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**Minutes of a Meeting of the
Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
Held Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at the Juan de Fuca Local Area Services Building,
3 – 7450 Butler Road, Otter Point, BC**

PRESENT: L. Paterson (Chair), A. Boquist, V. Braunschweig, S. Jorna, P. Sloan
Staff: R. Hamilton, Parks & Recreation Manager; W. Miller, Recorder
ABSENT: C. Bennett, K. Douch, M. Kimmel, W. Vowles (Alternate Director)
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The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The following additions were made to the agenda:

- 7. New Business
 - a) New Trail Interest
 - b) Jordan River Campground Closure

MOVED by Commissioner Braunschweig, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sloan that the agenda be approved as amended. **CARRIED**

2. Adoption of the Minutes from the Meeting of January 27, 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Jorna, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Boquist that the minutes from the meeting of January 27, 2015 be adopted. **CARRIED**

3. Chair's Report

The Chair commended the work put towards the draft of the Regional Sustainability Strategy (RSS) circulated for public input.

Commission comment was forwarded not supporting the process for approving minor and major amendments to the RSS as the process appears to exclude electoral area participation. Further comment was forwarded stating that the document does not adequately distinguish the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area from the communities of the West Shore.

MOVED by Commissioner Jorna, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Braunschweig that the Commission send a letter outlining its concerns regarding the RSS draft. **CARRIED**

4. Staff Reports

a) Staff News

Gas Tax Funding – Juan de Fuca Recreation Projects

The Manager reported that at its meeting of February 18 the Electoral Area Services Committee supported \$57,000 in funding to support implementation of the William Simmons park management plan and Butler Trail extension.

William Simmons Site Management Plan Implementation

It was reported that debris at the old boat launch site has been removed with the exception of one log. Remaining log to be addressed during dock construction. Contract tenders are being readied.

Work Crew - 2015

Work crew positions for the 2015 season have been posted. Interviews to begin next week.

Recreation Program Contracts - 2015

Four of the five contracts from 2014 have been renewed for 2015. Interest is being sought for karate instruction in Shirley/Jordan River and two expressions of interest have been received for yoga instruction in East Sooke. Commission comment was forwarded advising that one of the East Sooke yoga instructors that expressed interest has moved out of the community.

Volunteer AD&D Insurance Renewal - 2015

Volunteer information forwarded to CRD Risk Management. Community Parks and Recreation has a total of 74 volunteers with the majority of volunteers being over the age of 65. Commission discussion ensued regarding the current complement of volunteers and obstacles to volunteer recruitment.

Cycling Circle Routes Mapping

The Manager reported on an opportunity to have a Commission representative attend a mapping session Tuesday, March 17.

5. Correspondence

6. New Business

a) New Trail Interest

Commission comment was forwarded reporting a new trail extending from Camp Barnard to Sun River Way. The linear trail provides connection to DeMamiel Park and has the potential to provide a Sooke River crossing and be developed into to a loop trail. The Manager asked that he be forwarded a map of the trail. Information to be shared with Local Area Planning.

b) Jordan River Campground Closure

Commissioners questioned BC Hydro's decision not to support upgrade to the dam at Jordan River and the CRD's subsequent decision to close the campground at Jordan River. Commission comment noted the public funds utilized to retain the campground as a public facility and further noted that closure of the campground at Jordan River marks the second campground closure in the area (Sooke Pot Holes).

The Manager advised that Commission interests and concerns can be forwarded directly to Mike Walton, Senior Manager, CRD Regional Parks, at the April meeting.

7. Unfinished Business

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

The Manager advised that the new owner of Brown's Mountain is also the owner of lands previously held by Three Point Properties. It was advised that the new owner is exploring options to remove the covenant related water and sewer servicing and park

plan provisions. It was advised that, should the development be revisited, the Commission will have opportunity to restate its interest in long term community recreation and trail connectivity opportunities.

b) Subdivision Referral S-03-14 (6649 Godman Road – Lum)

c) Long Term Trail Program

The Manager confirmed that further updates will be provided to and shared by Carolyn Stewart, Planner, CRD Regional Parks. No new information is anticipated at this time regarding this initiative.

Commission comment was forwarded advising that, with the recent purchase and logging of Admiral John Charles' property, the Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust Society is directing its attention towards the Muir Creek watershed. It was advised that this area is also an area of interest for the Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society and the Muir Creek Protection Society.

8. Public Question Period

9. Next Meeting

March 24, 2015.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Louise Paterson, Chair

Wendy Miller, Recorder