



MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Area H – North Oyster/Diamond Parks Commission December 7, 2017, at Elliott's Beach

- PRESENT:** Chairperson Bruce Mason, Snuffy Ladret, Julia Fall,
Secretary Barbara Waters
- ALSO PRESENT:** Rob Waters, Environmental Consultant (pro bono)
- CALL TO ORDER** Chairperson Bruce Mason called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.
- ELLIOTT'S BEACH CONSTRUCTION PROJECT** Parks Commission members toured the beach and observed the current shoreline restoration project.
- A question arose as to whether landscape fabric was used to back the riprap that has been placed along the shore and around the big maple. Some voids were noted in between the boulders and it is hoped the works will remain in place. Otherwise, this aspect of the project looks good.
 - It is assumed that this is an ongoing project, and that the unprotected shoreline to the right (south) of the big maple is slated for protection to the far end of the beach.
 - It is assumed that the continuation of the work will be accessed via the new dirt path/roadway that extends behind the big maple and down toward the beach just beyond it.
 - Is the rock wall going to be extended beyond where the bank is washing out around the smaller maple?
 - Will the fence be extended further along the bank to the large maple?
 - What is the anticipated completion date?
 - Will the 2017 budget cover the entire expense, including the work that still needs to be done?
 - There was some discussion about the “soft shores” (green shores) approach to erosion control. Rob Waters offered the information that this methodology is often encouraged, but that its application depends on site conditions. This approach could also entail more frequent replacement of protective materials.
 - A question arose about planting native plants among the riprap boulders to help with stabilization. It was concluded that the local plants are abundant and flourishing nearby, and it is possible that they will colonize the area without help.
 - It is assumed that the work was undertaken by a private contractor, and that the CVRD will be conducting an as-built inspection once it is completed.
- For reference, a few of the photos we took today are appended to these minutes.
- ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Barbara Waters, Secretary
December 8, 2017