

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

**DATE:** June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014  
**TIME:** 7:06 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  
**Secretary:** Jackie Rieck  
**Members:** Paul Bottomley, Dave Key, Tim Godau, Kelly Schellenberg, Hans Nelles and Amanda Redpath

**ABSENT:**

**Member:** Glen Hammond  
**Director:** Mel Dorey

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda with the addition of “Trans Canada Trail” item.

**Motion Carried**

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of Area “G” Parks Commission Meeting held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 be accepted.

**Motion Carried**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**TRANS CANADA TRAIL:**

-Commission would like CVRD to investigate a squatter camp that is located off of Edgelow Road on what appears to be a vacant property. The squatters have set up make shift homes with tarps and scrap wood and are burning campfires daily. There is a lot of accumulated wires, household and yard items that may have come from neighbouring properties. Many Trans Canada Trail users have expressed an uneasiness regarding the squatters and feel that there may be an safety issue. The camp trail entrance is located just before the the sign post that points out way to “Stocking Creek Falls”. CVRD can contact Tim Godau for guidance to the exact location.

-Discussed Trans Canada trail phase 2 potential land acquisition to save costs of traversing the ravine between Brian Farquhar to follow up.

## EMAIL ETIQUETTE:

-In this world of email communication we can forget that there are some risks with allowing our email addresses to be casually included with "Forwarded" or even mass emails. It was decided that for "mass emails" such as the "Saltair Residents Distribution List" the "Blind CC" method should be used so that all the email addresses do not show in the "To" box. This would protect those of us who do not wish to receive communication and/or viruses from others. Secondly, as most of our Commission emails are intended only for Parks Commission members please be respectful of this specific audience and respond and forward only within this group. We know that many of us share an email address with family members and they may read those emails, but we would hope these family members keep the information confidential and remember that they are not the intended recipient. Thirdly, keeping confidentiality in mind, we should not be forwarding email communication from within our Parks Commission to others. In the event that specific information would be useful ie; to the CVRD, the email's author should be consulted first.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

### CVRD UPDATE:

-Brent Wilson will follow up with a plan to deal with the drainage issues beside Patty Clark's driveway.

-Tanya Soroka is making sure the concerns regarding the beach access at Seaside development are a priority.

-Ryan Dias will follow up with Director Dorey to set up purchase of \$500 worth of palm trees.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Director Dorey was absent. No report.

### CENTENNIAL PARK:

-Mike Miller has inspected the Concession/Washroom buildings and is in the process of hiring a contractor. New roof is expected to be completed by August 2014.

-Dennis Plante is going to construct a memorial bench for his wife Joan Plante.

-Tennis courts still need to be power washed. Harry Brunt to follow up.

-The cost of Mountain View landscaping and parking lot improvements totaled \$13,000. \$7,000 for landscape changes and \$5,000 for the parking lot grading and gravel surfacing.

-A letter of apology was received from a youth regarding his regret for damaging the Mountain View parking lot. Many thanks to Paul Bottomley for contacting the RCMP and to Constable Wong of the Ladysmith RCMP detachment for his diligent follow up.

-Drainage issue at the small hockey/basketball court will be taken care of by CVRD.

-Commission member Hans Nelles reported his observations of the Student Work Party assigned to weed the baseball diamonds: "There was a lot of chatting and time wasting going on. When they did some work, a female student would pick one weed at a time and then would slowly walk over to the grassy bank and dropped it off. A male student, working a hoe would chop the weeds off at the roots. That technique will allow weeds to grow back even stronger."

The Commission feels that the summer student positions are well paid and are highly sought after and the CVRD need to hire students with good work attitudes. There also needs to be accountability and strict supervision otherwise it becomes a waste of tax dollars.

-There is confusion regarding the Gate Keeper position. In the Commission's last Minutes of May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Tim Godau was designated to take over the gate keeping position on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, however it was noticed that Keith Fletcher was performing the gate keeper duties. CVRD to clarify.

-It was noted that the requested bark mulch work order was completed, however, in the future the Commission would like to see a finer grade of bark mulch be used.

#### PRINCESS DIANA PARK:

-Graham Gidden is working on the two memorial benches and interpretive kiosk.

-Muddy trail areas have been supplied with drains and a top coat of coarse bark mulch. Commission would like it noted that the CVRD use a finer grade of bark mulch for any future top coating as it makes it more comfortable to walk on.

-Harry Brunt reviewed Dan Brown's email regarding the reasons for the decommission of a roughly constructed side trail running beside the Kess marsh.

#### PARKINSON TRAIL:

-No report.

### STOCKING CREEK PARK:

-The gravel work for the Cleary easement along to the Stocking Creek bridge has been completed, however the Commission have grave concerns that the sides of the trail were not dug out to provide proper drainage when the rainy season arrives. Hans Nelles expressed frustration as he met with Brock (CVRD) prior to the work being done and explained the need for drainage pipes and deep vee ditches to prevent future flooding of the trail.

-Thick Road parking lot – cedar fence is still missing a bottom rail. CVRD to follow up.

### BEACH ACCESSES:

-No report.

### SALTAIR BALL LEAGUE:

-Ryan Dias reported that he is pleased with the ball league's improved conduct and efforts to keep the fields in good order.

-Next season ending tournament is scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

### LADYSMITH PARKS AND REC:

-No report.

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

-No report.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

**Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:00 pm, Water Board Office.**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

