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**REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 03 SEPTEMBER 2008**

SUBJECT: PENDER ISLANDS COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION BYLAW

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to recommend to the Board adoption of Bylaw No. 3561 to create a Pender Islands Community Parks and Recreation Commission.

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

On June 26, 1985 the CRD Board approved Bylaw 1360, "Community Recreational Programs Participating Electoral Areas Bylaw No. 1, 1978 Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 1985" to define North and South Pender Islands as participating in the function of undertaking community recreational programming for that portion of the electoral area. On January 13, 1988 the CRD Board adopted Bylaw 1601, "Community Parks Participating Electoral Areas Bylaw No. 1, 1988 to define North and South Pender Islands as participating in the function of community parks for the same service area. From 1997 to 2006, the Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association (PIRAHA) had, by written agreement, organized the recreational programs. In late 2006 the agreement with PIRAHA was discontinued and last year a recreation Commission for Pender was established by the CRD Board. The Pender Islands parks Commission was originally established in 1987. In December 2008, a number of Commission members from each Commission will be retiring.

To be consistent with all other parks and recreation services of the CRD that have a combined parks and recreation Commission and for ease of filling a large number of vacancies it would be prudent at this time to provide for a single Commission on Pender to administer both functions.

ALTERNATIVES

- 1) That Bylaw No. 3561, "Pender Islands Community Parks and Recreation Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2008" be introduced and read a first time, read a second time, read a third time and adopted.
- 2) Do not approve the bylaw to allow the creation of a new single Commission to provide community parks and recreational programming for the Pender Islands.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No new requisition is required. Budgets for these services already exist although cost savings will be realized through economies of scale and efficiencies by having one single Commission.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS

To be consistent with all other CRD parks and recreation services that combine parks and recreation in one Commission and for ease of filling the large number of vacancies on two commissions it was determined that combining the parks and recreation commissions into one makes sense at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

“That Bylaw No. 3561, “Pender Islands Community Parks Recreation Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2008” be introduced and read a first time, read a second time, read a third time and adopted.”

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Attach: Bylaw No. 3561

COMMENTS