

MINUTES OF ELECTORAL AREA I (Youbou/Meade Creek) PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: July 14, 2009

TIME: 7:00pm

MINUTES of the Electoral Area I Parks Commission Meeting held on the above noted date and time at Youbou Lanes, Youbou, BC. Called to order by chair at 7:08pm.

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Marcia Stewart

Vice-chairperson:

Members: Dave Charney, Dan Nickel, Wayne Palliser, Gerald Thom

ALSO PRESENT:

Director:

Alternate Director:

Secretary: Tara Daly

Guests:

REGRETS: Director Klaus Kuhn, Vice-chairperson Sheny Gregory, Alternate Director Alex Marshall

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded to accept the agenda with the following additions

Mile 77 Park under Old Business and

Woodland Shores under Old Business

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of June 9, 2009 be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

- **Pamphlets warning of bears** ~ will be put up at Swordfern Park, Price Park, Nantree Park, and Marble Bay Park, they are up on the bulletin board at Community Hall, will be put up in remaining parks when laminating is complete
- **Nantree Park** ~ dinghy is no longer at the park

CORRESPONDENCE

- letter looking for support for an Angling and Wildlife Viewing Pier at Fuller Lake with wheelchair/handicap access; discussion on whether this would be possible at Youbou Lands development

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- None

COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION

- **Youbou Regatta** is on August 8th ~ L. Backlund will be calling for volunteers; has a frying pan for cooking onions, gloves, cardboard containers for hotdogs, and the grill lined up
- L. Backlund will be on holidays for two (2) weeks; T. Daly will be supervising the staff at Arbutus Park and Mesachie Lake Hall
- **Playbook deadline** is August 19, 2009 ~ commission agreed the Community Ballgame scheduled for September 26, 2009 should be advertised again; T. Daly will email L. Backlund tell her same

- **Arbutus Park** ~ swim lessons had thirty-two (32) registered for the first session with fourteen (14) of them under the age of three (3)
- **Huge thank-you for use of Font Board** ~ consideration is being given to installing one at the intersection of Youbou Road and Highway 18

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- **Mile 77 Picnic** ~ thanks to volunteers (W. Palliser ~ bringing BBQ and cooking, D. Charney and A. Marshall for setting up and watering new plantings; T. Daly for children's games; D. Nickel for showing up with injured hand. There were about thirty (30) attendees at our first picnic. Thank you was sent to Country Grocer (Lake Cowichan) for their donations of wieners, buns, and fixings.
- **Tennis Court** ~ was approached at picnic by Chantelle about installation of one at Mile 77 Park. M. Stewart told her to gather information and attend a Parks meeting with her proposal. Short discussion by commission felt facilities should be kept together in a more central location, less vandalism.
- **Little League Park** ~ possibly put up a 'clean fill wanted' sign to keep costs down for levelling the outfield; softball team is still interested in helping

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

- **Woodland Shores** ~ August 4, 2009 is the arbitrary deadline for completion of park structures, bond can be enforced; completion probably not until 2010; developers can't proceed on next phase of housing until park is completed. The culvert of concern with the Commission has been approved by Highways environmental personal. The Commission's concern is the silt off the sidehill will kill the frog pond at the outflow of the culvert.

It was moved and seconded by Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission that they have serious concerns over the potential siltation of a natural wetland across the road from the South Lakefront Public Park. The wetland is an important frog habitat

AND FURTHER THAT

in the process of developing Woodland Shores, protection of the environment has be incorporated several times. The commission feel this is another worthy instance to consider and would appreciate further review and a response to the voiced concerns.

MOTION CARRIED

- **Park Walkabout** ~ D. Nickel, W. Palliser, M. Stewart, and G. Thom will do a walkabout on Thursday, July 16, 2009 starting at 8am
- **Nantree Park** ~ ladder, the work order was to be submitted last Tuesday (July 7, 2009); the existing ladders are not long enough
- **Price Park** ~ there is no foreshore lease, legally Parks cannot install anything; **suggest to put buoy system in 2010 budget**; boomsticks have been removed within the Regional District because of liability (insurance costs); the bridge pickets have been repaired
- **Arbutus Park** ~ a hole on the wharf was fixed on July 4, 2009; the irrigation system is bad but will be okay for this season, **item for 2010 budget**
- **Student Crew** ~ has been here; cleaned out Creekside trail
- **Budget items of concern** ~ *Miscellaneous Equipment* overcost – Tourism grant (\$10 000) hasn't been received yet; *Advertising* at 292% included advertisements for the Maintenance Contractor and AGM; M. Stewart will ask about Consultant cost

OLD BUSINESS

- **Community Ballgame** ~ at Little League Park on September 26 from 1-3pm, OAP will do the concession; final planning at September Parks meeting

- **Mile 77** ~ sprinkler head that was missing has been replaced; maintenance contractor has adjusted sprinklers but they need to be worked on some more, W. Palliser asked if he could be present to watch how the heads are adjusted; outside lights on washroom building aren't working, W. Palliser has installed shelving in the storage area; suggested that a little more attention should be paid to the watering to save money
- **Woodland Shores** washrooms have the ventilation and lights installed; commission questioned the need for heat and drywall in the washrooms

NEW BUSINESS

- **Mile 77 Trail** ~ at the Creekside residents meeting a discussion was held on the trail with comments coming forward that it isn't used, it isn't maintained properly, and it would be nice to have a buffer of trees between the private road at Creekside and Youbou Road
- **Woodland Shores** ~ more information is need on Community Parks versus Regional Parks. M. Stewart to ask Brian Farquhar to attend the September meeting
- **CVRD Grant-in-Aid** of \$13 000 had been given to the RCMP to help increase their presence on Cowichan Lake; would like to have follow-up on the success of increased police presence
- **Commission** discussed their need to have either Director Kuhn attend the meetings or, in his absence, Alternate Director A. Marshall

ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10pm.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

September 8, 2009

7pm at Youbou Lanes

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER AGENDA

Budget items including irrigation system at Arbutus Park and buoy systems for swimming areas (Arbutus Park and Price Park)

Update on RCMP presence on the lake through the summer

Brian Farquhar to attend speaking about Regional Parks versus Community Parks

/s/ Tara Daly
Secretary