

Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission

November 1, 2012, 8:30 am
Galiano Island Trust/CRD Office (23 Madrona)

MINUTES

Present: Betty Kennedy (Chair), Ed Andrusiak, Allan Doty, Mike Hoebel, Jeff Patterson, Don McKinnon (Treasurer), Mario Szijarto, Jennifer Margison (recording secretary)

Regrets: Cheryl Bastedo, Dave Howe (CRD)

1. Call to Order

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

2. Approval of Agenda

6.12 Funding for memorial bench at Matthews was added to the agenda.

Jeff moved and Allan seconded the motion to approve the agenda with the amendment.

CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes of October 4th Meeting

6.2 A correction was made to the motion on the GIPRC support and involvement in the planning and development process for the "Experience the Gulf Islands" proposal and the Trans Canada Trail route. Don and Mario opposed the motion. The motion was carried by a majority vote.

Jeff moved and Allan seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 4th meeting as amended.

CARRIED.

4. Delegations

None.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Primary Business

6.1 General Discussion of the Future Direction of the GIPRC.

Jeff noted that there are now 21 shore accesses on our brochure and another 4 either completed but not on the brochure or under development, for a total of 25. As many as 44 could be developed if all those deemed suitable for issuing licences when the Master Plan was completed in 2007 were included. Jeff has identified 7 accesses as high priority. Don requested a complete list of accesses including comments on accesses from the October 2012 GIPRC meeting. Jeff has a CD of the Shore Access Inventory that he will update for the next meeting. Suggestion that the GIPRC begin looking beyond shore accesses at other responsibilities such as the community parks. It was noted that there are 6 or 7 community parks in the 2007 plan but no management plan for these parks has been developed; nor has there been any development of facilities. Question of the development of campsites as the OCP review confirmed no camping so a discussion with the trustees

would need to occur regarding this. Betty will check with the local trustees by meeting individually with each of them re: development of Community Park 4. A suggestion was made to contact BC Parks. There are also some developed shore accesses that could use further improvements. Discussion of the idea of picnic tables as seen on Saturna as a next level of amenity on shore accesses (Gulfview and Harper were mentioned as possible locations), perhaps as memorials like benches. Caution that permits may be required if picnic tables are installed on a cement pad. Clarification needed on this. Trails should also be prioritized for development and possible connection opportunities. It was noted that accommodating cycling on the Studies Bay Trail would be difficult and would require extra funding. Ed will be convening a meeting in the second or third week in November with all the trails organizations to further discuss identification of all accessible trails.

6.2 Experience the Gulf Islands (EGI) Project

Ed noted that there is nothing substantive on this as it is very much at a preliminary stage and the concept plan is not yet developed. In response to some concerns expressed about this project and the triple bottom line model, Ed mentioned that the GIPRC has a trails plan that is independent of the Experience the Gulf Islands project so we are not without a reference. Mike noted that the Economic Development Commission (SGIEDC) will be holding community meetings and that the triple bottom line concept does not presume growth and has been updated since the 1980's. SGIEDC has approved a proposed budget for the EGI Project planning work and will be making a recommendation to the CRD board to allocate funds for this. Discussion about increasing the number of visitors without a proper infrastructure i.e. toilets, camping, bike paths. Ed stressed that no marketing will be done without proper infrastructure in place. No promotion of the "Experience the Fraser" has occurred yet. Emphasized that this will be a community plan. There could be multiple sources of funding for infrastructure but this is unknown yet. Discussion of the fact that we are losing people from Galiano (a 10% drop since the last census) and the need for some kind of economic activity to support the population. But the activity has to be sustainable to protect the environmental values.

6.3 South Hall Kiosk

Request from the Galiano Club (GC) for a bike rack installed near the kiosk as cyclists will be stopping to look at the information. Mario obtained some pricing on a rack. \$1000 would cover the purchase and installation and provide for 6 or 10 bikes. Location will need to be determined by the GC. There would be a log placed in front of the rack to protect it from cars.

**Allan moved and Don seconded that a bike rack be purchased and installed at the South End Hall near the kiosk at an approximate cost of \$1000 plus the cost of installing a protective log barrier.
CARRIED.**

Mario ordered two barrels at a cost of \$70 each to be planted as will the bottom on the sign, with native vegetation purchased from the Conservancy. An agreement should be entered into with the GC accepting the responsibility for maintenance of the plantings.

6.4 Signage for Community Parks

Signage to be discussed as part of the Master Plan.

6.5 Xmas Lunch

Lunch will be held at Betty's with partners invited as well as several guests. Jennifer will

organize the potluck contributions.

6.6 CRD Records

Nothing further to report.

