

Minutes of the Parks Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the Regional District Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC

PRESENT

Director Mel Dorey, Chair
Director Lori Iannidinardo, Vice-Chair
Director Loren Duncan
Director Gerry Giles
Director Phil Kent
Director Dave Haywood
Director Klaus Kuhn

Also: Director Ian Morrison

CVRD STAFF

Ron Austen, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture Department
Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks & Trails Division
Warren Jones, Administrator
Mary Anne McAdam, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

It was Moved and Seconded
That the agenda as amended, be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

M1 & M2- MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded
That the Minutes of the Special Parks Committee Meeting of February 11 & 28, 2009, be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**R1 – Ditidaht Runners
Trail – Nitinaht Valley
Section**

It was Moved and Seconded
That the CVRD provide a letter supporting the Ditidaht First Nation proposal for construction of the section of Runners Trail through the Nitinaht Valley.

MOTION CARRIED

**R2 – Cowichan Valley
Trail Half Marathon
Event**

It was Moved and Seconded
That the application from the Ceevac RoadRunners to hold a half marathon event on the Cowichan Valley Trail between Renfrew Road and the Kinsol Trestle on Sunday, November 1, 2009, be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Proof of a minimum \$2 million liability insurance coverage be provided by the organizers which covers the event and also includes the CVRD as an additional insured;
2. A Course Marshall Plan is submitted prior to the event for CVRD review and approval;
3. Confirmation that there will be appropriate flag persons at all road crossings along sections of the Cowichan Valley Trail corridor used for the event.
4. Confirmation that there will be notices of the event posted along the trail in advance of, and during the day of the event advising other trail users of the race, with such notice wording and locations pre-approved by the Regional District.

5. Agreement by the organizers that the Renfrew Road to Kinsol Trestle may not be available for the November 1, 2009, event if rehabilitation work has commenced on the structure at that time, and that alternatively, the portion of the Cowichan Valley Trail from Renfrew Road south for approximately 4 kilometres would be available as an alternate route for the event.

And that the Regional District has no objection to the use of “Kinsol” in the naming of the event.

MOTION CARRIED

**R3 – Nature
Conservancy of
Canada Update**

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Nature Conservancy of Canada be invited to make a presentation to the Parks Committee to provide an update on initiatives, activities and programs the Conservancy is engaged in within the Cowichan Region, and furthermore that members of the CVRD Environment Commission be invited to attend this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

**R4 – Grant
Applications –
Cowichan Valley Trail
Initiative**

Report from Tanya Soroka, Parks Planning Technician, providing an update on Grant applications submitted by CVRD staff in 2009 for funding to complete northern sections of the Cowichan Valley Trail.

Received for information purposes.

**R5 – Cowichan Valley
Trail Initiative
Program**

Report from Ryan Dias, Parks Operations Superintendent, providing information on the Cowichan Valley Trail Initiative Program.

Received for information purposes.

**R6 – Island Coastal
Economic Trust Grant**

Distributed at meeting. **See NB2**

**IN1 – CVNS – Parks
Tax Cut**

Cowichan Valley Naturalists’ Society letter regarding Parks Tax Cut.

Received for information purposes.

IN2 – Residents Fund

Cowichan News Leader and Pictorial article “Residents Demand CVRD Tax them Full Amount.”

Received for information purposes.

**IN3- Parks Fund Cut
Lacks Vision – article**

Canada.com article, “Parks Fund Cut Lacks Vision”

Received for information purposes.

**IN4 – Rowdies on
Thetis - article**

Times Colonist article, “Crackdown on Rowdies has quiet start at Thetis”

Received for information purposes.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 – Ditidaht Runners Trail

Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks and Trails Division, informed the Committee of a Letter of Support issued by the Parks and Trails Division to meet a June 5th grant application deadline by the Ditidaht First Nation for construction of a portion of the Runners Trail through the Nitinaht Valley.

Received for information purposes.

NB2 – Island Coastal Economic Trust Grant Approval – CVTI

It was Moved and Seconded
That the funding contribution commitment of \$743,691 from the Regional Parks budget over the four-year period (2009-2012) towards the Cowichan Valley Trail Initiative as matching funds to the grant funding commitment from Island Coast Economic Trust be reaffirmed.

MOTION CARRIED

NB3 – Cobble Hill Mountain Trail Update

Dan Brown, Parks and Trails Technician, provided an update on trail work that has taken place this year within the Cobble Hill Mountain Recreation Area and informed the Parks Committee of planned trail work for the remainder of 2009.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions from the public.

CLOSED SESSION

It was Moved and Seconded
That the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter Part 4, Division 3, Section 90(1), Subsections as noted in accordance with each agenda item.

MOTION CARRIED

The Committee moved into Closed Session at 4:20 p.m.

RISE

The Committee rose without report.

NEXT MEETING:

To be held Wednesday, August 12, 2009, at 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded
That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Chair

Recording Secretary