

Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission

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

DRAFT MINUTES

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

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

**Mike moved and Ed seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED.**

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

4. Delegations

Paul LeBlond from the Galiano Trails Society provided an update on plans for the coming year. Pursuing an agreement with BC Parks in order to develop trails in 3 places: at Montegue from the boat ramp to the Community Forest adjacent to the park (which would provide the cross-island connection mentioned in the Experience Gulf Islands project; at Bodega Ridge on the back side which would create a loop; from Bodega Beach Drive into Lot 79 to the Ecological Reserve area on the ridge all the way to Cook Road. GTS has a new board member, Steve Chatwin who is involved in orienteering and uses very detailed maps which he is going to obtain. May be useful for planning trails. BC Gaming Commission has refused request for funds to produce maps but noted that the Trails Society can ask for up to \$20,000 for the development of trails on public property. The GTS will mention to BC Parks the need for a toilet facility and garbage collection at Lovers' Leap. Betty will follow-up. GIPRC could partner with them on pump-outs possibly.

5. Correspondence

Thank you note from the Library expressing appreciation for bringing Grant Keddie to Galiano as their first educational speaker.

Discussion of an email from Commissioner, Cheryl Bastedo expressing some concern about the lack of legal easements through properties that are being established by the Galiano Trails Society that could result in problems in the future if owners do not wish the public to access trails on private land in the future. Noted that the agreements through the GTS are to address trespass issues in that owners must give permission, the agreements are for only 5 years or can be rescinded by owners at any time and provide liability protection. Noted that there have not been any problems to date with agreements entered into by the GTS. Seen as a progressive response to the changing nature of land ownership

where a legal easement is an encumbrance that many owners do not want. Betty noted a different attitude toward shore accesses now than in the past.

6. Primary Business

6.1 Master Plan Feedback

No feedback received although notices were posted on boards and in the Active Page and hard copies were made available at 3 locations as well as online.

Jeff noted that the prospect for trails through new subdivisions through partnership with BC Parks should be noted in the Master Plan. This should be checked with CRD Parks for comment before including this. Ed will work with Betty on an inquiry to the CRD re: BC Parks. Jeff noted possible development of a trail through Lot 79 in cooperation with Islands Trust is also not in the plan and which is also a new model of trail development partnerships.

Appreciation was expressed to Jeff for all his work on the Master Plan. The plan will be adopted at the January meeting.

6.2 Brochure

Donna from DoMo presented a draft of the revised and enlarged brochure in two versions with a coloured and a plain background on the map. Suggested having the Conservancy run a final draft before going to print. Content needs proofing. Revisions need to be submitted to Donna 3 weeks in advance of printing. Target printing date – April. Ed will be the contact for all revisions by the end of January. Flag projects that are in process over next three month that should be included as the brochure will be in place for 2 years. Jennifer will email Donna a list of emails so the brochure can be distributed to all Commission members and to the Galiano Club.

6.3 Commission Vacancies

Referred to in-camera session..

6.4 First Nations/Islands Trust Project Grant

No further information.

6.5 Joint Projects at Lions Park

No further information.

6.6 Toilets

Betty will follow-up on coordination of toilet pumpouts with BC Parks.

6.7 Callout for Additional Contractors

Several other contractor names were mentioned who could be contacted for future projects if needed. The GTS could also be contacted to see if they can take on any future trail work.

7. Reports

7.1 Chair's Report

None.

7.2 CRD Director's Report

None.

7.3 Treasurer's Report

No report due to absence of Treasurer.

7.3.1 Status of Accounts

No report.

7.3.2 Invoices to be Approved

**Allan moved and Mike seconded the payment of \$1655 to Gord Palmberg for split rail fence at Mary Ann.
CARRIED.**

7.3.3 Report on Payment of Invoices

No report.

7.3.4 Projected Future Expenditures

No report.

7.4 CRD Parks Report

No report.

7.5 Shore Access Report

7.5.1 Ferris Road #59 (Morning Beach)

Completed.

7.5.2 Mary Ann Road #14

Completed.

7.5.3 Harper Road #60

Postponed until 2014. Deadline for archeology permit extended.

7.5.4 Mathews Point/ Whipple #15

Completed.

7.5.5 Wesley

Letter to landowners to be sent.

7.5.6 Other Shore Access issues

DL 79 and Dewinitz - noted that there could be possible trail/shore access development from the subdivision of lands. Owners have decided that public access will be provided through BC Parks rather than the CRD or a local organization.

7.6 Trails Report

7.6.1 Sturdies Bay

The licence with the school still needs to be finalized.

7.6.2 Ringlet

Needs to be walked.

7.6.3 Ringlet

Needs to be walked to see if this merits attention.

7.6.4 Other trails issues

Noted that the Winstanley trail in Bluff Park is confusing. Suggestion made to contact the Galiano Club about posting approximately 6 directional trail signs to make trail route clearer and to post 4 signs "To Bluff Park" on the GIPRC trails. Allan will check with the Galiano Club about posting 1 sign "To Winstanley Road" on the Galiano Club's trail on Winstanley..

7.7 Parks Report

7.7.1 Signage for Sticks West

Needs to be assessed.

7.7.2 Community Parks

Nothing new.

7.7.3 Other Parks Issues

None.

7.8 Recreation Report

None.

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)

Ed moved and Allan seconded that the Commision move to an in-camera session.
CARRIED.

10. Date for Next Meeting

Meeting will be moved to January 3 pending availability of Islands Trust office

11. Adjournment

10:20 am