

Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission

September 1, 2016 at 8:30 am
Galiano Island Trust/CRD Office (23 Madrona)

MINUTES

Present: Betty Kennedy (Chair), Allan Forget, Mike Hoebel, Werner Heinrich, Don McKinnon (Treasurer), Gloria Schmidt, Mario Szijarto, Paul LeBlond (CRD Director Alternate & Galiano Trails Society), Jennifer Margison, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Ed Andrusiak, Dave Howe (CRD Director)

1. Call to Order

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

2. Delegations

None.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Gloria moved and Don seconded that the minutes from the Aug. 4, 2016 meeting be approved as amended.
CARRIED**

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Primary Business

6.1 Powers of the Commission & Bylaws Clarification

Clarification of the Powers of the Commission will be on the agenda for the next Commonality meeting. Dave Howe is referring the issue to Mr. Reese in the CRD legal dept. and Betty had a response from him saying he is investigating. Werner suggested an email asking for an update by the Commonality meeting.

6.2 Bylaw and Budget

Don reported that Peggy Dayton advised us to talk to Dave Howe regarding a bylaw amendment that would authorize a legal ability to increase the budget. Werner will inquire about status of the bylaw. At this point there has been no word on the budget.

6.3 Park Benches

Discussion about the policy on memorial benches. A request has been received for a plaque.

The bench for Seatime has been completed. Quote on installation is \$200-250. Will confirm the location before installation when Gord Palmberg is back. Sikkens Cetol from Slegg will be used for the finish.

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6.4 Active Pass Tide Tables

The ad is in the current Active Page on the page opposite the GIPRC column. The content may change from time to time and should include an invitation for Commissioner applications in ads before the end of the year. Cost is \$56.35 per month. It was noted that the same issue is running the Point Atkinson tide table and a request for an ongoing sponsor.

6.5 Galiano Green

Betty received a letter from Doug Latta regarding a letter of support. Betty confirmed that a referral response had already been sent by GIPRC to the Islands Trust regarding a potential small community park on land to be transferred to the CRD as part of the Galiano Green development, indicating that GIPRC would accept responsibility for management of this community park. The public hearing is coming up Sept. 19 and the referral responses will be read out.

6.6 Bike Path

Werner investigated further. Two issues were identified: requirement for a legal survey and the path must be part of an adopted Bike BC network in order to get any funding. Confirmed with MoTI that there is currently no legal survey of the road, except the survey on one side done by the GIPRC for the purpose of the recent renovation to Sturdies Bay Trail. We are not part of any CRD bike network. Mr Henderson gave Werner two names at BC Parks. Mike reported on work done on a layout for a bike path proposal away from Sturdies Bay Road if public monies were to be provided for a multi-model path. Mayne has begun work from Village Bay to Miners Bay. Engineering study alone is very expensive. This bike path has been discussed by the Economic Development Commission. Discussion about off loading cyclists last from the ferries for safety reasons. Werner will contact BC Ferries Corp., Also will contact the RCMP and MoTI for support on this. Copy Dave Howe and other islands' commissions. Will look at loading policy at Washington State Ferries.

6.7 Toilets

Allan will look at toilets to see if painting would make it easier to clean. Recycling bin is in place at Montague but still waiting for the garbage container (on order). Using Septal, a septic tank activator when toilets are cleaned to cut the odour.

7. 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 August 31, 2016.

Parks Improvement	\$16558 spent; \$10913 balance
Parks Maintenance	\$14501 spent; \$1259 balance
Meeting Expense Allowance	\$0 spent; \$1780 balance
Recreation	\$25800 spent; \$0 balance
Recreation Meeting Expense	\$55 spent; \$825 balance
Imprest Account	\$384
Capital Reserve	\$44420
Cost Recovery (Whale Trail)	395
Sale of signs	70

7.3.2 Report on Payment of Invoices

John Silvey	Twiss trail maintenance	\$325.00
Lions Club	Table rental - Fiesta	\$35.00
Tito Hector Brown	Clearing Seatime	\$660.00
Struan Robertson	Install Montague toilet	\$610.00
Gina Wilson	Facility maintenance	\$1400.00
Apple Pie	¼ page ad/1 yr.	\$710.00
Gulf island Septic	Toilet Pumpout - #59 & 69	\$231.00

7.3.3 Projected Future Expenditures

Montague Harbour toilet	\$12466 (from CRF)
Whiteware #5 Improvements	\$6000
Seatime	\$1600
Total:	\$7600

Don moved and Werner seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.

CARRIED

7.4 CRD Parks Report

None.

