

Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission

October 6, 2016 at 8:30 am
Galiano Island Trust/CRD Office (23 Madrona)

MINUTES

Present: Betty Kennedy (Chair), Ed Andrusiak, 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: Dave Howe (CRD Director)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

2. Delegations

Chris MacDevitt, Manager of GIRR (Galiano Recycling) attended. Discussion of a joint shoreline cleanup and how this initiative might be funded as there would be a cost for GIRR to dispose of many items that might be collected.

**Ed moved and Allan seconded the proposal that GIPRC work with GIRR on the organization of a shoreline cleanup on or close to Earth Day.
CARRIED.**

GIRR will discuss this at their board meeting on October 27 and report back to Ed.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Gloria moved and Don seconded that the minutes from the September 1, 2016 meeting be approved as amended.
CARRIED**

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Primary Business

6.1 Powers of the Commission & Bylaws Clarification

Nothing further. Werner will follow up.

6.2 Commission Vacancies

The terms of five Commissioners are ending this year and there will be several vacancies. A call for applications will be included in The Active Page ad and column.

6.3 Bylaw and Budget

Nothing further on budget. Werner was told by the CRD that the bylaw is still in process.

6.4 Park Benches

Discussion about the policy of plaques on memorial benches. The Master Plan includes a policy on benches and plaques but does not address putting plaques on already existing benches. Inquiries with regard to this were made to other islands, UVic and the municipality of Oak Bay.

**Werner moved and Don seconded that no plaques are to be placed on Commission benches without the consent of the Commission and absent a donation equal to the cost of the bench, including installation.
CARRIED.**

The donor of an already installed bench can later request a plaque on the bench for the additional cost of the plaque and installation. An inventory of benches and plaques should be compiled.

6.5 Active Page Ad

This will include information about the upcoming Commission vacancies and application procedures.

6.6 Galiano Green

A public hearing has been held but no decision has been announced.

6.7 Bike Safety

Werner talked to Washington State ferries whose policy is first on, first off when it comes to bikes. He also wrote a letter to MoTI re: an application to the ferries to request the unloading of bikes after vehicles. He received a response saying they do not oppose our application. He will contact BC Ferries and RCMP (Pender detachment) regarding this traffic safety issue. He will take some photographs this weekend.

6.8 Toilets

Don reported receiving a garbage/recycling receptacle for Montague. Gina is reporting an accumulation of garbage at Montague. Question about whether the lattice screen has been painted. Allan will inspect the toilets to see if painting the interiors would facilitate cleanup. Will look at the purchase of more heavy duty garbage/recycling containers in the new budget year.

6.9 GIPRC Email Address

Mike is monitoring this address that is now included in the Active Page ad. No correspondence as yet.

6.10 Commonality Travel

The water taxi will depart Sturdies Bay at 7:30 am, October 19th for the Commonality meeting on Pender.

6.11 Xmas Potluck

Betty will host the annual Xmas potluck following the December 1 GIPRC meeting. She will send out invitations and Jennifer will assist in organizing potluck contributions.

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 September 30, 2016.

Parks Improvement	\$17864 spent; \$9607 balance
Parks Maintenance	\$15951 spent; -\$191 balance
Meeting Expense Allowance	\$0 spent; \$1780 balance
Recreation	\$25800 spent; \$0 balance
Recreation Meeting Expense	\$55 spent; \$825 balance

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Capital Reserve	\$44420
Cost Recovery (Whale Trail)	395
Sale of signs	70

7.3.2 Report on Payment of Invoices

Galiano Excavating	Seatime log install.	\$223.13
Galiano	Toilet supplies & misc.	\$54.64
Gulf Island Septic	Pumpout - Sticks & Morning toilets	\$23100
Laurie Whittaker	Park Stewards' lunch	\$450.00
Gina Wilson	Facility maintenance	\$1200.00
Don McKinnon	Garbage can, toilet supplies	\$472.34.
Derrick Silvey	Skate park maintenance	\$250.00
Galiano Trading	Posts & cement	\$161.37

7.3.3 Projected Future Expenditures

Montague Harbour toilet	\$12466 (from CRF)
Whiteware #5 Improvements	\$6000

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

CARRIED

7.4 CRD Parks Report

None. Delete from future agendas.

7.5 Shore Access Report

7.5.1 Whiteware #5

The Park Steward reported that he spoke with the landowners adjacent to Whiteware who said they will be adding a load of gravel to the access road to the shore access to remediate damage caused by construction vehicles parking there during home construction. Work on placing the rocks will begin next week.

7.5.2 Serenity #26

Question about the need for further signage as the gate has not yet been moved. Betty will speak with Shay at Main Road.

7.5.3 Seaside #13

Completed. The new bench looks very good and is being used. The neighbours are happy. Mike will put a Whale Trail sign there. Lorelei Allen will be the Park Steward and expressed appreciation her appreciation for the work there.

7.5.4 Zayer #12

On hold.

7.5.5 Zachery #57

Allan walked the shore access but not as far as the shoreline. He reported an interesting but not flat walk. A significant clearing of debris will be required to open the trail to the beach. No trespassing signs have been erected since the notification to adjacent landowners of the survey. The private road easement ends at the border of the shore access. Werner will talk to the adjacent landowner regarding the development of the shore access.

7.5.6 Dewinetz #50

Waiting for wet weather to determine how erosion should be addressed here..

7.5.7 Scorpion #10

Allan contacted the Food Program and they collected the pears from the trees on the shore access and were very appreciative.

7.5.8 Gulfside #69

The property has now been sold and recently surveyed. Part of the GIPRC trail near the bench is on private property. Allan arranged for a new trail to be completed by Gord Reimer. Question about the strip of Crown Land paralleling the water that is public access. Look into the past discussion of the development of this trail. Agenda item for next meeting. Don will ask Peter for a copy of the survey and will distribute to all Commissioners.

7.6 Trails Report

Discussion of what part of the K to L trail in the Laughlin Lake area the GIPRC contractor is responsible for maintaining. Both the Trails Society and the GIPRC have trails in this area. The contractor should only be maintaining the upper part of the trail on the Crown Land, from the gravel storage to Roger Pettit's property line, The Trails Society is paying her to clear the Conservancy's land from the lower part

from the Crown land to Pettit's land (just before L). Allan will clarify her responsibility for the Commission.

7.7 Parks Report

7.7.1 DL 79

The land transfer has taken place. A covenant has been signed between the CRD and the Islands Trust. A management plan must now be developed for this park. Mike distributed a proposal for the framework of the management plan he has developed, partially modeled on the CRD Parks management plans. Would include prioritized actions and a timeline. Discussion of the process of community engagement. Could also be an opportunity for the public to suggest a name. Allan will arrange for signage to be installed immediately - "Future Site of Galiano Parks and Recreation Community Park" with the logo. Consider the installation of a portable toilet soon and will need to have the water quantity and quality tested. Mike will see if a report already exists.

A committee was struck to develop a questionnaire: Mike, Ed, Werner and Betty. Notices will be put in The Active Page column and on bulletin boards. Arrange for responses from the public to be dropped off at the post office, Daystar and North End Hall, as well as to a PO Box and our email address.

7.7.2 Bellhouse Park

WhaleTrail sign has not yet been installed but the bench is back. Viewings of orcas and humpbacks seem to be more frequent. Suggestion to put more WhaleTrail signs up wherever there is a good viewpoint.

7.7.3 Lord Road

Tree has not yet been removed.

7.7.4 Sticks Allison West Park

An additional sign is now up directing people to the new trail. Werner will donate funds for a bench and a plaque in honour of his parents. Don will order a bench like the one at Seatime from Gord Palmberg. Wording of the plaque will be submitted to the Commission for approval.

7.7.5 Other Parks Issues

None.

7.8 Recreation Report

There will be a 1.5% increase in the recreation budget for next year. An information meeting in January needs to be scheduled.

7.9 Volunteers Report

There are now 24 Park Stewards and possibly one more. The Appreciation Lunch was a great success and enjoyed by everyone who attended.

8. Projects

None

9. Other Business

Peter Thompson, the surveyor attended and provided information on the "return to Crown" strip along Sticks Allison. This was established to avoid the properties being designated as waterfront properties. Betty will get in touch with Steven Henderson at the CRD to see if she can obtain the strata subdivision plan. Peter said that this strip was fully surveyed and survey posts should be in place. Peter will send the survey plan to Betty for distribution.

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

None.

Date for Next Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 2016.

Adjournment

11.30 am.

Betty Kennedy, Chair, Galiano Parks and Recreation Commission