* Brian Farquhar will review signage ie No Smoking.

4.6 Centennial Park: Ball field #2 bag pegs can't be found.

*Action:* Harry Brunt to facilitate finding a metal detector to locate pegs as soon as possible.

4.7 Centennial Park: Lights near the tennis court need to have the automatic timing adjusted.

*Action:* Brian Farquhar will look into this.

## **5. REPORTS –**

5.1 Director Report – Director Dorey was absent but alternate, Sean Jonas, provided a short report. Items for future review and discussion include: an arboretum at the Saltair Community Centre and BCAA Right to Play funding.

5.2 CVRD Report – CVRD Parks Manager, Brian Farquhar, was in attendance to provide an update re the Cowichan Valley Trail (TCT) and also to discuss the CVRD Park's 5 Year Budget:

TCT: Brian updated the status of the TCT in the CVRD:

- There is ~120 km of TCT in the CVRD.
- There is a focus on completing a section from S. Shawnigan to the Galloping Goose due to the funding to support it ie 90% of the funding is from outside sources.
- The remaining section of the TCT in Saltair is a 6 km section from Stocking Ck Park south to Chemainus.
- No promises but maybe Saltair will be next?
- Extra funding ie Bike BC would help expedite Saltair's final TCT trail segment.

Parks Budget (5 yr): Brian spoke about the new budget and gave highlights:

- The short term loan is still being paid off for lands added to Saltair Centennial Park (former school property); therefore most of the available budget in 2016 is targeted to parks maintenance.
- There are 5 days allotted for summer students.

5.3 Centennial Park – Lights near the tennis courts need to have times adjusted. Brannen Lake crews are not cost-effective according to CVRD staff and will not be used on Parks' projects.

5.4 Diana Princess of Wales Park – 2 x culverts installed and will be paid for by Saltair Parks Commission.

5.5 Parkinson/Clifcoe Connector Trail – No report

5.6 Stocking Creek Park – No report

5.7 Beach Accesses – Question re new beach access at Saltair Oceanfront Estates and whether or not the construction of the access was "accepted" by CVRD. Brian Farquhar said that due to slope failures and remediation work completed by the landowner, that CVRD staff would be reviewing the access.

5.8 Saltair Ball League – No report

5.9 Ladysmith Parks & Recreation – No report

## **6. NEXT MEETINGS –**

Monday, June 6, 2016, Saltair Community Centre. Scribe will be Greg Taylor.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT – Motion: To adjourn meeting at 8:57 pm. Kelly Schellenberg. Carried.**

Submitted by: Kelly Schellenberg, May 15, 2016