



# MEETING MINUTES

## South Cowichan Parks Commission Meeting

October 23, 2017

Arbutus Ridge Board Room

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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Present: Electoral Area A – April Tilson; Electoral Area B – Matthuw Ronald-Jones, Director Sierra Acton; Electoral Area C – Lynn Wilson-Chair, Director Matteus Clement; Electoral Area D – Kerrie Talbot, Director Lori Iannidinardo; Electoral Area E – Director Alison Nicholson; CVRD – Graham Gidden, Brian Farquhar.

Regrets: Electoral Area A – Director Kerry Davis; Electoral Area C – John Krug; Electoral Area E – Frank McCorkell

Meeting started at 6:30 p.m.

1. Approval of the agenda - APPROVED
2. Adoption of the 9/11/17 meeting minutes - ADOPTED
3. Business arising from the minutes
  - a. Quarry Nature Park Visitor Survey – FOR INFORMATION

Graham Gidden presented the results from 51 collected surveys. The park receives approximately 75,000 vehicle visits a year or 115,000 person visits yearly. This translates into about 300 persons and 80 dogs a day. Approximately 51% of park visitors are from Electoral Areas A, B, and C. The main parking area occasionally reaches peak capacity, resulting in overflow parking along the road. Given the complexity of the park, additional information and consultation is necessary prior to undertaking potential parking area improvements.

- b. Bright Angel Park Presentation of Draft Management Plan – FOR INFORMATION

Graham Gidden presented the draft Bright Angel Park Management Plan for review and comments. Graham would like any written comments back by mid-November. The final draft management plan will be available for public review in early 2018 and should be ready for CVRD Board approval in spring 2018.

- c. South Cowichan Parks Function Annual Requisition – MOTION PASSED

Brian Farquhar recounted the history of the 2001 establishment of the South Cowichan Parks function. Although the function was established by the CVRD BOD, it operates without a policy framework which complicates decision-making. The function currently operates at its maximum requisition limit (\$62,500),

which is considered inadequate for actual park needs. The tax requisition could be increased 24.99% once in five years (to \$78,500), but the function still needs to be defined. Discussion ensued about the function and whether it should continue as is, take some other form, or be dissolved. Staff offered to develop a draft policy framework for the South Cowichan Parks function in 2018.

**MOTION: Recommend to the CVRD Board of Directors that CVRD staff define the South Cowichan Parks function in 2018 with SCPC member input.**

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

4. New Business - NONE
5. Directors Reports - NONE
6. Upcoming Events – Shawnigan Lake is hosting a trails work party November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Baldy Mountain. Cowichan Bay is hosting a “community conversations” event at Bench School on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.
7. Adjournment at 8:35 p.m.
8. Next Meeting—at call of Chair, Lynn Wilson