6.7 CRD Insurance

Don will follow-up on coverage for contractors and storm damage insurance.

6.8 CRD Website

Mike has requested an extension in order to get more comments from Commissioners.

6.9 Setback Requirement

Shoreline and side yards exemption has received first reading by the local Trust Committee.

6.10 Southern Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Proposal

The GIPRC has responded. Nothing further on this.

6.11 GIPRC Commissioners Terms/Appointments

Don, Betty, Cheryl and Allan have indicated their intention to stand for another two-year appointment. There have been no resignations mid-term from any other Commissioners.

6.11 Funding for Memorial Bench at Matthews

No invoice has been received for the transport of the bench so there may be an additional cost for the sponsoring resident.

7. Reports

7.1 Chair's Report

Nothing to report at this time.

7.2 CRD Director's Report

Nothing to report at this time.

7.3 Treasurer's Report

7.3.1 Status of Accounts

As of September 30:

Imprest: \$1000 balance

Parks Improvement: \$20402 spent, \$13448 balance

Maintenance: \$6487 spent, \$723 balance

Recreation: \$21800 spent, \$958 balance

Skatepark: \$0 balance

Projected Future Expenditures for Project Contemplated or in Progress

\$2300 – Zuker railings

\$977 – Sturdies Bay Trail

– Harper Road

- Linklater Road
- \$550 - Morning Beach stairway
- \$1000 - Mary Ann Road
- \$6000 - toilet at Recycling Centre
- \$10827 - Total
- \$3344 - Balance Parks Accounts

7.3.2 Invoices to be Approved

None.

7.3.3 Report on Payment of Invoices

Stevens Excavating	Move toilet to Gulfview	252.00
Gina Wilson	Morning Beach maintenance (Oct.)	150.00
Peter Rabatich	Skatepark maintenance (Oct.)	225.00
Edsel Nissila	Materials for Zelter	800.00
Galiano Food Program	Recreation funding	500.00
Galiano Preschool	Recreation funding	1000.00
Galiano PAC	Recreation funding	1300.00
Jeff Patterson	Keys	42.34
Betty Kennedy	Chair's expenses	55.00
Don McKinnon	Postage and printer supplies	161.99
Reg Kirkham	Transportation to Saturna	403.20
Galiano Club	Hall rental	35.00
Galiano Conservancy	Map work	35.00
Mario Szijarto	Supplies	12.31
Gina Wilson	Morning & Sticks West toilet (Nov.)	150.00
Peter Rabatich	Skatepark maintenance (Nov.)	125.00

7.4 CRD Parks Report

Nothing to report at this time.

7.5 Shore Access Report

7.5.1 Zelter #65

Completed.

7.5.2 Zuker #17

Handrail in process.

7.5.3 Ferris Road #59 (Morning Beach)

Betty has had discussion with a resident who feels that nothing in the way of a staircase will last here. Don and Mario will investigate the idea of gangway stairs or a ramp that can be pulled up.

7.5.4 Mary Ann Road #14

Discussed installation of a bench. Site plan to be completed. Discussion of split rail fence to delineate the public access from private land but length and cost will be a consideration.

7.5.5 Harper #60

Site plan to be completed after Mary Ann.

7.5.6 Linklater #61

On hold until Mary Ann and Harper are completed.

7.5.7 Twiss Beach

Betty had discussion with an adjacent landowner about the parking. Will review with local MoT representative re: the possibility of Highways adding fill to a right-of-way to create additional parking.

7.5.8 Azure #27

A post for signs is needed here. Betty will check for a survey.

7.5.8 Other Shore Access Issues

Allan will be producing a list of beach-side shore access sign requirements.

7.6 Trails Report

7.6.1 Sturdies Bay Trail

A portion needs re-surveying for the Licence of Use for the school board. Cost to be determined.

7.6.2 Toilet at Recycling Centre

No reply received from MoT yet.

7.6.3 Other Trails Issues

None.

7.7 Parks Report

7.7.1 Signage for Sticks, Tricia, Sticks West and Lord

Allan will draft a list of signs needed. Mario will arrange for a barrier to be placed to prevent cars being driven down into Sticks West Park.

7.7.2 Other Parks issues

None.

7.8 Recreation Report

7.8.1 Funding Applications

Funds granted to a group were returned. Balance is now \$958. Distribution of these funds will be considered at the December meeting.

7.9 Volunteers Report

None.

8. Projects

None

9. Other Business

Un-addressed Thoughts and Concerns (and any input from members of the public)

10. Date for Next Meeting

December 6, 2012
Potluck lunch to follow at Betty's. Partners welcome.

11. Adjournment

11:00 a.m.