

Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission

August 6, 2015 at 8:30 am
Galiano Island Trust/CRD Office (23 Madrona)

MINUTES

Present: Betty Kennedy (Chair), Ed Andrusiak, Dora FitzGerald, Allan Forget, Mike Hoebel, Don McKinnon (Treasurer), Gloria Schmidt, Mario Szijarto, Jennifer Margison (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Dave Howe (CRD Director), Paul LeBlond (CRD Director Alternate & Galiano Trails Society),

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:28 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

**Don moved and Allan seconded that the minutes from the previous meetings (July 2 and 14) be approved.
CARRIED**

4. Delegations

Request from a member of the public to consider the following motion:
"The GIPRC endorses the idea of asking the school district to put signs at the entrances to Centennial Park (along the back roads and the Sturdies Bay Trail) explaining the boundaries and purpose of the nature protection area and to use the area for nature study with the students, thus also patrolling it." Tabled to the next meeting.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Primary Business

6.1 Fiesta

Discussion of possible developments at DL 79, Spotlight Cove and Saltery Bay (Heather Road) occurred at this event.

6.2 Next Commonality Meeting

Discussion of possible speakers for October 22.

6.3 Shoreline Cleanup Day

Jennifer reported that she had discussed this idea with the manager of GIRR who was interested in supporting this effort, possibly the weekend prior to the Active Pass Festival.

6.4 GIPRC Shore Access & Trails App

Discussion of online options: downloading the brochure, loading our map onto PDG Maps and access through Open Street Maps. Mike will assist Gloria in detailing these options for The Active Page column.

6.5 Whale Trail Update

32 signs have now been recycled for the Whale Trail signage. Mike posted 5 at our shore accesses and distributed 8 to Pender and 5 to Saturna and 4 will go to Mayne. Signs have been put on shore access posts where available. Put notification on next trails map. Will be adding some 20 sites to the BC Whale Trail site. Mike will talk with Don about sending invoices to the other islands. Whiteware would be another location.

6.6 Toilets

Ed did some research on other pump out services in relation to garbage problems in the toilets and circulated the info to Commissioners. Discussion of how to deal with the problem. Don has been looking at garbage cans for possible installation at the toilets and will bring the info to the next meeting. Suggestion to put garbage can inside the toilet. Betty talked to Chamber of Commerce about taking some responsibility for garbage but has not heard back. Mayne has garbage cans outside their toilets and they pay for pickup. We have 7 toilets plus one at the Peace Park. Don will talk to Gina about GIRR toilet where the pump out could not be completed, to determine whether we need a pump out now. Suggestion to install recycling containers along with garbage containers. Don will investigate further.

6.7 Skate Park

A request has been made to expand the skate park to accommodate ripsticks, another recreational use of the park. Noted that there was a separate society to fundraise for the park initially.

6.8 Other Issues

None.

7. Reports

7.1 Chair's Report

No report.

7.2 CRD Director's Report

7.3 Treasurer's Report

7.3.1 Status of Accounts

As of July 31, 2015.

Parks Improvement	\$3360 spent; \$32490 balance
Parks Maintenance	\$9854 spent; -\$2204 balance
Meeting Expense Allowance	\$853 spent; \$977 balance
Recreation	\$25300 spent; \$0 balance
Recreation Meeting Expense	\$0 spent; \$880 balance

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7.3.2 Invoices to be Approved

None.

7.3.3 Report on Payment of Invoices

Miscellaneous Supplies	\$68.58
Surveys: Serenity Lane & Montague	\$1575
Trail Maintenance	\$70
Facility Maintenance	\$800
Skate Park Maintenance	\$150

7.3.4 Projected Future Expenditures

DL79 Environmental Assessment	\$800
Montague Harbour toilet	\$8000
Whiteware #5 Improvements	\$7300
Total:	\$16100

Request for Don to send Michelle's inspection report to Betty and Allan as well as Mario.

Noted that Capital Reserve account has been debited \$6936 by the CRD for DL79 although the GIPRC had raised objections about this previously.

**Ed moved and Gloria seconded \$1575 payment to Peter Thompson for surveys at Montague and Serenity.
CARRIED.**

Discussion of maintenance of skate park. Set up an agreement with a new maintenance person.

**Gloria moved and Dora 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 Whiteware #5

Several Commissioners visited this site. Concerns about road allowance. Pins had been moved and have now been moved back. Peter resurveyed. The shore access is not as wide as thought. Allan and Mario will recheck. Discussion about installation of stone and metal steps. Confirmed parking for 2 or 3 cars. Shaw needs to protect their cables. Betty will contact them. Email received from an adjacent landowner. Supportive but asked about handrail and when work would be done. Betty responded. Now in the design phase.

7.5.3 Cayzer #65

Adjacent landowner has put up a fence along the shore access and sign has been re-located. Landowners reported that they have been told by Hydro that a gate has to be put in the fence. Private signs will be provided. Steps need to be repaired. Allan will inspect and follow up with Mario.

7.5.4 Gulfside #69

Tabled.

7.5.5 Serenity #26

Survey has been completed. Can do a loop walk to Azure at low tide. Discussion of what would be required to develop this access and provide access to the beach. Mario will have Rene assess this site.

7.5.6 Montague

Survey completed. Noted that there is a house shown projecting 10' onto road allowance. Suggestion to locate toilet between bus shelter and a shed. Commissioners will inspect the site. Harbour Commission will be asked about cost sharing.

7.5.7 Morning Beach #59

Adjacent landowner asked about logs impeding access to the beach. This issue was previously discussed by the Commission and no action will be taken.

7.5.8 Other Shore Access Issues

Oceanview #23

A large truck has been parked there for some time blocking the trail access. The RCMP has been contacted and said they would talk to the owner if they could contact them. Ed will find the survey and contact MoTI and the CRD.

Arbutus Road #11

A fallen tree has been cleaned up here and Allan contacted Hydro who may have been doing work here.

Mary Ann #14

Additional private signs have been provided to the adjacent landowner.

Spotlight Cove #38

Request by a neighbour for a Shore Access sign on Porlier Pass Road to prevent trespassing on private property. Discussion of parking signs. Description on GIPRC map should read "at the end of Spotlight Cove Road".

Heather Road #45

Complaint received about a neighbour using the shore access as parking for a B & B. Add a "No Overnight Parking" sign.

7.6 Trails Report

7.6.1 Ringlet

Nothing further.

7.6.2 Other Trails issues

None.

7.7 Parks Report

7.7.1 DL 79

Waiting for official transfer of land.

7.7.2 Lord Road Park

Mike moved and Allan seconded that an official GIPRC sign be installed in addition to current signage.

CARRIED.

7.8 Recreation Report

Dora reported that all those who received funding were appreciative and understood how funding needs to be allocated. Discussion of how to proceed with applications next year. One suggestion is an information meeting to be convened early in the year (January or February) that all interested applicants would be required to attend. The GIPRC will also request an increase in the budget.

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)

10. Date for Next Meeting

Thursday, September 3, 2015.

11. Adjournment

11:35

Betty Kennedy, Chair, Galiano Parks and Recreation Commission