

MINUTES - GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
July 7 , 2022 Galiano Library Meeting Room

Present: Commissioners: Charlene Dishaw (Chair), Jim Henshall, Gerald Longson, Barry New, Stephen Rybak.  
Staff: Michael Carrothers (Maintenance Contractor), Emma Davis (Galiano Liaison for the CRD) Lori Seay (Recorder)  
Absent: Commissioners Andrew Simon, Evelyn Dewinetz, Lorne Byzyna.  
Guest: John Parfitt-Yellow House Society

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commission Chair Dishaw provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Longson, SECONDED by Commissioner Rybak that the July 7, 2022 agenda be approved with the addition of: 9.5 Activity Center Vault Toilet. CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Dishaw, SECONDED by Commissioner New That the minutes of the June 2, 2022 meeting be adopted with spelling/numeration errors noted. CARRIED.

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Dishaw reported a pleasantly quiet June. Nothing significant to report.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- June 8 Justine Starke CRD: letting us know that we should reach out to the local Indigenous community to help with trail naming and there is currently no CRD policy or guidelines for trail names. The final list needs to go to the CRD.
- June 15 Justine Starke CRD: confirming SD64 will pay half the costs for the arborist for the Activity Centre Toilet.
- June 29 Emma Davis emailed regarding length of terms for Commissioners.

6. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

6.1 Presentations: NONE.

- 6.2 Delegations: John Parfitt from Yellow House Society attended and requested support from GIPRC for a load of fill to create a trail from Cain Road to the Yellow House driveway. Current estimate is \$800. The trail would be located above the high bank that links to the roadside and exit across from Babes Restaurant. Chair Dishaw requested a formal request with sketches for GIPRC to consider, and suggested other funding potential with Galiano Trails Society and possibly 2023 funds from CRD. Yellow House will develop a proposal and explore donation with a local excavating company in the interim.

## 7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- 7.1 Maintenance Contractor's Report : M. Carrothers submitted his report prior to the meeting and referenced one item for further discussion. Yellow House operators are building a parklet to host music performances and are looking for guidance around connecting with the Sturdies Bay Trail. Commission Rybak noted that we have a license from MOTI to extend the trail from the current end to the corner of Burrill and Sturdies Bay Roads. GIPRC has not had prior discussion about extending the trail with MOTI from Burrill to Ferry Terminal/Stores area.

ACTION: M. Carrothers will connect with Yellow House & Chair Dishaw.

- 7.2 Parks, Trails and Shore Access Report: Report of garbage on Tricia Way. Emma reported #23- Ocean View has many dinghies stored on the access. There are no Galiano specific bylaws regarding shore storage of boats. Chair Dishaw confirmed that our license of occupation is not exclusive and anyone can use the access. Commission discussed how to discourage private boat storage at shore accesses.

Commissioner Rybak talked with a #53-Tricia Way neighbour who raised concerns about encroachment of mosses onto wildflowers on her property. C. Rybak noted significant moss growth and suggested Commissioner Simon visit the site when available to assess.

ACTION: Commissioner Dishaw will ask Commission Simon to follow up on moss at #53-Tricia Way.

- 7.3 Recreation Report: Commissioner New reported that one funded project originally thanked the CRD for funding and has since corrected to GIPRC.
- 7.4 Volunteer Report: Commissioner Rybak offered to steward #59-Morning Beach. There was a recent report of an ATV use on that access.

8. TREASURER REPORT

Commissioner Byzyna circulated the June 2022 Treasurer's Report to the Commissioners, available to the public upon request.

- 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

MOVED by Commissioner Rybak, SECONDED by Director Longson.  
to accept the June 2022 Treasurer's Report. CARRIED.

9. UPDATE STATUS OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

- 9.1 Silú Park Completion: New toilet building has been installed and visited by the president of the manufacturer. Discussed need for a gutter on the shed-style roof. Commissioner Longson is preparing an RFP for sign removal/replacement, and bike rack installation. Commissioners Dishaw and Longson are working on language for signage and Mechelle Crocker will meet with the Commissioners with a lens on Indigenous naming opportunities.
- 9.2 #17 Zuker-Georgeson Bay Shore Access Restoration: Extensive Spurge Laurel removal has been completed by Commission Simon and a team of volunteers. Chair Dishaw offered sincere thanks to the Vancouver Island Decade on Ecosystem team, Susan Debeck, Kevin Toomer and Lori Weidehammer for their work on this project.
- 9.3 #34-Shaws Landing Access for Mobility Impaired: 2018 GIPRC plan identified more inclusive accesses as a priority. Following consultation we hired Spectrum, an accessibility consultant from Vancouver. In April 2022, we circulated a letter from GIPRC, and sketches or proposed improvements to the Shaws Landing neighbours. GIPRC has received several letters opposing the plan(attached to these minutes).

