

Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission

September 5, 2013 at 8:30 am
Galiano Island Trust/CRD Office (23 Madrona)

MINUTES

Present: Betty Kennedy (Chair), Allan Doty, Cheryl Bastedo, Jeff Patterson, Mike Hoebal, Mario Szijarto, Jennifer Margison (Recording Secretary), Dave Howe (CRD Director)
Regrets: Ed Andrusiak, Don McKinnon (Treasurer)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Items added to the agenda: 6.12 Benches

**Allan moved and Jeff seconded that the agenda be approved.
CARRIED.**

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Mike moved and Mario seconded that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved.
CARRIED.**

4. Delegations

Paul LeBlond, Galiano Trails Society, informed the Commission about the relocation of the trail on Peter Worthington's property. No response from the landowner yet but the trail has been registered under the GTS liability insurance. Requested an invoice for the 3 private signs to be posted. Discussion of directional sign to Collinston Point Park but will discuss with the Galiano Club. Azure beach access requires a sign to prevent people from parking in the driveway of an adjacent landowner's property. Mike will send a copy of the draft Master Plan to Paul.

Louise Decario and Sandy Pottle attended the meeting as part of the discussion on the draft Master Plan.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6. Primary Business

6.1 Master Plan Update

Jeff introduced the draft revised plan that includes highlighted changes from the 2007 Master Plan. Discussion of options for the final format of the Master Plan. 2011 census numbers will be included. Question still about Parker and Gossip Island inclusion. Question about inclusion of camping in the Community Parks (3 on Sticks Allison, Lord Park, Gossip Island and Turtle Island) in Master Plan. Trustees confirmed that camping is not on the Islands Trust priority list due to concerns about the resources for the monitoring and the

upkeep needed for public camping sites and inclusion in the OCP. Private campsites are prohibited in the OCP but it was noted that perhaps this should be reconsidered. A new cycling section has been included. Trustees will raise road safety issues at an upcoming meeting with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. Proposed that maps of developed trails and shore accesses, (3 maps for 3 parts of the island), referencing future accesses as well, be included in the Master Plan, reflecting the OCP inclusion of "Trails for Tomorrow". A trails map was not included in the 2007 Master Plan. A revised table of developed shore accesses is included, an increase from 15 in 2007 to 27, plus tables listing those for which the commission has a Licence of Occupation but no plans to develop and those slated for future development. Little change in Appendices section. Jennifer will provide 5 years of Commissioners' names to Jeff for inclusion in the Plan.

Question from Trustees about whether the GIPRC is on the referral list when a subdivision proposal and application is registered so the Commission could put forward any requests for trail and shore accesses for inclusion in the rezoning and approval process. A shore access should be established every 200-400 meters. A grant opportunity for a mutual project between First Nations and the Islands Trust is presently available. The Trustees will forward information on this to the Commission.

Thanks for Jeff for excellent work on the Master Plan revision and to the Trustees for attending the meeting. Mike will send the pdf of the plan to the Trustees. CRD will be asked to provide print copies. Question of how to get the plan out to the public.

6.2 Trails Map

Mike asked if BC Transit can be given permission to have access to a digital version of the Trails Map for a initial pre-feasibility study they are doing on all of the islands. Agreed to provide this.

6.3 Commonality Meeting – October 17

Grant Keddie has been confirmed as the speaker. Catering is confirmed. Betty is in the process of developing an agenda. Suggestions discussed for trips - Lord Park which links up to a private trail up Mt Galiano, Salamanca, Morning Beach, Matthews. Transportation needed from two ferries as well as shore access/parks trips. Need to find out travel arrangements. Approximately 40 expected. Jennifer will be available to assist and take minutes.

6.4 Galiano Cycling Brochure

Completed.

6.5 Toilet at the Recycling Centre

No other signage is required. Needs gravel around the toilet for the rainy season.

6.6 Toilet at Lovers' Leap

No response yet from BC Parks..

6.7 Vault Toilets vs. Portable Toilets

Correction that pit toilets should be referred to as vault toilets. Portable toilets have very little capacity and the cost of pumping is costly, depending on the location. Concern about the toilet at Dewinetz due to the cost for the pumpout service. Discussion of putting a vault toilet at Dewinetz or removing the portable. Tabled to next meeting when Treasurer will be present for a budget discussion.

6.8 CRD Records

Nothing further.

6.9 CRD Website

Nothing further.

6:10 Gossip and Parker Island

Clarification still needed from the CRD on the Commission's responsibility for park areas on the islands. On Gossip, it is an 8-10 acre piece of woodland designated as an ecological area. David will let Betty know if he gets any clarification.

6:11 Feedback from Fiesta

Betty reported enthusiastic comments on the work of the GIPRC and lots of requests for further development of shore accesses and trails including: 8 requests for land access to Donesio Park (although this is beyond the GIPRC's responsibility), request for connection from Montegue Park to Heritage Forest (Open Street Map can put this walk online), general comments on desire for more trails and shore accesses, 5 requests for kayak launching sites, better signage to beaches and trails, some requests for more toilets, some requests for less toilets, request for another shore access off Gulf Drive.

6:12 Benches

Benches are available due to a community service requirement. The Commission feels the design needs improving in order to use these. Discussion of possible locations: Morning Beach, Sticks West Community Park, Harper and Salamanca.

7. Reports

7.1 Chair's Report

None.

7.2 CRD Director's Report

Dave mentioned that the senior management team has changed in this past year: new Chair of Board, CAO and General Manager. Dave asked Betty to send a copy of the email re: Gossip, Parker and camping to him to pursue.

7.3 Treasurer's Report

No report due to Treasurer's vacation.

7.4 CRD Parks Report

Nothing to report.

7.5 Shore Access Report

7.5.1 Ferris Road #59 (Morning Beach)

Nothing further.

7.5.2 Mary Ann Road #14

Still waiting for fence construction.

7.5.3 Harper Road #48

Nothing further.

7.5.4 Mathews Point/ Whipple #15

Almost completed. All private signs are up to notify people who use the existing trail. Due to workload of current contractors, a suggestion was made to put a call out and establish a list composed of those available and qualified to do work in the future.

7.5.5 Other Shore Access Issues

Question about notification to landowners and realtors regarding several future shore access developments. Landowners near Serenity have been notified. Morning Beach bike rack needs attention. Linklater #61 sign needed.

7.6 Trails Report

7.6.1 Bluffs Park/Winstanley Road

Signage needed. Allan and mike will assess.

7.6.2 Other trails issues

None.

7.7 Parks Report

7.7.1 Signage for Sticks, Tricia, Sticks West

No signage yet for Sticks West Park..

7.7.2 Other Parks Issues

Tabled to next meeting. Signage needed re: park and private land at Sticks West. Galiano Trails Society will be asked to look into this trail.

7.8 Recreation Report

7.8.1 Funding Applications

Nothing further.

7.9 Volunteers Report

None.

8. Projects

None

9. Other Business

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

A member of the public asked about a possible nature walk and shore access at Ringlet.

10. Date for Next Meeting

October 3, 2013

11. Adjournment

11:05am