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**Minutes of a Meeting of the
Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
Held Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at the Juan de Fuca Local Area Services Building,
3 – 7450 Butler Road, Otter Point, BC**

PRESENT: L. Paterson (Chair), C. Bennett, A. Boquist, V. Braunschweig, K. Douch,
S. Jorna, M. Kimmel, W. Vowles (Alternate Director)
Staff: R. Hamilton, Parks & Recreation Manager; W. Miller, Recorder

ABSENT: P. Sloan

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The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Jorna, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Boquist that the agenda be approved. **CARRIED**

2. Adoption of the Minutes from the Meeting of June 23, 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Douch, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Jorna that the minutes from the meeting of June 23, 2015 be adopted. **CARRIED**

3. Chair's Report

No report.

4. Director's Report

Commissioner Vowles extended a thank you on behalf of Director Hicks to the Commission and to the Manager for the recent improvements to William Simmons Memorial Park including installation of two docks. It was reported that there is confirmed support for increasing the Park program budget by 25%. At this time, a combined service bylaw for the Park program and the Recreation program cannot be considered until the Province addresses how such a bylaw may influence similar situations in the Province. However, the goal will be to keep pursuing approval of the amalgamation bylaw.

5. Delegations

a) Friends of Coppermine Park Society – Stewardship Strategy

Valerie Braunschweig joined the delegation, introducing society board members Debbie Trowbridge, Petra Sielopp and Josephine Smith and circulating additional information on natural playgrounds. Valerie Braunschweig spoke to the registered non-profit society's purpose. It was advised that in 2013 the society started to explore cost effective opportunities to make improvements to the park. The purple dinosaur play piece was donated as part of a memorial and, with support from the Commission, a new basketball hoop and tennis net have been installed. Valerie Braunschweig spoke to current endeavours to add climbers to the playground. As outlined in the strategy, the society is now exploring opportunity to support:

- baseball field upgrade
- baseball scoreboard
- concession booth
- playground expansion

- picnic shelter
- walking areas

Society member comments included:

- park has not been used to capacity
- it is anticipated the park will draw more use with Juan de Fuca Search and Rescue (SAR) moving into the fire hall
- with signage and more enhancements including installation of a shelter/gathering place, there is opportunity to draw even more use
- great attendance at the annual Easter egg hunt and the fire department's Halloween event indicates that the residents enjoy gathering at the park

Commission and staff comments included:

- support for natural playground structures
- support for opportunities to increase use by families
- park is large enough to accommodate more features
- fire/SAR facility provides added value
- request for greater cost breakdown for strategy projects as these costs, if supported by the Commission, need to be included in the budget
- strategy can be supported by the Commission with project costs considered as part of the Service Plan review

MOVED by Commissioner Boquist, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Kimmel that the Commission support the strategy as presented.

CARRIED

6. Staff Reports

a) Staff News

2016-19 CRD Service Planning

The 2016-19 Juan de Fuca Parks and Recreation Service Plan was presented to the Parks and Environmental Services General Manager, and Senior Manager for Regional Parks, on July 15. The issue of an amalgamated bylaw is an issue shared by other Electoral Areas and is still being explored as it would allow for more funding flexibility without a tax increase.

Sale of Lot 6, 3569 Waters Edge Drive, Jordan River

A staff report was presented to the Electoral Area Services Committee at its July 15 meeting. The report was accepted and recommended to go to the CRD Board for approval. The Committee directed that offers be brought forward to the Board for approval.

William Simmons Development Project

The Manager spoke to pictures showing key works completed at William Simmons Park this summer. It was advised that a memorial donation has supported installation of a picnic table with plaque at the trail entrance to the boat launch.

Seagirt Ponds – Removal of Yellow Iris Piles

The Manager spoke to pictures showing works completed to stop re-establishment of Yellow Flag Iris. It was advised that an overgrown section of trail has been re-

established and re-surfaced with crusher fines and a new bypass trail has been roughed out to avoid the former narrow rocky area. The new bypass trail will be completed next week with split rail installed to block access to the rocky area.

Port Renfrew Tennis Court

During the week of July 13, the Regional Director arranged for the tennis court to be patched and sections resurfaced by a local paving company at a cost of approximately \$8,000. Gas Tax funds were used to support the project.

New Recreation Program – Shirley/Jordan River

The former karate instructor for Shirley/Jordan River is no longer providing classes. Go Ju Karate has agreed to provide karate classes in the area if there is sufficient interest. The response to date has been limited, but it is anticipated interest will increase now that summer has concluded.

Park Maintenance Staff Progress

The Manager forwarded positive comment regarding this season's crew, advising that Parks Maintenance Worker (PMW) seasonal term ended on Friday, September 4, and the PMW Supervisor term was extended to October 4. The Manager provided an update on park and trail works carried out from July to mid-September.

7. Correspondence

- a) **Mount Matheson Conservation Society – Quarterly Trail Inspection**
- b) **Friends of Eaglecrest Park Society – Quarterly Trail Inspection**

The Chair received the correspondence.

8. New Business

The Manager reported that he will be away from October 19 to November 9. At this time, a special meeting is being considered for October 6 to discuss and resolve the Sheringham Point Lighthouse Preservation Society's public access needs to the lighthouse lands over Sheringham Point Strata Road.

9. Unfinished Business

- a) **Subdivision Referral S-05-12 (Brown's Mountain, Port Renfrew)**
- b) **Subdivision Referral S-03-14 (6649 Godman Road – Lum)**
- c) **Long Term Trail Program**

10. Public Question Period

11. Next Meeting

Next regular meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2015

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Louise Paterson, Chair

Wendy Miller, Recorder