

# Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission

May 5, 2016 at 8:30 am

Galiano Island Trust/CRD Office (23 Madrona)

**Present:** Betty Kennedy (Chair), Ed Andrusiak, Mike Hoebel, Werner Heinrich, 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

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

## 2. Delegations

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None.

## 3. Approval of Agenda

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

## 4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

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**Paul moved and Ed seconded that the minutes from the April 7, 2016 meeting be approved.  
CARRIED**

## 5. Correspondence

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None.

## 6. Primary Business

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### 6.1 Powers of the Commission Sub-Committee

Nothing further.

### 6.2 Map and Brochure

Mike circulated a draft of kiosk map and will get a cost estimate for 3 copies. Discussion of where to put maps including the South Hall and displays. The brochure will be found at the website address on the map.

### 6.3 Active Pass Festival – April 22-24

Report on GIPRC table. Sold 2 signs. Request received that wild flowers at Shore Access #58 be protected with a low mounted sign. Agreed. Allan will be asked to install one. Request that DFO phone number for whale watching concerns be posted at Bellhouse Park. Mike reported he has been having discussions about a WhaleTrail interpretative panel at Bellhouse, cost to be covered BC Parks. Will see if DFO phone # can be added to the panel. Otherwise it would be another negotiation with BC Parks. Mike will also check about the replacement of the bench in Bellhouse.

#### **6.4 Bylaw and Budget**

Don and Werner reported on their meeting with the CRD's Raj Sharma and Peggy Dayton. GIPRC budget is linked to the taxes, up to the limit of the assessed amount. Cannot move money between the two line items: Parks and Recreation. Any surplus in either would go to the Capital Reserve Fund. Grants-in-aid come from tax base too and allocation is at the discretion of the Regional Director. Looked at other islands' budgets. Community Works Fund is another source of funding from gas tax fund and Werner distributed a breakdown of the allocations to the different islands. Mike mentioned he has applied for funds for a community bus under the Mayne Island Bus Society as a pilot project. Suggestion to put the Community Works Fund on the next Commonality Meeting agenda. Was assured that the tax levy raised on Galiano only gets spent on Galiano. Possibility of increasing the recreation budget. Suggested that a motion requesting a bylaw change regarding this be made in July. A bylaw change would give the Director the discretion to raise the tax rate for this purpose. Already has made a bylaw change allowing the Director to increase the budget for Parks.

#### **6.5 Montague Toilet**

Permit is in the mail and the toilet will be delivered shortly. Information has been left with the Hummingbird Pub regarding the advertising in the toilet. Discussion of concerns about its location and possible damage to tree routes brought to the Commission's attention at the last meeting. Suggestion to screen the toilet will be followed.

#### **6.6 Park Benches**

Discussion of alternatives to a BC Parks style bench - now \$830 plus installation. Other types of benches are at Salamanca and Murcheson. Don will check with the town of Sidney on their benches. Gloria will check with Oak Bay. A local contractor is possibly interested.

#### **6.7 Active Pass Tide Tables**

Gloria has not heard back from The Active Page

#### **6.8 Fall Commonality Meeting**

The Fall Commonality Meeting will be held on Pender. Possible dates suggested; Sept. 21, 22, 28 or 29 or October sometime. GIPRC would prefer the 28<sup>th</sup>. John Chapman is now the Chair of the PIPRC. Rob Burnett is the new Vice-Chair. Possible agenda items include: conflict of interest, CRD handling of parks funds, review of Parks Commission governance issues.

#### **6.9 Lunch**

A potluck lunch at noon will be held at Betty's on June 9. Betty will invite a number of people connected with the Commission's business.

#### **6.10 Galiano Green**

Andrew Loveridge attended to ask for comment on the proposed Galiano Green project off Porlier Point Road. More information is required. Mike will inquire about legal status of this land to determine if it is public land or part of the strata.

## **Reports**

### **7.1 Chair's Report**

None

### **7.2 CRD Director's Report**

None

### **7.3 Treasurer's Report**

#### **7.3.1 Status of Accounts**

As of April 30, 2016.

Parks Improvement	\$2587 spent; \$24884 balance
Parks Maintenance	\$7325 spent; \$8435 balance
Meeting Expense Allowance	\$0 spent; \$1780 balance
Recreation	\$0 spent; \$25800 balance
Recreation Meeting Expense	\$55 spent; \$825 balance
Imprest Account	\$384
Capital Reserve	\$39930
Project Budget	7131
Cost Recovery (Whale Trail)	395
Sale of signs	70

#### **7.3.2 Report on Payment of Invoices**

DoMo Comm.	Brochure Design	\$798
Chamber of Comm.	Membership	\$115
Demick Silvey	Facility & skatepark maintenance	\$1125
Galiano PO	Brochure mailing	\$139.36
Gord Reimer	Tree removal/post repair	\$90
Galiano Trading	Toilet supplies & misc.	\$74.15
Mario Szijarto	Printing	\$36.89

#### **7.3.3 Projected Future Expenditures**

Montague Harbour toilet	\$12500 (from CRF)
Whiteware #5 Improvements	\$2500
Serenity #26	\$4500
Seatime	\$1600
Total:	\$24600

**Don moved and Paul seconded motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.  
CARRIED**

### **7.4 CRD Parks Report**

None.

