

GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

07 November 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

1290 Sturdies Bay Road/Zoom

Present: Commissioners Charlene Dishaw, Murray Scadeng, Barry New, Jim Henshall Cathy Clinton(*EP*), Andrew Simon(*EP*), Gerry Longson(*EP*), Paul Brent(*EP*), Keith Erickson(*EP*)

Staff: Lori Seay (Recording) Emma Davis(CRD) *EP*

Guests: Steven Rybak, Enna Munoz.

EP=Electronic Participation

1. **CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Call to order at 9:00 a.m. Chair provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Commissioner Clinton, Seconded by Commissioner Scadeng that the 07 Nov 2024 agenda be approved as amended. **CARRIED.**

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Commissioner Henshall, Seconded by Commissioner New that the 03 Oct 2024 minutes be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

4. **DELEGATIONS:**

Enna Munoz joined the meeting to advocate for the inclusion of funds for floating docks. Chair thanked Enna and invited her to engage in the GIPRC master planning process.

5. **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

5.1 Maintenance Contractor's Report: Written report received and circulated prior to the meeting. Commissioner Henshall will follow up with the Contractor regarding mileage costs.

5.2 Parks, Trails and Shore Access Report: Tree work and drainage are the priority following the atmospheric river. A new bench builder will be sought for memorial installations.

5.3 Recreation Report: Commissioners New and Erickson will review the selection process in advance of 2025 grants.

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5.4 Volunteer Report: Commissioner Clinton and Lori will identify any accesses without stewards and report to the Chair for outreach. Charlene Dishaw is the new Sturdies Bay Trail steward.

5.5 Betty's Place Operations Subcommittee Report: Downed trees have collapsed the deer fence. Repairs are planned. Porch on the shop has been repaired. Gangways to water tanks need replacement and will be dealt with in the 2024 budget. The Commission agreed to replace the workshop lockbox with a coded electronic lock. Irrigation around the site will be addressed in the master planning report. Wood Stove in the workshop needs repair.

5.6 Betty's Place Master Planning Subcommittee: Minutes of the last planning meeting were circulated prior to the meeting. The asset management report is forthcoming from the contractor. First Nations consultation is a priority and the Committee is requesting support and connections for the Master Planning process. Chair has met with CRD staff regarding First Nations Engagement. CRD is asking that GIPRC include more robust First Nations engagement in the Commission Master Plan, including the master plan for the Kennedy Property.

Chair will recirculate the options document for Kennedy use to the Commission.

5.7 GIPRC Master Planning 2025-2030: Master Planning meeting was held and significant follow up work is underway. First Nations engagement will be driven out of the Master Planning proposal and Communications plans.

MOTION to extend the 2020-2024 GIPRC Master Plan to 2025 to allow for appropriate consultation with community members including First Nations. M-Commissioner Dishaw, S-Commissioner Henshall. **CARRIED.**

5.8 Treasurer's Report: September and October statements were circulated prior to the meeting. Treasurer reviewed funds remaining in the current fiscal year. All capital funds have been expended for 2024.

MOTION to approve the September and October 2024 financial reports as circulated. M-Treasurer Scadeng, S-Commissioner Henshall. **CARRIED.**

6. UPDATE STATUS OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

6.1 Silú Park Completion: Virtual opening and video tour were well attended. Commissioner offered thanks to Commissioner Longson for his leadership in the development of the park and Richard Dewinetz for kiosk donation, and previous Commissioners for their leadership.

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6.2 Zuker Georgeson Bay Access Restoration: A plan for continuing cultural work has been submitted to GIPRC from Jeannine Georgeson and will be supported by Commissioner Erickson and Lori.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Beach Clean Up Partnership: Pilot has been discontinued at Pebble Beach and Conservancy will not be pursuing the partnership further. GIRR will continue to accept marine recycling. GIPRC will leave the Morning Beach collection bin in place and will reassess in fall 2025. Commissioner Scadeng will monitor the site. Educational materials will be circulated to shore stewards with support from Commissioner Clinton, and Chair will include information in the upcoming Active Page article.

7.2 All Trails Meeting/7.3 Sturdies Bay Trail: A monthly gathering of the organizations who build and maintain Galiano trails continues to support trail networking. A mapping project is underway led by the Galiano Trails Society. GIPRC will consider 2025 funds to support the mapping work. Sturdies Bay Trail extension and upgrade is a priority for the group who are researching possible funds including the Active Transportation grant program. Lori offered to connect GIPRC to the Pender project coordinator for their Active Transportation project.

7.3 Mary Ann Road: GIPRC will receive funds from the subdivision on Mary Ann Point. The funds can only be used for parkland acquisition.

7.4 In Camera: MOTION to close the meeting in accordance with the *Community Charter, Par 4, Div. 3, Section 90(1)*. M-Commissioner Dishaw S-Commissioner New.. Commission moved to the closed session at 10:35 a.m.

Commission rose and reported the following from the closed session at 10:55 a.m. The Commission agreed to recommend Eric Sherbine, Frank DeWaard, and Mechele Crocker to the CRD for for appointment to the three vacant seats.

MOTION to recommend for appointment to the Commission for 2025-2026: Eric Sherbine, Frank DeWaard, and Mechelle Crocker. M-Chair Dishaw, S- Commissioner Simon. Commissioner Longson abstained. **CARRIED.**

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8. **Unaddressed Thoughts and Concerns:**

8.1 **Meeting location:** Commission agreed to move the meeting to a location with more stable internet to support community involvement. The December meeting will be held at the CRD Office in Sturdies Bay and Emma will ask the library to secure more stable internet service.

9. **Next Meeting:** 9:00 a.m. Thursday December 5 2024.

10. **Adjournment:** 11:00 a.m.

Minutes approved at the 05 Dec. 2024 Meeting:



CHAIR

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COMMITTEE CLERK