

FPresent: Commissioners Charlene Dishaw (Chair), Barry New, Gerald Longson, Jim Henshall, Cathy Clinton(EP), Stephen Rybak, Paul Brent(EP), Andrew Simon(EP)
Staff: Lori Seay-Potter(Recording Secretary) Emma Davis (Galiano Liaison for the CRD, Kristian Sigvardsen (Maintenance Contractor).
Regrets: Lorne Byzyna **Also attending:** Andrew Loveridge(EP)
EP=Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commission Chair Dishaw provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Clinton, Seconded by Commissioner Longson that the 05 October 2023 agenda be approved as amended to include Commissioner Vacancies. **CARRIED.**

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Rybak, Seconded by Commissioner Longson that the 07 Sept, 2023 minutes be approved as amended. **CARRIED.**

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

4.1 Map Updates: All Commissioners have reviewed the brochure and made suggested edits. New GIPRC trail at Millard Center will be added.

4.2 Business Arising and Action Items Review: Reviewed actions to date.

4.3 Commission Appointments 2023: Chair will conduct additional outreach. Treasurer Byzyna will be leaving the Commission.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE: Paul Brent-CRD has contacted the Commission for information on local toilet facilities operated by CRD. Several emails were also received regarding marked trees at Morning Beach-discussion covered in Parks, Trails, and Shore Access Report,

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

7.1 Maintenance Contractor's Report: Maintenance report was circulated at the meeting. Tricia Way downed trees have been dealt with.

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7.3 Parks, Trails and Shore Access Report: Correspondence has been received from community members regarding flagged trees at Morning Beach. Chair has reached out to CRD/Ministry of Transportation and Infra and GIPRC is awaiting a response. If an arborist report is available, GIPRC will request same.

An Active Pass bench has been requested. Commissioners Rybak and Henshall discussed options and Commissioner Henshall will follow up. A second bench request for the North end is also in process. Volunteer Allan Forget has toured all shore accesses and recommended some maintenance activities. Thanks from Commission to Allen Forget and Marek Czuma for refurbishing the sign at the Community Forest lot.

7.4 Recreation Report: No updates.

7.5 Volunteer Report: Commissioner Clinton has sent a letter to all stewards and received monthly steward reports.

7.6 Betty's Place Operations Subcommittee Report: Water system has been winterized. Kristian and Allen Forget have been working on the gardens. Jim and Kristian are working on plans for invasive management during the winter months.. House contents have been itemized. Chair will organize open hours over winter for public access to property not including buildings. Subcommittee will make a plan for books on site. A spring garage sale is a good option for dealing with hand tools, books and crawl space items. Keyholders were confirmed. The Maintenance Contractor will be setting up a workshop at Betty's Place. A written agreement will be developed between CRD and Kristian. Cathy is organizing water testing. Chimneys in shop/house need cleaning. Update from neighbour regarding access to spring is pending. Plans for 2024 include fence line and pool use.

ACTION: Chair will follow up with Stephen Henderson regarding a written agreement for Maintenance Contractor's shop onsite.

7.6 Betty's Place Master Planning Subcommittee: The Master Planning Subcommittee met and reviewed revenue generating ideas. St. Margaret's of Scotland is interested in using the house for visiting clergy and exploring a joint effort between Parks Recreation and St. Margarets

to develop a pastoral park on the grounds as well. Subcommittee has also asked IMERSS for a simplified proposal for consideration.

8. TREASURER REPORT

8.1 Status of Accounts: Report was circulated prior to the meeting.

MOTION by Commissioner Rybak, Seconded by Commissioner Henshall to approve Treasurer's report for September 2023. **CARRIED.**

8.2 Draft 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets: Circulated prior to the meeting. The Commission discussed questions arising and priorities for 2024.

MOTION by Commissioner Rybak, Seconded by Commissioner Henshall to increase the 2024 recreation grants allocation by \$5000 by rebalancing operational budgets without increasing tax GIPRC tax requisition. **CARRIED.** Opposed: Commissioner New.

MOTION by Commissioner Dishaw, Seconded by Commissioner Rybak to submit the draft 2024 GIPRC Operating and Capital budgets to CRD for consideration. **CARRIED.**

ACTION: Chair will review budget updates with Treasurer Byzyna.

9. UPDATE STATUS OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

9.1 Silú Park Completion: Seeking a new signage contractor for final stage of park development. Funds set aside for an opening event.

ACTION: Commissioner Longson will identify new sign provider.

9.2 Zuker-Georgeson Bay Shore Access Restoration: Commissioner Simon reported that project had been under budget for the past year and requested assistance for invasives removal. Cultural services activities are planned for late October and budget reallocations to 2024 will be planned with Treasurer Byzyna. An invasives work party is planned for November-details to be confirmed.

ACTION: Commissioner Henshall will approach former Maintenance Contractor regarding availability for work at Zuker.
Chair Dishaw will summarize Zuker report and share with the neighbour(s) to encourage invasive management.

9.3 Matthew Beach Access Trail Improvements: Michael Carrothers will be contracted to complete work on the upper trail as planned. Signage issues with CRD Regional Parks need to be clarified.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:25 a.m.

Approved at the 02 November 2023 GIPRC Meeting:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Disher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

CHAIR

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COMMITTEE CLERK "