

Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission

May 7, 2015 at 8:30 am
Galiano Island Trust/CRD Office (23 Madrona)

MINUTES

Present: Betty Kennedy (Chair), Ed Andrusiak, Dora FitzGerald, Mike Hoebel, Don McKinnon (Treasurer), Gloria Schmidt, Mario Szijarto, Paul LeBlond (CRD Director Alternate & Galiano Trails Society), Jennifer Margison (Recording Secretary)

Regrets:, Allan Forget, Dave Howe (CRD Director)

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

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

Added 6.11 Bylaw and 6.12 Harbour Commission Meeting

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Ed moved and Dora seconded that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved.
CARRIED**

**Ed moved and Mario seconded that the minutes from the previous Special Open meeting be approved.
CARRIED**

4. Delegations

None.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Primary Business

6.1 Commonality Meeting

Discussion of the Spring Commonality held on Mayne the day before. Galiano will host the Fall Commonality Meeting to be held on October 21, Gloria will arrange hall reservations and catering. Discussion of a possible speaker and agenda topics.

6.2 Chamber of Commerce Map & Guide

A full membership in the Chamber has been purchased: \$50 for the basic membership fee, \$40 for the additional fee for inclusion with all Chamber adverts for a total of \$90. The GIPRC is now listed on the Chamber's web page & in the 2015 'Guide & Map'. One of the descriptive paragraphs in this new Guide concerns Morning Beach Allan requested that it include a reference to the GIPRC & to the GIPRC's own brochure of

Trails & Shore/Beach Accesses. In addition, the GIPRC will be listed in the 'Outdoor Activities' section of the 'Guide & Map'. Will be printed shortly.

6.3 MoU – Galiano Trails Society

Reviewed progress on the drafting of a MoU with the Trails Society.

6.4 Help Wanted

Posters are up asking for expressions of interest for contractors who could assist with improving and maintaining the shore accesses, constructing and maintaining trails, erecting directional and information signs, providing and maintaining toilet facilities, benches and picnic tables, developing and managing and maintaining community parks and facilities. Posters will be left up following three expressions of interest. Contact is Don McKinnon by email.

6.5 GIPRC Facebook Page

The Commission is interested in having Allan proceed with the development and administration of a GIPRC Facebook page that would allow comments and photos from the Commission and the public to be posted.

6.6 Active Pass Festival

Mike reported on a very successful first Active Pass Arts and Nature Festival, based on Mayne Island. Next year's festival will be based on Galiano, to be held on the Earth Day weekend of April 22, 23 and 24th. The banquet had 150 people attending and an estimated 300-400 participated in a variety of the activities. Numbers are still being tallied.

6.7 Whale Trail Update

Mike is proceeding with this affiliation and reported on this at the Commonality meeting. Mario will consult with the sign company to see if excess signs that we have in storage can be reused for Whale Trail signage. There was some interest expressed at the Commonality meeting in other islands' Commissions purchasing signs from GIPRC.

6.8 Property Tax

Nothing further. No final 2015 budget has yet been received from the CRD.

6.9 Summer Lunch

Betty will host the annual summer lunch on June 4 at 12:30 for Commissioners, their partners and GIPRC supporters. Gloria and Jennifer will coordinate the potluck.

6.10 Neighbourhood Shore Cleanup Days

Jennifer proposed the idea of the GIPRC promoting an annual event. She and Gloria will discuss this further.

6.11 Bylaw Referral

Discussion of revisions to this proposed bylaw and its impact on the work of the GIPRC. A written response from the GIPRC to the Islands Trust will be sent to the bylaw referral with the suggestion of adding the wording "highway and other public lands" in order to avoid the Commission having to apply for a development permit.

6.12 Harbour Commission Meeting

Sheila Midgely is holding a meeting on Wednesday, May 20 at 10:00 am at the Galiano

Inn and requested representation from the GIPRC to provide more information on the Commission. Betty will attend and Ed will also be there for Experience the Gulf Islands.