MOTION by Commissioner Longson, SECONDED by Commissioner Henschell that the further redevelopment of Shaws Landing be cancelled. CARRIED; one opposed.

Commissioner Rybak suggested that correspondence from neighbours be reviewed by all Commissioners. Chair Dishaw noted that #58-Salamanca may be an option. Chair Dishaw stated while the Commission has decided that Shaw's Landing is not proceeding, GIPRC is committed to increasing accessibility to Galiano shore accesses.

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ACTION: Commissioner Longson will forward correspondence regarding Shaws Landing to Recorder for inclusion with minutes. Chair Dishaw will communicate in Active Page regarding cancellation of accessible trail improvements at Shaws Landing due to neighbor opposition.

- 9.4 #15-Matthew's Beach Trail Improvement: An RFP for geotech report has been circulated and Commissioner Longson agreed to liaise with the engineer. Commissioner Henshell will coordinate local work with M. Carrothers. Lower section offers challenges for improvement. Sections of conglomerate rocks pose problems and a large party last summer created significant damage. Commission has earmarked \$3000 for upper trail.
- 9.5 Activity Centre Vault Toilet: Arborist will visit this month to access the possible danger tree. Wishbone will be the toilet vendor and has environmentally sustainable materials and fabrication processes. They will require 6-8 weeks to production. CRD has arranged arborists fees cost sharing with SD64.

10. NEW BUSINESS

LTC has a rezoning application for DL 85, which borders Silú to the north. IT has identified GIPRC for referral of the application.

11. UNADDRESSED THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS

Chair Dishaw has spoken with Gulf Drive neighbours who asked if we offer any Firesmart measures on undeveloped accesses. The Commissioners confirmed that the Commission does not and MOTI would be responsible. The Commission agreed to revisit the issue of Firesmart for developed accesses at a future meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Rybak that the meeting be adjourned at 10:32 a.m.



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CHAIR

(signature block)

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COMMITTEE CLERK

**SHAW'S LANDING CORRESPONDENCE**

Gavin trowsdale EMAIL REDACTED

Date: 2021-10-08 8:21 a.m. (GMT-08:00)

To: Charlene.dishaw@shaw.ca

Cc:EMAIL REDACTED

Subject: Handicapped access at Shaw's landing

Hi Charlene:

I am writing to you to outline my concerns about the proposed development of handicapped access at the beach access at Shaw's landing.

My family owns the property adjacent to the parking area for the beach access at 19245 Porlier Pass. I learned last night from Rob Butterfield that the neighbours were supposed to have received notification of the proposed development but we never did. I am surprised that consultation with adjacent properties was such a low priority.

First, Robert's creek is listed as a salmon bearing stream, and mucking about building a ramp and a platform would probably run afoul of Fisheries Canada regulations. Oil washing into Roberts creek and the ocean from a paved parking spot would be hazardous for all marine life, not just salmonids, objections from Fisheries Canada or not. Roberts Creek becomes a raging torrent in the winter, in case anybody was under the impression that it remains a lazy, tiny creek year round.

We already deal with guests from Bodega resort coming to the beach access and drinking, making noise, leaving trash, even children defecating, and building a platform for the benefit of one handicapped neighbour who would, most likely, seldom use the facility seems like an invitation to more disrespectful tourist behaviour. The platform would be a great place to bring folding chairs and a cooler full of beer and spend a summer day, handicapped or not.

The increased traffic associated with this development would be dangerous, as people slowing down to look for parking would be doing it at the bottom of a blind curve on Porlier Pass.

Three km north on Porlier Pass there is already a facility that can accommodate a wheelchair, at Spanish Hills. I believe that, for the number of times the individual for whose benefit this development has been proposed will take his children swimming, an extra three minute drive north is not so onerous that it is worth the environmental degradation and interference with the riparian zone, as well as noise and trash for the neighbours to endure.

I trust that you'll pass this letter on to the appropriate decision makers in this matter.

Thanks for your time,

Gavin Trowsdale

Rob Butterfield

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Hi Gerald,

Perhaps we can schedule a phone call to talk about this? Monday eve after work?

We aren't very pleased with the whole concept. Neither are any of the neighbours. Something feels sneaky about this. We never received proper notice of the plans, it's always been very word of mouth.

On Tue, Apr 12, 2022 at 10:12 PM Gerald Longson <glongson49@gmail.com> wrote:

Rob Butterfield & Chelsa Scott

Here is a package of information regarding the plans of the Commission to improve the accessibility of the Shaw's Land Shore Access.

