

Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission

July 3, 2014 at 8:30 am
Galiano Island Trust/CRD Office (23 Madrona)

MINUTES

Present: Betty Kennedy (Chair), Don McKinnon, Ed Andrusiak, Dora FitzGerald, Gloria Schmidt, Mario Szijarto, Mike Hoebel, , Dave Howe (CRD Director), John Coulthard (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Allan Doty

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

**Ed moved and Gloria seconded that the agenda be approved.
CARRIED**

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Dora moved and Gloria seconded that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved with the correction that Don McKinnon be added to the list of those present.
CARRIED**

4. Delegations

4.1 Paul Leblond, Galiano Trails Society:

Paul gave a report on current activities of the Galiano Trails Society. Galiano Trails is joining with other Gulf Islands trail societies to form the Gulf Islands Trails Society (GITS), a non profit society created to share common expenses and experiences. In particular a significant financial advantage is gained by sharing the cost of insurance. The structure of the society is that the members will be delegates from the member societies. The registration papers have been sent to the Registrar of Companies. Saltspring Island will not be participating at this time.

Jim and Vilupti Barrineau and the Gratitude Foundation have opened a private park, the TAPOVAN Sri Chimnoy Peace Park. The Trails Society was heavily involved in the trail development and is providing insurance for the trails. Paul distributed a brochure describing the park trail network.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Primary Business

6.1 Recreation Grants

Don moved and Dora seconded that the commission approve the recreation grants as follows:

Organization	Amount Granted	Grant in Aid	Program
Galiano Isl. Parks & Rec.			
Galiano Club		6000	Food Program, School Garden
Galiano Acitivity Centre Soc.	15800		Community Recreation, Fitness Centre, Summer Program
Galiano Conservancy Assn.	3200	2800	Nature Program
Galiano Health Care Soc.	2000		Seniors Wellness and Recreation
Galiano School PAC	1600		Kayaking, Spring Break Program, Sports Day
Galiano Preschool Soc.	2000	1200	Nature Buddies, Discover Music, Swimming Lessons, Field Trip.
	24600	10000	

CARRIED.

Mike moved and Ed seconded that the commission recommend to Dave Howe, CRD Director, that the unfunded requests be covered by Grants in Aid.

CARRIED

The commission discussed the possibility of requesting an increase in the tax assessment allocated to Parks and Recreation in order to increase the amount available for our recreation grants. It is clear that we have more demands for recreation grants then we have a budget to meet it. This would mean a tax increase but the benefits would be visible to taxpayers.

6.2 Master Plan Printing

No change.

6.3 New Requirements for Archaeological Assessments of “High Potential” Sites.

The commission was made aware that an archaeological survey is required if any soil disturbance is planned for facilities or structures on a site where there is a high potential for archaeological activity, for example a midden or camp. This may be a consideration when developing the potential new park on DL79.

6.4 North Island Jamboree

This was very successful. The most requests made were for information about kayak access points on the island and about access to Dionisio Park. The commission has heard the request for information about kayak access in the past and decided to develop a sign for this purpose, for example, “Kayak and canoe launching permitted.”. The commission would also like to have the access points marked on their map.

6.5 Dog Waste Cans

Three cans have been ordered and will be delivered to the island on Monday. The cost will be \$675 for the cans. The bags have been ordered. They will be placed at Morning Beach,

Sticks Allison and the Sturdies Bay Trail (Recycling). There was discussion about who would service the cans. Don will ask the contractors currently servicing the toilet sites if they can pick up and dispose of the dog waste. This is a pilot project.

6.6 Bench Donations.

The commission has a cheque in hand for \$750 for a bench. They decided that it would be best to have one standard price even though the individual cost may vary due to differences in the installation cost. In the future a price of \$850 will be quoted. An email will be sent to Dave Howe asking if these donations are eligible for an Income Tax Receipt.

