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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission  
Held on September 15, 2020 at Heron's Nest, 262 B Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, BC**

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**Present in Person:** Sonja Collombin, Director Holman, John Gauld, Drew Bodaly, Brian Webster, Dan Ovington, Parks and Recreation Manager; Tracey Shaver, Recording Secretary  
**Absent:** Jason Sperling, Jacky Cooper

It was intended that the meeting be open to public to listen to meeting through a teleconference line. Systems did not work as anticipate and the conference line was disconnected.

**1. Territorial Acknowledgement / Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm.  
Chair Collombin provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Webster, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Bodaly,  
That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission agenda of September 15,  
2020 be amended.

**CARRIED**

**3. Adoption of Minutes of June 23, 2020**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Gauld, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Bodaly,  
That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of June 23, 2020  
be approved.

**CARRIED**

**4. Delegation/Presentation**

**4.1 Charles Kahn – Community Land Acquisition**

Mr. Kahn introduced the Commission to a parcel of land that is 49 acres and runs along the boundary of the Deep Ridge Nature Reserve and the beginning of Peter Arnell Park. The property already has some older roughed in roads which can be used as trails and has a large ocean front area.

Property owners are willing to sell for assessed value of \$1.25 million and are offering to community before listing.

**Referred to staff for consideration at the next meeting.**

5. Director and Chair Reports – No reports

6. Outstanding Business

6.1 Project Status Report

Several items discussed:

- Nice to see overall CRD Project Tracker; obvious that many projects overlap and cross systems (example: Transportation and Parks)
- Ganges Harbourwalk; the Ministry granted the Ganges Marina its foreshore lease with a clause that allows the Ministry to grant a right of way across their foreshore for the purpose of a boardwalk. The Ministry wants complete designs for the project before they will grant the SRoW to the CRD.
- New portable project is over budget. Community Works Funds have been allocated to fund additional expenses.

6.2 Tree Removal Policy

- Training gap for staff identified
- Commission interested in a policy that outlines decision making, public notification and when to engage professional tree faller
- These guidelines were determined to be more for operations than policy
- Staff to bring back a policy for tree removal

**MOVED** by Commissioner Bodaly, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Walde,  
That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that the Salt Spring Island Wildlife and Danger Tree Program Operational Guidelines be adopted.

**DEFEATED**

7. New Business

7.1 Parks and Recreation Operating Reserve Fund

- Used to stabilize services dependant on revenue
- Will require Bylaw and Board consent
- Will be budgeted amounts shown as a line item each year
- Commission must approve any expenditures

**MOVED** by Commissioner Walde, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Webster,  
That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that operating reserve funds be established for the Salt Spring Island Pool, Park land, Community Parks and Community Recreation Services.

**CARRIED**

7.2 Crime Prevention in Community Parks

- Recent joint effort with CRD bylaw officers and RCMP to educate and discourage large gatherings from ignoring of bylaws (smoking, dogs, use of illicit drugs and alcohol)
- Request for data on actual amount of crime events, administrative and staff costs.
- Inform community with facts and seek comprehensive solutions from key agencies

**MOVED** by Commissioner Collombin, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Bodaly,  
That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission request staff to  
report on the amount of criminal behavior they have witnessed in community parks.  
Prepare cumulative incident data on vandalism, garbage, anti-social behavior, and  
violence in community parks and possible solutions to solve these issues.

**CARRIED**

**7.3 Salt Spring Island Historical Society- Letter of Support**

- Request to install interpretive panels to reflect history and presence of First Nations on Salt Spring.
- Determine long term maintenance
- Refer to CRD first nations relations

**MOVED** by Commissioner Walde, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Bodaly,  
That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission refer request back  
to staff to finalize details.

**CARRIED**

Commissioner Webster leaves the meeting due to conflict with item 7.4 at 4:35 pm

**7.4 Market in the Park Operations and Management**

- Strategic plan has review of operations and management of Saturday Market operations listed as a priority 2
- PARC would still have authority in Centennial by issue of park use permit

**MOVED** by Commissioner Gauld, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Walde,  
That the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission request that staff  
prioritize the management review of Saturday Market operations and bring back  
recommendations.

**CARRIED**

Commissioner Webster returns to the meeting at 4:40 pm.

**8. Correspondence:** Rainbow Road Park Allotment Garden – Water Collection and Conservation- received for information

**9. Next Meeting: to be confirmed October 20, 2020 3 to 5 pm in the SSI Public Library**

**10. Adjournment**

**MOVED** By Commissioner Gauld, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Bodaly,  
That the meeting adjourn at 4:45 pm.

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**CHAIR**

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**SENIOR MANAGER**