## **7.5 Shore Access Report**

### **7.5.1 Whiteware #5**

Rene showed photos of the beach in October and in January to show how the beach area changes over the winter. Proposes building possibly 15 concrete and stone steps with a handrail from the beach. Beach erosion will always be an issue here. Can walk to the right to a nice beach. Better to start after the high tides in June. Expenditure here is worthwhile as it is the closest shore access to the ferry. Estimate \$6000.

**Mike moved and Mario seconded that whereas we have included Whiteware as a shore access in our new brochure, we build steps as described by Rene at a cost of up to \$6000. Betty added that the situation will be assessed in in two years.**

**CARRIED**

### **7.5.2 Serenity #26**

Rene reported on work needed here - opening up and a couple of steps, plus a bench - and will work on this project first. Signs have been installed but one is missing. MoTI has approached the landowner about the gate that the landowner has proposed keeping open during the day.

### **7.5.3 Seetime #13**

Tito reported on his investigation of work needed. Will cut back blackberries, leave log and install a low cedar fence to be a barrier to the drop to the beach. Rocks should preclude any parking here. He spoke with Main Road who said that a barrier may be placed here as well. He will revise his estimate.

### **7.5.4 Scorpion #10**

Allan reported that a MoTI crew did not remove the 2 dead tree trunks leaning over the trail when they were doing work there. A contractor was hired to do this.

### **7.5.5 Linklater #61**

MoTI has stabilized the land.

### **7.5.6 Zayer #12**

On hold.

### **7.5.7 Zachery**

A survey will be available at the next meeting.

### **7.5.6 Other Shore Access Issues**

Salamanca #58 & Tricia #53 - new signs installed.  
Zuker #17 – handrail post stabilized.

## **7.6 Trails Report**

### **7.6.1 Pebble Beach Trail**

It has now been determined who should be contacted regarding any maintenance issues on this trail. Commissioners who have walked it recently thought it was in good condition.

## **7.7 Parks Report**

### **7.7.1 DL 79**

Signing date has been postponed but is going ahead apparently.

### **7.7.2 Sticks Allison West Park**

Jennifer provided a report from Allan on the progress with the Sticks West Park. The trail being created in Sticks West Community Park runs roughly South to North, directly through the centre of the Park. An old access road bisects the Park, east to west, coming into the Park from the adjacent Community Forest where it has been named 'Shore Pine Trail'.

The Sticks West Trail is therefore in two sections:

- 1) from the Park's southern boundary --- Georgia View Road extension --- to the access road and,
- 2) from the access road to the Park's northern boundary, the ocean shoreline.

Allan has flagged & cut all of Section 2. The Trail begins with a GIPRC sign post and signs at the access road junction and ends at a flat sandstone shore area that is fronted with a long & thick wood plank, no doubt washed ashore, suitable as a seat. This section of the Trail is already being used.

He has also flagged & cut about half of Section 1. The second half of this Section is mostly covered with fallen & dead trees, a steep & rocky slope. This part will be left for a Trails Society work crew to tackle. The Trail begins with a GIPRC sign post & signs at the Georgia View Road entrance. Allan has included a sign announcing that the trail is under construction, that users should use caution and has cut away a wide section of large broom plants that were obscuring this Trail entrance.

Werner reported that the only response he received from his notification was an email from the owner of the adjacent property that includes Cooks Cove. Paul will propose a Galiano Trails Society work party here on May 15.

### **7.7.3 Lord Road**

A dangerous tree on a private property has been checked by MoTI but will require the attention of a falling crew that will be coming to the island. The park signs in danger of damage have been removed.

### **7.7.4 Other Parks Issues**

None.

## **7.8 Recreation Report**

No applications received yet. Gloria notified all groups that applications should be sent to Betty in her absence. There was mention again of the deadline on May 31 in the column and ad in the current Active Page.

## **7.9 Volunteers Report**

GIPRC now has 20 Park Stewards and Gloria has been collecting their applications required for CRD insurance. Paul reported that the Galiano Trails Society will be recruiting Trails Stewards. Gloria is thinking of late August or early September for a volunteer lunch.

## 8. Projects

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None

## 9. Other Business

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Next meeting reminder that John Coulthard will be receiving agenda items for the June and July meetings in Jennifer's absence. His email is [retired@galainder.ca](mailto:retired@galainder.ca).

Allan will write the next Active Page article in Gloria's absence.

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

None.

## **Date for Next Meeting**

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Thursday, June 2, 2016.

Potluck Lunch at Betty's June 9

## **Adjournment**

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11:00 am.

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Betty Kennedy, Chair, Galiano Parks and Recreation Commission