6.7 Resolution on Tanker Traffic/Pipeline Development.

Dora circulated the following proposal for consideration by the Commission.

The Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission is opposed to any increase in tanker traffic, both regarding the size of the tankers, the materials they may carry, and the volume of anticipated traffic. The waters surrounding our island are an integral part of our community in terms of recreational value to residents and visitors as well as economic value realized through fishing off our shores and shell fish harvesting off our rocky shoreline. A spill of any magnitude would have disastrous consequences for our community.

Moved Mike seconded Gloria to adopt the recommendation circulated to the commission by Dora. Carried.

The statement will be sent to the CRD.

6.8 Toilet Maintenance

The toilets will be pumped out on Monday.

7. Reports

7.1 Chair's Report

None.

7.2 CRD Director's Report

No report.

7.3 Treasurer's Report

7.3.1 Status of Accounts

Parks & Rec.	2014 Budget Report		
June 30,2014	Budget	Spent	Balance
Parks Improvement	35220	24694	10526
Parks maintenance	7500	5140	2360
Meeting expense allowance.	1780	825	955
Recreation	24550	24550	0
Recreation meeting expense	880	0	880
Imprest account	.	217	

7.3.2 Invoices to be Approved

None

7.3.3 Report on Payment of Invoices

Requisitions this period:

Michelle Fox	Spring trail maintenance/inspection	June17/14	725.00
Peter Rabatich	Skate park maintenance&gardening	Juy 3/14	650.00
Gina Wilson	Facility maintenance	Juy 3/14	550.00
Galiano Trading	Misc. Supplies	Juy 3/14	84.62

7.3.4 Projected Future Expenditures

Projected future expenditures:

Harper Road (hand rail)	2000
Linklater parking	500
New garbage cans	1350
Toilet maintenance	1500
Total:	5350

**Don moved and Gloria seconded that the Treasurer's Report be approved.
CARRIED**

7.4 CRD Parks Report

No report.

7.5 Shore Access Report

7.5.1 Harper Road #60

The handrail is not in yet. The cost will be about \$2000.

7.5.2 Wesley #9

Some commission members will go visit the landowners sometime this summer.

7.5.3 DL79 – Community Park

Betty discussed this proposal with Bowie Keefer who offered all the help he can give. Betty thanked Bowie and indicated that the commission was not ready at this point.

7.5.4 Linklater #51 – Parking.

Neither the parking stalls nor the signs are done yet.

7.5.5 Sturdies Bay #7

The commission has no rights to develop this access point so there is nothing to do.

7.5.6 Zillwood #31

No report.

7.5.7 Serenity #26

The commission will place a sign at this undeveloped beach access to clearly identify it.

7.5.8 Alder Way #27

A next door neighbor was worried about a tree on this undeveloped shore access. They got permission from the Highways Department to take the tree down at their expense. This is all done and taken care of.

7.5.9 Other Shore Access Issues

There is a potential shore access (#5) off Gulf Drive next door to the News. Apparently a fibre optic cable is currently being laid there. The commission decided to wait and see what the site looks like after the cable has been laid before making a decision.

7.6 Trails Report

7.6.1 Ringlet

No action.

7.6.2 Other trails issues

None.

7.7 Parks Report

7.7.1 Galiano Island Junior Roller Derby Fund Raiser

The date has been moved to Aug. 9th. This group seems very well organized. The commission asked the CRD to forward their conditions which were circulated by email ahead of this meeting.

Moved Ed seconded Dora that the application be approved once the conditions have been met. Carried.

8. Projects

9. Other Business

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

A suggestion was made to allocate a small budget to go out to Turtle Island and make sure the site is still respected and that our sign is still there. Some commissioners wondered if it would be possible to find a local resident who would volunteer to check up on it. John indicated he would examine it through binoculars the next time he goes past it in his sailboat.

10. Date for Next Meeting

Thursday, August 7, 2014.

11. Adjournment

10:40 am