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**Minutes of a Meeting of the  
Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission  
Held Tuesday, January 22, 2013, at the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Office, #2 – 6868  
West Coast Road, Sooke, BC**

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**PRESENT:** L. Paterson (Chair), A. Boquist, V. Braunschweig, L. Deutscher, K. Douch,  
S. Jorna, M. Kimmel  
**Staff:** J. Ward, Senior Planner, CRD Regional Parks; R. Hamilton, Parks and  
Recreation Manager; W. Miller, Recording Secretary  
**ABSENT:** P. Sloan, W. Vowles (Alternate Director)  
**PUBLIC:** 1

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m.

**1. Elections**

The Manager called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for 2013 and Commissioner Paterson's name was put forward. The Manager called two times for further nominations and, as there was none, Commissioner Paterson was declared Chair.

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for 2013 and Commissioner Douch's name was put forward. The Chair called two times for further nominations and, as there was none, Commissioner Douch was declared Vice Chair.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

The following addition was made to the agenda:

9. d) View Point

**MOVED** by Commissioner Douch, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Jorna that the agenda be approved as amended. **CARRIED**

**3. Adoption of the Minutes from the Meeting of November 27, 2012**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Jorna, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Deutscher that the minutes from the meeting of November 27, 2012 be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

**4. Chair's Report**

The Chair introduced Melody Kimmel, representative for Shirley/Jordan River.

**5. Director's Report**

**6. Delegation**

**a) Jeff Ward, Senior Planner, CRD Regional Parks – Jordan River Properties**

Jeff Ward provided an update on the lands purchased in 2010 by the CRD in the Jordan River area equating to approximately 180 ha. It was advised that full purchase was completed on December 27, 2012. At the time of purchase it was recognized that not all

the land parcels for purchase had regional park significance. Accordingly, the CRD held public consultations on the park boundary in early 2012, including discussions with the Pacheedaht and T'Sou-ke First Nations, to determine which lands are deemed surplus and those lands which will be retained as parkland. Lands north of Highway 14 will be offered for sale to the Pacheedaht and T'Sou-ke First Nations. The surplus lands will be held for sale until December 31, 2014. If First Nations do not acquire the surplus lands, the CRD will consider other options. Other lands north of the highway are still under consideration by the CRD.

Jeff Ward responded to Commissioner questions advising that:

- the old mine site is north of JR3
- planning discussions are anticipated to continue for the next year and will include review of the referenced marine ecological reserve
- some existing structures will be retained while others will be demolished
- continuation of existing camping area is under discussion
- the Jordan River Community Association and the Surfrider Foundation (local and national) have been consulted
- improved parking is being considered at the Western Forest Products sign area
- suggestions have included a First Nation interpretive centre, local community hall (using existing buildings), washroom facilities
- a full ecological site assessment is still to be completed
- CRD Legacy Program is in place and donations have been received

Commissioner suggestions included:

- full service RV sites to provide accommodation along the Pacific Marine Circle Route
- there is support to look at opportunity to connect to Juan de Fuca Marine Park and the Galloping Goose
- community fire pit

## **7. Staff Reports**

### **a) Staff News**

#### William Simmons Memorial Park

R. Hamilton spoke to photos and remediation measures to resolve flooding along Panama Rail Trail. Area will be monitored to determine if infill is needed.

#### Carpenter Road Park

Design completed to install a set of stairs to the pond viewpoint. A bench will also be installed at the top of the rock viewpoint. Work is anticipated to begin in May with the assistance of the work crew.

#### Fishboat Bay Information Shelter

A final design of the shelter has been completed. Work is anticipated to begin next May/June. Information panel will be contracted out separately. Proposed panel and wording will be presented to the Commission. Additional stair railing has been installed.

#### Website Information Update

Work objectives for 2013 will be added and two pdf files prepared and added to the website – one with a map illustrating where the community parks and trails are located,

and a second more detailed information sheet on current developed parks or trails (with photos) and a description of their attributes. Commissioners were asked to provide photographs and park information.

Long Term Trail Priorities

R. Hamilton advised that good progress has been made on meeting the objectives of the current five year plan. The next objective is to look at the top three trails that will be the focus of development over the long term. Considerations should include available funding, routes available to the highest number of potential user groups, opportunities to connect to other community parks or recreation areas and opportunities to connect to other existing trails/networks.

Trails and connectivity opportunities identified included:

- Wieland Trail (Otter Point)
- Eaglecrest Park (Otter Point)
- Galloping Goose (Sooke into Otter Point, continuing west)
- Three Point Properties (Port Renfrew)
- Kludahk Trail (Resource Lands)
- Loss Creek to Leech River/Galloping Goose
- Priest Cabin Park (Shirley/Jordan River to Resource Lands, Matterhorn Trail)
- Becher Bay Park (East Sooke)

Commissioner comments included:

- soliciting feedback from user groups including the Sooke Saddle Club and the Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society and local First Nations
- seeking Economic Development Commission funding for community survey/plan
- signage needed at Priest Cabin Park to provide direction to the Matterhorn
- promoting ability to donate to the parks program, exploring grant opportunities
- tree work (blow down) is needed at Priest Cabin Park and Wieland Trail
- trail dedication at the Silver Spray development could provide opportunity to connect to East Sooke
- clarification as to ability to access logging/industrial roads is needed
- needing an overall map of the area identifying all potential trails

R. Hamilton confirmed that Flea Beach falls under the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, speaking to public foreshore access dedication and process to obtain a license of occupation. It was advised that the trail project at Mt. Matheson is currently on hold and that there is opportunity to communicate areas of parks interest to Local Area Planning. A workshop with user groups will be considered in the spring.

**8. Unfinished Business**

**a) Stewardship Agreements (Seagirt Ponds)**

**b) Admiral John Charles Property**

A Commissioner forwarded comment advising that a local group is exploring incorporation to potentially raise funds to assist in acquisition of this property.

**c) Subdivision Referral S-05-12 (Brown's Mountain, Port Renfrew)**

**d) Update on the Shore – CRD Lot 3569**

Deferred to February.

**9. New Business**

**a) Recreation Program Expression of Interest – Notice & Information**

Expression of interest closes January 31. Submissions will be discussed with the Commission.

**b) Commission Reminder – Agenda and Submission**

Commissioners were reminded that they are more than welcome to submit agenda items. The Chair asked that submissions be sent to staff at least one week in advance of the meeting.

**c) April and June 2013 Meeting Dates**

R. Hamilton advised that he will be unavailable on April 23 and June 25. Staff to forward potential meeting dates.

**d) View Point**

A Commissioner advised that that a view point was established at the new Sombrio bridge site.

**10. Public Question Period**

**11. Motion to Close the Meeting**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Jorna, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Douch that the meeting close in accordance with the *Community Charter*, Part 4, Division 3, Section 90 (1) (e) acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements **CARRIED**

The meeting was closed at 5:10 p.m. and opened at 5:25 p.m.

**12. Rise and Report**

**13. Next Meeting**

February 26, 2013

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

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Louise Paterson, Chair

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Wendy Miller, Recorder