

Minutes of a Meeting of the Galiano Parks and Recreation Commission Held Thursday, Apr 7, 2022, 9:00 AM in the Galiano Community Library also via Zoom

Present: Commissioners: Charlene Dishaw (Chair), Evelyn Dewinetz, Jim Henshall, Gerald Longson, Barry New, Stephen Rybak, Lorne Byzyna (Treasurer), Andrew Simon, Paul Brent (Alternate Director, CRD) via Zoom

Staff: Michael Carrothers (Maintenance Contractor), Emma Davis (Galiano Liaison for the CRD, recording)

Also Present: Andrew Loveridge(via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Commission Dishaw provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Longson, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ryback, that the agenda be approved as amended.

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3. Adoption of Minutes

Item 7.4: amend 'people' to 'stewards'

Item 8: amend 'sent a report to the Commission by email the previous day' to 'circulated the treasurer's report to the commission'.

Item 9.1: Change \$13,000 to \$13,610, change \$12,000 to \$13,610, change \$6k to \$6610.

Item 9.2: Remove: 'ACTION: Charlene will follow up with Penelakut band manager to see if they're interested in participating persuing a protected site.'

MOVED by Commissioner Ryback, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Dewinetz, that the minutes of the March 3, 2022 meeting be adopted as ammended.

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Dishaw shared appreciation to everyone for all their work on the many projects.

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5. Correspondences

There have been some bench requests that will be covered later in the meeting.

6. Presentations/Delegations

Andrew Loveridge spoke regarding Turtle Island, located between Wise and Parker Islands and designated an ecologically protected area in 1998 (section 992) and managed by GIPRC. He wanted to encourage an expedition to Turtle Island this summer.

7. Administration Reports

7.1 Maintenance Contractor's Report

Discussion considered the Contractor's Report that was circulated the April 4 to the Commissioners. Contractor Carrothers noted that the skate park benches are in now, installed by Gord Palmberg.

Discussion considered how to maintain separation between shore access and private property once invasives removal is complete at Maryann.

ACTION: Contractor Carrothers to price out a low split rail fence and surveying if a survey isn't available.

Discussion considered purchase of a pressure washer.

ACTION: Contractor Carrothers and Commissioner Henshall will pursue purchase of a water tank.

Discussion considered Murcheson Bay washout in relation to the Sturdies Bay Trail.

ACTION: Contractor Carrothers will check whether Emcon's work is complete.

Discussion considered danger tree inspection for this year.

ACTION: Contractor Carrothers will bring the tree specialist over earlier this year to ensure work is completed before the fire hazard work stoppage.

7.2 Parks, Trails and Shore Access Report

Don Mckinnon and Heather Cruikshank's payment has been received for a bench at Lord Park. Gord Palmberg will proceed with the work.

ACTION: Commissioner Ryback will see if he has a record of the plaque supplier.

Nick "The Greek" Stamatou's daughter Amanda came to see a proposed site at Tricia Way. Commissioner Henshall is waiting for confirmation.

7.3 Recreation Report - Grants update

Commissioner New reported that 2 reports were submitted after the March 31 deadline for reports submission, and 1 is still outstanding. Galiano Players were given an extension as they thought the deadline was April 15.

ACTION: Commissioner New will provide the reports to the commission before the next meeting.

Commissioner New reported that the program information meeting was held and there were 6 attendees. Application deadline is April 15.

ACTION: Commissioners New and Dishaw will make the summaries and applications available to Commissioners.

7.4 Volunteer Report

Commissioner Dewinetz noted she received quite a few reports on the trails. Discussion considered the report from the Sticks West steward, who noted that there is a wet area that could use some fill. Tricia Way shore access has no steward at this time. Wendy Lloyd has replaced Mike Hoebel as steward for the Sturdies Bay Trail.

10:00 Alternate Director Brent left meeting.

8. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Byzyna circulated the Treasurer's Report to the Commissioners. Circulated for review. Available to the public upon request.

Commissioner Byzyna reported that spending in capital and operating is on track. The March the CRD board met to approve the budget for 2022. Expecting confirmation later in April.

ACTION: Commissioner Byzyna will have budget revisions as needed for the May meeting.

8.1 Status of Accounts

Found in Treasurer's Report.

8.2 Payment of Invoices

Found in Treasurer's Report.

8.3 Forecast Operating Expenses

Found in Treasurer's Report.

8.4 Capital Program Spending

Found in Treasurer's Report.

8.5 Review and Confirmation of 2022 Capital Program

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Found in Treasurer's Report.

MOVED Commissioner Byzyna, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Dewinetz, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented by the Treasurer.

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9. Update Status of Capital Projects

9.1 Silú Park Completion

Commissioner Longson reported that Contractor Carrothers and his assistant have completed the assembly of the toilet building in 8 hours.

Discussion considered details of the vent pipe, which is the only outstanding assembly for the toilet.

ACTION: Wait to open the toilet until the vent pipe is in place.

Discussion considered standing water in the tank.

ACTION: After pump out, Contractor Carrothers will silicone around the vent pipe and then observe water flow during a heavy rain.

Discussion considered warranty coverage of tank, transportation and installation.

No motion was tabled, but discussion the dead trees and broom along the cleared parking lot, and it was suggested to wait to remove the broom for an invasives removal project.

