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**Minutes of a Meeting of the
Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
Held Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at the Juan de Fuca Local Area Services Building,
3 – 7450 Butler Road, Otter Point, BC**

PRESENT: S. Jorna (Chair), B. Croteau (EP), C. Lacroix, S. McAndrews, S. McKay, P. Sloan
Staff: D. Closson, Manager, Juan de Fuca Community Parks and Recreation;
D. Lucas, Planner, Juan de Fuca Community Planning; W. Miller, Recorder
ABSENT: V. Braunschweig, Director A. Wickheim
PUBLIC: 3 in-person

EP – Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

Don Closson provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

1. Elections

Don Closson called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for 2023 and Commissioner Jorna's name was put forward. Don Closson called two additional times for further nominations and, as there were none, Commissioner Jorna was acclaimed 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 2023 and Commissioner McKay's name was put forward. The Chair called two additional times for further nominations and, as there were none, Commissioner McKay was acclaimed Vice Chair.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner McAndrews, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Croteau that the agenda be approved. **CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Minutes from the Meeting of November 29, 2022

MOVED by Commissioner Sloan, **SECONDED** by Commissioner McAndrews that the minutes from the meeting of November 29, 2022, be adopted. **CARRIED**

4. Chair's Report

The Chair thanked the membership for the acclamation and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2023.

5. Director's Report

No report.

6. Delegations

a) South Island Mountain Bike Society

Yvonne Mendel, Director of Advocacy, stated:

- South Island Mountain Bike Society (SIMBS) membership continues to grow with 1250+ members
- SIMBS maintains 40+ trails at Hartland through an agreement with the CRD

- mountain biking continues to grow in popularity with people travelling to Malahat, Duncan, North Cowichan, Nanaimo and Cumberland to enjoy trail riding, bringing revenue into the communities
- SIMBS is working with Sooke Bike Club to advocate for more trail riding in the Juan de Fuca
- CRD Regional Parks' acquisition focus is conservation
- the Juan de Fuca has opportunity to support greater trail riding
- SIMBS has the expertise to assist with trail building/design
- SIMBS wishes to see mountain bike trail targets and related resources incorporated into the Juan de Fuca Community Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan

b) Sooke Bike Club

Ethan Wigley, President, stated:

- Sooke Bike Club (SBC) maintains trails at Harbour View, Sea to Sea Regional Park, through an agreement with the CRD
- SBC has returned two trails to working condition at Harbour View
- SBC wishes to add its voice to the efforts to increase mountain biking opportunities in the Juan de Fuca

c) Sooke to Port Renfrew Tourism Association

Daniel Baker, Incoming President, stated:

- wishes to build relationships to support tourism
- mountain bike tourism continues to grow
- there is opportunity to invest in and develop mountain biking tourism

d) Juan de Fuca Community Planning - Zoning Amendment Application RZ000280 – Lot A Section 74 Renfrew District Plan VIP71883 (11237 West Coast Road) and That Part of Section 74, Renfrew District Lying to the North of the Northerly Boundary of Plan 109RW

Darren Lucas spoke to the staff memo to the Commission regarding the application to rezone the subject properties from the Forestry (AF) zone to an amended Rural Commercial Recreation (Campground) (CR-2) zone. It was advised that the provision of park land or payment for parks purposes is not a requirement for bylaw amendment (rezoning) applications; however, consistency with a community's Official Community Plan (OCP) is required in the evaluation of these applications.

Darren Lucas directed attention to the location and context map and policy statements for parks and trails as provided by the Shirley-Jordan River OCP, Bylaw No. 4001.

Commission comments included:

- subject properties are adjacent to Sandcut Beach, Jordan River Regional Park
- Sandcut Beach is a high usage park
- the parking lot at Sandcut Beach is regularly at capacity resulting in visitors parking on the road right-of-way
- parking lot and road right-of-way is an area of traffic congestion which is a safety concern
- community is in need of tourist facilities
- rezoning proposal would provide tourist facilities while supporting opportunity for onsite trails, expanding opportunity for trail connectivity along West Coast Road and or into adjacent properties including the Sandcut Beach trail network
- other communities have provided safe walking routes by providing trails adjacent to major roads that demonstrates options for further consideration

- properties were the subject of a previous subdivision (S-01-11), which was subsequently cancelled
- at the time that the previous subdivision was under review, a water access at the boundary Jordan River Park and Sandcut Creek was considered

MOVED by Commissioner McKay, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sloan that the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission recommends to the Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee:

1. That the Commission supports zoning amendment application RZ000280 as the proposal would provide economic benefit to tourism and recreation in the Shirley – Jordan River area;
2. That the Commission recognizes that additional visitors require additional trails and accesses by residents and visitors alike;
3. That, with this application, the Commission recommends expansion of the trail network to existing trails and future trails for connectivity; and
4. That the Commission supports the expansion of Jordan River Park to its natural boundary on the south-east boundary of Sandcut Creek.

CARRIED

7. Commissioner Reports

East Sooke – Seagirt Ponds

A Commissioner reported that the Seagirt Ponds Preservation Society held its annual general meeting on December 2 and that the Society is endeavouring to resurrect its regular guest speaker program.

Don Closson requested that the Society limit its holly management to pruning.

Willis Point/Malahat

The Chair received comment regarding the quarry project in Bamberton and requested that comments be directed to Director Wickheim.

8. Staff Reports

a) Staff News

Don Closson provided an overview of the report. Discussion ensued regarding the following items:

Priest Cabin Access

- invitation to submit a quote for mini-excavator services for trail construction has been issued
- reports of downed trees on the cabin have been received
- the cabin was not overly damaged by the downed trees

Kemp Lake Fishing Dock – Chubb Road Location

- approval has been granted to proceed with direct award of the contract for the dock purchase and install
- the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) has approved the parking plan

Community Parks Strategic Plan Update

- changes requested by Pacheedhat First Nation have been shared with CRD First Nations Relations
- it is anticipated that the Community Parks Strategic Plan will be presented for approval at the February or March meeting

Coppermine Park

- invitation to submit a quote for playground equipment supply and installation has been issued
- invitation to submit a quote for full repair of the irrigation system has also been issued

Butler Road Park

- quote for an environmental assessment has been received with assessment anticipated to be received by spring
- Community Works Fund grant to cover the cost of the assessment and planned improvements

The Park – Port Renfrew

- invitation to submit a quote for playground equipment supply and installation has been issued

Admiral's Forest

The Chair reported that he will be bringing discussion points forward to the February meeting regarding development of the Admiral's Forest property.

Wieland Road Trail Project

- invitation to submit a quote for mini-excavator services for trail construction has been issued
- staff is meeting with the MoTI on January 25, 2023, to discuss the potential extension of Wieland Road and the Commission's License of Occupation

Staff highlighted the trail survey.

9. Unfinished Business

a) Community Parks Strategic Plan Update

Discussed under Staff News.

10. Next Meeting

February 28, 2023

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Sid Jorna, Chair

Wendy Miller, Recorder