6.13 Other Issues

Paul reported to David Howe the problems being experienced with the payment of invoices by the CRD. Don will also follow-up. Don is asking for email confirmation by the CRD when he scans and emails invoices. He is also concerned about deposit of cheques into our account.

7. Reports

7.1 Chair's Report

No report.

7.2 CRD Director's Report

No report.

7.3 Treasurer's Report

7.3.1 Status of Accounts

As of April 30, 2015.

Parks Improvement	\$1153 spent; \$34697 balance
Parks Maintenance	\$5769 spent; \$1881 balance
Meeting Expense Allowance	\$853 spent; \$977 balance
Recreation	\$0 spent; \$24500 balance
Recreation Meeting Expense	\$0 spent; \$880 balance
Imprest Account	\$227

7.3.2 Invoices to be Approved

None.

7.3.3 Report on Payment of Invoices

Still to be provided by Don. I will add these when I receive them.

7.3.4 Projected Future Expenditures

DL79 \$8800

**Mario moved and Ed seconded approval of the Treasurer's Report.
CARRIED**

7.4 CRD Parks Report

None.

7.5 Shore Access Report

7.5.1 Wesley #9

On hold.

7.5.2 Linklater #61

Betty visited the site with adjacent landowners to assess parking improvements. MoTI representative also visited and provided verbal approval to remove some trees. A bucket truck would be required. Mario investigated arranging for a bucket truck to do this. Cost would be about \$1800 with a \$500 savings included if the wood is kept by the contractor. There would be a cost of \$500 to just do a little excavation without tree removal. Betty also requested "No Parking" signs along one side. Don offered to discuss options further with one of the adjacent landowners.

7.5.3 Whiteware #5

Shaw will require truck access here. Good parking on Gulf Drive so little that needs to be done here except perhaps a boulder or "No Parking" placed seaward of where Shaw needs access.

7.5.4 Cayzer #65

Agreed that the main post with the GIPRC signage be relocated for better direction to the trail.

7.5.5 Trincomali #37

Post has now been stabilized.

7.5.6 Dewinetz #50

Don reported on the problem and expense of getting toilets pumped at the north end. A vault toilet would be ideal right off the road at DL 79 in place of the Dewinetz temporary toilet. Suggestion to make it a standing order that the Dewinetz toilet get pumped whenever the septic company comes to do other septic work. Don will request a pumpout of all toilets including Dewinetz and Paul requested adding the Peace Park toilet, to be paid for separately.

7.5.7 Gulfside #69

Nothing further.

7.5.8 Serenity #26

Betty and Ed visited this shore access to assess the development potential. Recommendation made to notify landowners that we will proceed with a survey and then will assess development of this access while considering the issues of parking, turnaround, rugged terrain and value of the access. Ed will notify owners and the surveyor. Betty asked that Commissioners visit this shore access before the next meeting.

7.5.9 Other Shore Access Issues

Discussion about reducing the number of signs at shore accesses. Logs on shore accesses will be monitored. Mario will have Rene look at a shifted step.

7.6 Trails Report

7.6.1 Ringlet

Nothing further.

7.6.2 Sturdies Bay

Cleanup work has been completed on this trail.

7.6.2 Other Trails issues

None.

7.7 Parks Report

7.7.1 DL 79

Latest version of the draft covenant from the CRD has been circulated. This is satisfactory to the GIPRC if this is agreeable to the Islands Trust. As soon as the legal transfer occurs, the gate will be removed and the public will be able to have access and provide input into the park management plan that Mike will coordinate.

7.7.2 Lord Road Park

Tabled to next meeting.

7.7.2 Other Trails Issues

None.

7.8 Recreation Report

Nothing further.

7.9 Volunteers Report

Nothing further.

8. Projects

None

9. Other Business

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

None.

10. Date for Next Meeting

Thursday, June 4, 2015.

11. Adjournment

Ed moved and Paul seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at **10:50** am and move in camera in accordance with the *Community Charter*, Part 4, Division 3, 90(1) (b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a regional district award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the regional district on condition of anonymity; and (1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district.

CARRIED.

Betty Kennedy, Chair, Galiano Parks and Recreation Commission