We look forward to your comments and any input.

Gerry

Gerald Longson Commissioner

GIPRC

*Idora SCOTT EMAIL REDACTED*

*April 27, 2022; 1:47 PM (56*

*minutes ago)*

*to me, Rob*

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*Dear Gerald Longson,*

*My name is Idora Scott, I live across the street from Shaw's Landing at 19210*

*Porlier Pass Road. Only in the last couple days have I become aware of the plans to build a wheelchair access at Access #34 – Shaw's Landing. I would like to express some concerns I have about the project as follows:*

*1. In the warmer months there are frequent visitors at this site drinking alcohol and listening to loud music late into the night, often on the private dock that belongs to our neighbour across the street. I am concerned that and enhancement to the access at this site will only serve to encourage this disruptive behaviour.*

*2. The trail and parking area is next to a significant stream, I believe would be minimally classified as an S3 stream due to it's size. The parking area described is within at least 5 feet of the riparian reserve zone. Any disturbance to this area may have significant consequences.*

*3. Much of the trail and parking area was under water for several days last November in the rain event. Therefore is vulnerable to flooding, and this fact should be considered in the design.*

*4. The area is of high cultural and archeological importance being that it is adjacent to a known archeological site, it is at a protected bay with a large stream outlet, and a gentle sloping terrain surrounding this area, (unlike the "Data Summary and Recommendations" from Stantec which state incorrectly that the site is "predominantly moderately to steeply sloped down to the water.").*

*Given that I have only just heard about this project I haven't had much time to consider the impacts, but these are my initial concerns that come to mind.*

*Sincerely,*

*Idora Scott.*

Marlene Angelopoulos EMAIL REDACTED

Jun 29,

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2022, 7:32

AM (6 days ago)

to me, trockafella, jwolverton, Kelly, idoraray, ian

Good morning all,

I am resending this email with attachments in hopes that a response will be provided.

Thanks kindly,

Marlene

I support shore accessibility for all.

I believe shore access #34 is not a good choice for wheelchair access based on the following:

Riparian. DPA #1 riparian area. As shown below.

Steep grade. Lower 40' to shore line is 1:5

Unstable due to erosion from flooding and king tides.

This is an image of the 40' to shoreline, change of grade approximately 8/9

Design:

Does not protect the natural environment.

Does not keep with the natural environment.

Is not constructed with local materials.

Parking as shown will obstruct existing highway signage.

Materials specified are not suitable.

Pressure treated wood and timbers are not environmentally acceptable in this ecologically sensitive area.

16"x16" concrete patio slabs are not practical nor keeping with a natural environment.

They will also shift and become uneven and hazardous. This is a natural living environment.

Site preparation:

Any machine work- clearing, excavation, and tamping will damage existing vegetation and tree roots.

Hand work is not practical and expensive.

Shore access #33 Lodge Road would be a better choice for wheelchair access.

It is an active use area.

There is parking.

Safer and stable access to a shore viewing site.

Shore access #38 Spotlight Road could also be considered.

Marlene Angelopoulos

43 years in Landscape Planning and Design

On May 26, 2022, at 10:21 AM, Ian McSorley EMAIL REDACTED wrote:



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Hi Gerald,

One more detail I meant to touch on... The pair of large fir trees roughly half way between the bench and road shoulder have large exposed roots. Your Heritage Site Information Review indicates that you intend to remove all roots and rocks along the route. I'm quite certain that any arborist would caution against removal of those roots. That would seriously compromise the health of those mature trees and likely result in their decline and a serious windfall hazard.

If they remain in place, undamaged, the trail section from them to the bench location is far too steep to provide safe wheel chair access. I would like to see the elevation section for that portion of the trail.

Ian McSorley

On May 26, 2022, at 8:39 AM, Ian McSorley EMAIL REDACTED> wrote:

Hi Gerald,

The sketches you provided for the Shaw's Landing accessibility improvements are interesting, but the detail that is missing is the elevation view that indicates grade for that access design.

I frequent that beach on my daily dog walks and it seems to me that the proposed design would be impossible to navigate with a wheelchair.

Is the objective of this project to provide wheelchair accessibility or simply to improve walking conditions? If the latter then the most obvious improvement would include steps.

I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on the objectives for the project.

Sincerely,

Ian McSorley

On May 25, 2022, at 8:46 PM, Marlene Angelopoulos EMAIL REDACTED wrote:

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: tuesday travers EMAIL REDACTED

Date: May 13, 2022 at 4:35:40 PM PDT

To: Marleen Of Retreat Cove EMAIL REDACTED

Subject: Fwd: GIPRC - Shaw's Landing - Accessibility Project Information

Rob Butterfield & Chelsa Scott

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