

**MINUTES OF ELECTORAL AREA “G” (SALTAIR/GULF ISLANDS)**  
**PARKS COMMISSION**

**DATE:** January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**TIME:** 7:02 pm

**MINUTES** of the electoral Area “G” Parks Commission meeting held on the above noted date and time at the Water Board office located at 10705 Chemainus Rd, Saltair BC.

**PRESENT:**

**Chairman:** Harry Brunt  
**Stand-in Secretary:** Tim Godau  
**Members:** Paul Bottomley, Hans Nelles and Dave Key

**ABSENT:**

**Members:** Kelly Schellenberg, Jackie Rieck and Glen Hammond  
**Director:** Mel Dorey

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as submitted.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINTUES:**

It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of Area “G” Parks Commission Meeting, held on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CVRD UPDATE**

-Harry Brunt reviewed: CVRD “Parks and Trails Division” staff meeting action items pertaining to “Area G “ Parks Commission, dated November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Details of each action item are listed in their individual sections.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

-No report, Mel Dorey absent.

## CENNTENNIAL PARK

-Easy Living Landscaping company was awarded 2014-2016 Electoral Area G and H Community Parks Maintenance Service Contract.

-Brent Wilson has had the ditch cleaned out on the split rail fence side of Mountain View Drive. Invasive plants were removed from the new planting zone.

-Brent Wilson addressed and resolved the problem with the split rail fence in front of the post that supports the park gate at the Mountain View Drive entrance.

-Ryan Dias will address the grass cutting and leaf blowing concerns with Easy Living Landscaping by incorporating changes into the maintenance contract.

-Brent Wilson had the painting contractor return to Centennial park to fix the paint job problem in the Picnic Shelter at no additional cost.

-Brent Wilson has had the chain link gate removed at the Lytton Street Entrance of the park.

-Brock Tingey has arranged for the Mountain View Drive gate to be opened daily by the gatekeeper.

-Ryan Dias had the potholes at the South Oyster School Rd parking lot filled in.

-Brock Tingey informed Easy Living Landscaping that the weeds on the outer edges of the Tennis court need to be removed.

-Work party for applying bark mulch to fitness trail is planned for February.

-Tim Godau does not have the time to make the "Saltair" sign for the South Oyster School Road entrance. Mel Dorey to follow up at next meeting.

-Discussed public washroom project.

## PRINCESS DIANA PARK

-More wood chips are needed in certain areas of the trail where rocks are poking through. Follow up at next meeting.

-Dan Brown's email dated, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 stated :

The surveyors were able to find all three pins on the west side of Lot 5, but only the center pin on the east side. The reason being that the two parts of the Kess Marsh cover the NE and SE corners of Lot 5. In addition, the marsh covers nearly 80% of Lot 5, greatly limiting the potential for developing an effective trail loop. As mentioned on site, the success of this trail from a usability perspective is dependent on the creation of a figure eight around the marsh areas. From the information provided through the survey, that design is not feasible.

-Dan Brown will arrange to install park boundary markers around the Kess Marsh area.

-Commission had originally discussed a horseshoe shaped trail not a figure 8 shape. A map or diagram of the survey was requested from Dan Brown on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 by Jackie Rieck to be viewed and discussed at the next Parks meeting in February.

## PARKINSON TRAIL

-It was noted that property owners on the north side entrance of the Parkinson trail maybe planning to build a fence along the border of the trail. It was suggested it would be a good opportunity to remove a number of large trees that stand in the middle of the trail before the fence is erected. Once the fence is erected it would be more difficult to take the above mentioned trees down. Discussion ensued, table for next meeting.

## STOCKING CREEK

-Thick/Chemainus road entrance has been cleaned up and a hole has been prepared for Palm Tree. Ditches on either side of entrance road have not been cleared of alders. CVRD to follow up.

-Finch Place entrance project has been completed. Road to septic field and split rail fencing look great!

-The trail that is at the bottom of the Mcleary easement along the creekside on the east side of Stocking Creek requires gravel to build up the trail to allow proper drainage. Trail is boggy in the wet season.

-Brent Wilson will make note of the Huckleberry Trail improvements for the 2014 budget and allocate it as a project for the summer students.

## BEACH ACCESSES

-No report.

## SALTAIR BALL LEAGUE

-Ryan Dias will clarify with the Commission the policy regarding issues relating to alcohol/drugs, vehicles at the picnic shelters and gate closure times with the Saltair Slo-Pitch League prior to the 2014 ball season.

## LADYSMITH PARKS & REC

-No report.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

-Dave Key will remove the metal fire pit from Centennial Park as soon as the weather permits.  
-Next event will be the Easter Egg Hunt in April 2014.

**NEXT MEETING:** scheduled for Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 at 7:00 pm, Water Board office.

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

