

GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

05 December 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

23 Madrona Road/Zoom

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

Regrets: Commissioner Andrew Simon

Guests: Erik Meden, Peter Thompson.

Staff: Lori Seay (Recording) Emma Davis(CRD) Justine Starke(CRD) Kristian
Sigurdson(Maintenance Contractor). *EP=Electronic Participation*

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

Call to order at 9:05 a.m. Chair provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Commissioner Clinton, Seconded by Commissioner New that the 05
Dec. 2024 agenda be approved as amended. **CARRIED.**

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Commissioner Henshall, Seconded by Commissioner Clinton that the
07 Nov. 2024 minutes be approved as connected. **CARRIED.**

4. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

4.1 **Maintenance Contract:** Two proposals were received by the Commission.

MOTION to close the meeting in accordance with the *Community Charter, Par 4,
Div. 3, Section 90(1)*. M-Commissioner Brent, S-Commissioner Clinton.
Commission moved to the closed session at 9:20 a.m.

Commission rose from the closed session at 9:45 a.m.

5. **DELEGATIONS:** None.

6. **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

6.1 **Maintenance Contractor's Report:** Written report received and circulated
prior to the meeting.

6.2 **Parks, Trails and Shore Access Report:** New Access Number stickers
will be added to signs by the incoming Maintenance Contractor. Chair is
following up with prospective bench builders for the memorial bench program.

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6.3 Recreation Report: Commissioners New, Clinton and Erickson will meet to review the selection process in advance of 2025 grants, with support from Emma and Lori.

6.4 Volunteer Report: Chair Dishaw and Commissioner Clinton will organize an appreciation event, and arrange for recognition for Commission volunteers who cannot attend. Lori will circulate a list of current active shore stewards.

6.5 Betty's Place Operations Subcommittee Report: Water system is being reviewed by Red Williams. Winterization of the house is complete.

6.6 Betty's Place Master Planning Subcommittee: IMERSS has submitted a proposal for site use and CRD has confirmed that a lease would be in the scope of intended use. GHCS has also requested a 2 year lease extension. First Nations consultation for site use considerations will be addressed in the GIPRC Master Plan.

6.7 GIPRC Master Planning 2025-2030: Master Planning Project Plan and Engagement Plans are underway and will be submitted to CRD for review.

6.8 Treasurer's Report: November statements were circulated prior to the meeting. Treasurer reviewed budget vs actual for 2024 to date, and noted anticipated significant parks improvement spending by year end .

MOTION to approve the December 2024 financial reports as circulated.
M-Treasurer Scadeng, S-Commissioner Erickson **CARRIED.**

7. UPDATE STATUS OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

7.1 Zuker Georgeson Bay Access Restoration: Jeannine Georgeson, Commissioner Erickson and Lori will report on next steps following their December meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Meeting Date: The first meeting of the 2025 PIPRC schedule is slated for Thursday January 9, 2024 and will be held at the South End Community Hall.

8.2 New Commissioner Orientation: Chair Dishaw has offered to meet with new incoming Commissioners. All Commissioners will be invited to attend the CRD Commissioner orientation in February-date TBD.

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8.3 Sturdies Bay Trail: There is significant community interest in extending the Trail from Burrill Road to Sturdies Bay. The Commission discussed the trail extension in the context of complex MOTI requirements for roadside trails. CRD Regional Parks is planning for a future trail on Galiano, but currently the Sturdies Bay Trail is not part of that plan. The Commission agreed to begin a process to seek support for a roadside extension to the existing trail. Emma will gather information from CRD Regional Parks on trail plans for Galiano. Chair Dishaw offered to continue on with a Sturdies Bay Trail project after her Commission term expires.

MOTION to allocate \$10 000 from GIPRC capital budget for 2025 for a survey and feasibility study for extension of the Sturdies Bay Trail.
M- Commissioner Skadeng S-Commissioner Clinton. CARRIED.

8.4 Outgoing Commissioners: Commissioners Simon, Longson and Dishaw were thanked for their outstanding service to Galiano Island as Commissioners.

9. **Next Meeting:** 9:00 a.m. Thursday Jan. 9 2025. **Location South End Hall**

10. **Adjournment:** 11:40 a.m.

Approved at the 09 Jan 2025 GIPRC Meeting:

Keith Erickson, Chair
Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission