

MINUTES - GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
June 2, 2022 Galiano Library Meeting Room(EP=Electronic Participation)

Present: Commissioners: Charlene Dishaw (Chair), Evelyn Dewinetz(EP), Jim Henshall(EP), Gerald Longson, Barry New, Stephen Rybak, Lorne Byzyna (EP-Treasurer)  
Staff: Michael Carrothers (EP-Maintenance Contractor), Emma Davis (EP-Galiano Liaison for the CRD) Lori Seay (Recorder)  
Absent: Commissioner Andrew Simon. Alternate CRD Director Paul Brent.  
Also Present: Andrew Loveridge(EP)

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The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commission Chair Dishaw provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Commissioner Dishaw, SECONDED by Commissioner New that the June 2, 2022 agenda be approved with the addition of 12.1 Southern Gulf Islands Transportation Report. CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION by Commissioner Rybak , SECONDED by Commissioner Longson that the minutes of the May 5, 2022 meeting be adopted. CARRIED.

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Dishaw's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- Harv Lee from the CRD - 2022 Insurable Property and Asset Review
- Mail from ATS Signs addressed to Parks and Recreation for metal signs (sent in error, Justine found the correct CRD department)
- Email from Justine Starke re CRD and School District regarding the health of the Maple tree in the proposed location of Activity Center toilet.
- Email from Erica Lee with the Galiano Conservancy regarding Clean Oceans Beach Clean up on Cable Bay and Pebble Beach
- Email from Valerie A Kalheim to Parks and Recreation CRD email regarding trail on our map going through DL38.

ACTION: Chair Dishaw will circulate beach event details to Commissioners.

6. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS NONE.

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

7.1 Maintenance Contractor's Report

Michael Carrothers highlighted two items from his circulated report:

**Maintenance:** Trimming has started later than normal due to weather. Trail clean up will be done in June along with May windstorm recovery. Large debris pile at Murcheson Cove near Sturdies Bay trail will be dealt with by MOTI. They are planning significant culvert installation this summer at the site and cautioned against any work until road work is complete. Silu parking lot entrance is looking great with some work remaining to be done. Porta Potties will be pumped in June.

**Mary Ann Road Access:** Historically a large stand of gorse has provided a natural border with the neighbouring property. The majority of invasives have been removed with a small amount of gorse encroaching on the property line. M. Carrothers was able to complete work thanks to the owner who granted access. M. Carrothers recommended a split rail fence as a barrier replacement as planting for barrier is not possible as soil is poor and shallow. Estimate for fence \$3200.

MOTION by Commissioner Rybak, SECONDED by Commissioner Longson that the Commission approach the Mary Ann Point neighbour to explore cost sharing for a split rail fence on the property line.

FAILED. Opposed Commissioners Byzyna, Henshall, Dewinetz and Dishaw.

Discussion regarding funding of fence - currently \$2500 in Parks Improvement, \$1000 in Extraordinary Maintenance with option of additional \$2000 from the Print Materials line as GIPRC brochure is current. Suggestion to mitigate budget pressures by assigning recent \$1600 Silu parking lot costs to Silu Capital project instead of Operating Budget. This would support Parks Improvement. Assignment of costs to either line is acceptable. Scope of the signage, opening event and shore access are yet to be determined. Treasurer Byzyna emphasized the value of pre-assigning costs at the front end of a project.

MOTION by Commissioner Henshell SECONDED by Commissioner Longson to proceed with the recommendation from M. Carruthers to construct a split rail fence and remove remaining invasives to a maximum of \$4000 on the property line at the Mary Ann Point access. CARRIED.

## 7.2 Parks, Trails and Shore Access Report

#23 Oceanview on SouthWind: Prefabricated metal stairs/ railing have been damaged by rust from exposure. Michael will cost replacement vs. repair and bring back to the Commission for assignment of costs. Replacement would be significantly more costly due to implications of midden and off island sourcing.

ACTION: Michael will contact local source for replacement pieces for #23. .

#49 Consiglio: Permanent driveway is now crossing the beach access. Discussion regarding MOTI right of way. license of occupation and access boundary. Commission will visit the site and assess for signage needs following the construction phase.

Danger trees: Annual danger trees assessment has been conducted. CRD has now contracted Reimer Tree Service for under 6" diameter tree removal. Arborist will be used for larger trees. #69 Gulfside has three dead trees on neighbour's property that could constitute a risk to bench users.