Discussion considered what tasks remain before the park can be opened: cleaning up the trees; completing the washroom; signage; opening ceremony.

Discussion considered signage needed before the park can be opened: park sign, map sign, trail names.

Discussion about a trail to the toilet building. Needs to be accessible.

9.2 Zuker-Georgeson Bay Shore Access Restoration

Commissioner Simon reported that about \$1000 in nursery orders have been submitted.

ACTION: Commissioner Simon will send out work party details when they are confirmed.

Commissioner Simon reported that we will be participating in Make a Difference week also.

Commissioner Dishaw reported that she has connected with Shea Morgan and

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confirmed that he supports the continued removal of daphne, but doesn't have a lot of time to assist. Commissioner Simon confirmed that the area will need ongoing maintenance.

Discussion considered the neighbours appreciation of the daphne and Commissioner Dishaw suggested another article in the Active Page to promote daphne removal.

Commissioner Simon reported that the slope (zone 2) still needs a lot of work that will be tackled this year.

Discussion considered next steps for signage to acknowledge the purpose of the restoration project and provide some interpretation of both the ecology and the cultural history. There's \$7000 in the budget for this work. There are some questions about how to proceed given the insurance requirement and the First Nations considerations.

ACTION: Commissioner Dishaw will follow up with Justine and Caitlin Vernon, CRD First Nations Relations, and report back at the next meeting.

Commissioner Ryback inquired about a draft RFP.

ACTION: Commissioner Dishaw will recirculate the draft RFP.

Commissioner Byzyna noted that the budget for this project needs revising.

ACTION: Commissioner Simon will revise the budget, and confirm the estimates in the individual components that add to \$14k.

9.3 Shaw's Landing Access for Mobility Impaired

ACTION: Commissioner Longson will circulate a letter of notification for neighbours.

9.4 Activity Centre Vault Toilet

Commissioner Ryback reported the project is ready to proceed. License agreement with SD64 is in place. Ryback talked to two firms about providing a vault. Lead time is at least 10wks from ordering toilet building to pickup. Original \$22K budget may not be enough.

MOVED by Commissioner Ryback, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Longson that GIPRC proceed with the vault toilet project, and request a supplemental budget of up to \$5k, to account for inflationary increase.

Discussion considered whether the Commission still wished to proceed given the rising costs of inflation. Discussion considered whether the library had concerns about odors. The library has indicated they're not concerned. Trustee Lawson has talked to SD64 about removing broken backstop and tree branches.

Discussion about the rationale for the project considered that the original impetus was the need for options when the school power goes out but now that the school has a generator, the emphasis has shifted to recreation facilities users. Public toilets are a problem on the island, this site will see high use. Discussion considered sharing costs with library or school.

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ACTION: Commissioner Ryback will do a new budget with a healthy contingency before the next meeting. Commissioner Byzyna will submit it in June to CRD. Discussion noted that GIPRC has approval for the original budgeted amount of \$22,000 and can begin spending out that amount before June.

ACTION: Lorne will request to have the \$22,000 moved into capital.

9.5 Matthews-Whipple Beach Access Trail Improvements

Discussion considered the need for a geotechnical engineer for the lower trail. \$5,000 is committed in capital for improvements to the upper trail.

ACTION: Commissioner Longson will share a list of geotech

engineers. 9.6 Zayer Shore Access

Commissioner Dishaw reported that she has spoken to the neighbours to inform them that GIPRC will not be developing the shore access.

Commissioner Ryback asked whether there was anything that could be done to discourage use of the informal shore access to preserve the integrity of the midden and the archeological site on the beach. LOO allows putting things in shore access but doesn't give us the authority to remove things others have put in place – that lies with MOTI. To decommission a shore access GIPRC would need to pass a bylaw. The Commission doesn't have the associated regulation and enforcement. We have a LOO but the Commission has nothing to commission or decommission.

Commissioner Dishaw reported that Justine is still waiting to hear back from the CRD about LOO nuances. In the meantime we can't dispose of Zayer from our LOO. Commission could consider signage advising people they access at your own risk. Our current agreement with MOTI is in place until 2027.

TABLED: Discussion once we hear back from Justine: Can the commission do anything to discourage informal use of a shore access.

Discussion about if the informal use of a shore access is damaging an archeological site, who is responsible? Discussion considered how to move forward in a spirit of reconciliation.

ACTION: Commissioner Dishaw will get answers to these questions from

Justine.

10. New Business

10.1 GIPRC and CRD media and correspondence

The Commission has received an email from Justine outlining we are not to mention archeological sites in public correspondence. Anything that refers to an archeological site has to be vetted by CRD before it goes to the public, and in fact anything that goes out to the public is to be vetted by the CRD before it goes to the public. Justine will join the AP committee.

ACTION: Commissioner Dishaw will confirm with Justine, consider a checklist of what kinds of things she wants to review.

11. Unaddressed Thoughts & Concerns (and input from members of the public)

TABLED: Commissioner Byzyna asked whether the Commission is planning to spend the \$2K budgeted for printing brochures.

12. Adjournment

MOVED by Commissioner Ryback, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Longson that the meeting be adjourned at 11:15.

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CHAIR

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