7.5 Shore Access Report

7.5.1 Whiteware #5

Construction trucks are continuing to park on the shore access. Completion of the adjacent house is mid to end September. Noted there are no gutters on roof of the new building right next to the access road so there is a concern about drainage making the mud situation worse in the winter. Rene has not started work yet. Shore access and "Work in Progress" signs are up. Revisit situation in a month.

7.5.2 Serenity #26

All signage is now up and the shore access is completed. The neighbourhood is apparently happy. The adjacent owner's plan is to relocate the gate. Allan and Ed were thanked for all their work on this access.

7.5.3 Seatime #13

Logs and signage are now installed. Bench will be installed shortly.

7.5.4 Zayer #12

On hold.

7.5.5 Zachery #57

Surveyed earlier this spring. Werner has notified neighbours of the survey. Rene will be asked to look at the site with some of the Commissioners and provide a report and estimate. Survey will be circulated to Commissioners.

7.5.6 Twiss #62

Completed.

7.5.7 Consiglio# 50

Work will commence shortly.

7.5.8 Harper #60

The new park stewards are Daphne and John Arber. Another "Steep" sign will be installed. Discussions have begun with the Arbers for a plaque on the existing bench. The Commission must approve the plaque and there is need for a policy that Werner and Allan will draft. Trees there will be inspected.

7.5.9 Other Shore Access Issues

Toilet Pumpout - Morning Beach and Sticks Allison #69 have been pumped. Pumping of other toilets will be done as needed and reported by cleaners. North Hall and Dewinetz toilets are cleaned by Annie Okuda. The Retreat toilet is cleaned by the Fire Dept.

Neighbour at Zelter reported a hornets nest in the earth. Allan eradicated the nest and filled in the hole. Suggested adjacent landowner might be interested in becoming a Park Steward. Gloria will follow up.

7.6 Trails Report

None.

7.7 Parks Report

7.7.1 DL 79

Pending.

7.7.2 Lord Road

Tree has not yet been removed.

7.7.3 Sticks Allison West Park

Allan will ask the Galiano Club about installing an additional sign to direct people past the Shore Pine Trail to the Stick Allison West Park. Garth Walmsley of the

Galiano Club is the director responsible for parks so is our contact for the Heritage Forest.

7.7.4 Mini Park at Porlier Pass/Cook

Ed has contacted the owner of the land, a Mr. Brown from Salt Spring Island by letter. Mr. Brown replied by email that he is not interested in having a picnic area on his property and has requested that the "No Trespassing" sign be respected.

7.7.4 Other Parks Issues

None.

7.8 Recreation Report

Grant recipients provide reports when they apply for next year's funding. If applicants do not apply, the GIPRC should send a request for a report. An email will be sent to all funded applicants. On the October meeting agenda for discussion - date for January information meeting. Suggestion to send a request for a report by Dec. 31 on how they have expended the funds received during the previous year. End of April is the deadline for applications.

Gloria reported that she was impressed by her visit to the Golf Camp for 9-14 year olds that received GIPRC funding this year. Two camps: 15 and 14 kids, a mix of on and off island kids. Instruction by Golf Club members. Also talked to parents who were very enthusiastic about the integrating of the two generations, the positive social and physical activity and the opportunity to learn new skills. Gloria sent a letter of thanks to the Golf Club.

7.9 Volunteers Report

Thirteen Park Stewards and Commissioners (total: 21 people) will attend the Appreciation Lunch to be held Sept. 10 at Betty's. Catering has been arranged. BYOB.

8. Projects

None

9. Other Business

Mario will contact Garth Walmsley at the Galiano Club regarding a need for road work at Bluffs Park.

Mike reported on the GIPRC email on the CRD server. The email account was eliminated when the new CRD website was created as it wasn't being used. Clicking on an email address on the site brings up a webform and we must go online to monitor it as the CRD won't forward anything. Mike will ask the CRD to reactivate that address and provide us with the access information. He and other Commissioners will monitor it. When it is activated, it should be publicized - GIPRC@crd.bc.ca

On Nov. 4, the Pender Island Parks and Rec Commission are coming to the north end to look at Wildfire Protection and the Heritage Forest. This is in connection with the Magic Lake Fire Access through protected lands issue on Pender. The GIPRC is invited to attend. The Commonality meeting October 19 on Pender will likely bring more information.

Transportation will need to be organized for the Commonality meeting - water taxi there and ferry back. Commissioners will be asked to report on their activities.

Inquiries will be made at the Commonality meeting about benches. Allan will make part of his report.

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

None.

Date for Next Meeting

Thursday, October 6, 2016.

Adjournment

10:45 am.

Betty Kennedy, Chair, Galiano Parks and Recreation Commission