ACTION: Commissioner Henshall will contact the landowner next to access #69 Gulfside regarding tree removal.

Memorial Bench will be installed on #53-Tricia Way this summer. Commissioner Rybak asked that the Maintenance Contractor's report be organized along routine and special project items in future.

## 7.3 Recreation Report

Commissioner New reported that all grantees have been notified and cheques have been prepared. Logo and reporting details will be sent shortly. An unsuccessful applicant asked that the definition of recreation be more expansive. North Hall has enquired about funding for a sport court and were redirected to CRD.

## 7.4 Volunteer Report:

#53 Tricia Way has no replacement steward(s) identified and #50-Dewinetz Trail welcomed new stewards Suzanne DeStaffany and Dennis Rasmussen.

ACTION: Commissioner Henshall will recruit a #53 steward.

## 8. TREASURER REPORT

Commissioner Byzyna circulated the Treasurer's Report to the Commissioners, available to the public upon request.

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- 8.1 Status of Accounts: Found in Treasurer's Report.
- 8.2 Payment of Invoices: Found in Treasurer's Report.
- 8.3 Capital Program Spending. Found in Treasurer's Report

MOTION by Commissioner Byzyna, SECONDED by Director Henshall to accept the May 2022 Treasurer's Report. CARRIED.

9. UPDATE STATUS OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

9.1 Silú Park Completion: Next task is signage Sketches have been prepared and Richard Dewinitiz has offered to prepare signs on freestanding treated posts. Park entrance sign needs relocation and additions to the park story and map to the entrance sign. Park opening will be planned for August. Commissioner Rybak asked that the Commission work with a local graphic designer to come up with branding for GIPRC trail signage opportunities.

ACTION: M. Carrothers will erect private property sign near Silu border.  
Chair Dishaw will connect with the CRD about naming protocols.

MOTION by Commissioner Byzyna, SECONDED by Director Henshall that costs for Silu parking lot improvements be assigned to the Silu Capital Budget. CARRIED. Opposed: Commissioner Longson.

9.2 Zuker-Georgeson Bay Shore Access Restoration: Commissioner Simon has ordered native plants and UVic students are organizing a volunteer work party. Signage and gate pending.

9.3 Shaws Landing Access for Mobility Impaired: Notice has been circulated to MOTI, IT and neighbours. MOTI recently responded and Commission Longson has provided maps and photos. Outreach to neighbours is ongoing.

9.4 Vault Toilet: Galiano Excavating has been secured for the project, pending confirmation of insurance. SD64 has communicated that they will not be assisting with arborist costs related to the maple. If SD64 won't cover it, the project will proceed with changes to the budget.

ACTION: Chair Dishaw will reach out to Galiano School Trustee about reconsideration of arborist costs.

9.5 Matthews Beach Access Trail Improvements: Concerns raised that the winter landslide has destabilized the bank. The Commission will gather quotes from geotechnical engineers - RFP scope will be led by Commissioner Longson. Currently \$5000 earmarked for upgrades for Matthews Beach. Michael asked for direction on

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how to proceed regarding previous year's upgrade commitments. Michael recommended and Commission agreed to focus on the lower part of the trail.

ACTION: Chair Dishaw will review previous minutes regarding funding commitments for Matthew's Point.

10; CRD Communications:

Chair Dishaw reported that the CRD has communication protocols for Commissions and documents and that she has asked for written guidance from CRD.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Zayer:

MOTION by Chair Dishaw, Seconded by Commissioner Rybak that Zayer be left as an undeveloped shore access with no signage. CARRIED.

ACTION: Chair Dishaw will reply to Zayer correspondence.

11.2 Map Trail Error Tapavan: GIPRC received an email from a community member regarding an error.

ACTION: Commission Byzyna will follow up on map error with Tapavan and Bowie Keefer.

12. UNADDRESSED THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS

12.1 Commissioner Rybak reported that Southern Gulf Island Transportation report has been amended to accurately reflect GIPRC's involvement.

12.2 Andrew Loverridge asked for support in taking action to name "Turtle Island". Chair Dishaw clarified that it is not a role for the Commission without indigenous engagement and encouraged Mr. Loverridge to pursue his interest as a private citizen.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Commissioner Rybak that the meeting be adjourned at 11:07 a.m. CARRIED.



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CHAIR

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