

# **SATURNA ISLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (SIPRC)**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

12 November 2015 @ 4:30 pm      Parks & Rec Office

**Present:** Michel Bourassa – Chair; John Gahn—Treasurer; Sheila Wallace – Vice-Chair;

Hubertus Surm; Joan Hoskinson; Tom Koochin; Erle Nelson

**Excused:** Greg Robertson

CALL TO ORDER – 1630

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Approved as amended.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES– 8 October 2015    Approved as submitted.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/REQUEST TO ADDRESS COMMISSION**

- Darryl Davies invoice received. Some maintenance is need at PAs after weather improves. John has sent in a requisition to pay.

### **BUSINESS ARISING**

Commonality Meeting/Galiano-- John was the sole Saturna participant. He circulated minutes prior to meeting and reported on three interesting presentation/points:

1. Manager of CRD Real Estate – Happy to hear of Creek House refurbishing; other Commissions have      buildings in parks. He suggested CRD waive permit; have Director Dave Howe request waiver of Real Estate department.
2. Contracted Services—CRD Handbook has guidelines; all contracted services need to go through CRD; Commissions do not have signing authority of even insignificant ones. Galiano has struck committee to find a way around this cumbersome process.
3. PA Stewardship—Led to discussion of campers, no open fires and surveillance at Thomson; who should deal with problematic issues. Michel or Darryl should be contacted or call 911 esp. if fire is involved; no one is to go unaccompanied. Sheila mentioned the forms pertaining to PA stewards.

### **CHAIR’S REPORT/REMARKS**

- Grill inspection, licensing—Michel reported that a VIN has been obtained; permit pending.

- Moby Doll Status—Michel has spoken with Richard Blagborne again; will be provided with video for ‘talking point’ for CRD.

**Action**—Michel will provide Jeff Ward, CRD with video.

- Elections—No expressions of interest were received for the four commission openings.

**Action**—Michel will advertise in the *Scribbler* for the two vacancies.

- Recording Secretary has given notice after seven years and was thanked. Michel has spoken to Cathryn Dimock as a replacement,

## TREASURER’ S REPORT – John

**November 2015 Report** Brief discussion of Rec. funds. Approved as submitted by bookkeeper.

<b>Parks</b>	Total Revenue	25,010
	Total Expenses	16,527
	Remaining Parks Operating Funds	8,482
	Parks Reserve Fund	40,495
<b>Recreation</b>	Total Revenue	11,290
	Total Expenses	8,422
<b>Remaining Rec. Funds</b>		2,867

## THOMSON PARK

### PUBLIC ACCESSES

- Waveney PA Trail –Erle visited site; pending trail location seems unclear.

## LYALL CREEK COTTAGE

- Michel has heard no further from contractor; has learned he is away.

## RECREATION EVENTS

\*\*\* Power Failure—truncated business conducted by flashlight \*\*\*

## FUNDING REQUESTS/REPORTS

- Winter Bird Field Trip/\$340—Maureen Welton requesting for ad hoc group of birders a talk/walk by biologist at East Point. Discussion.

**Motion #151** -- Be it resolved that SIPRC approve funding for the

Winter Bird Field Trip funding request up to \$340 upon submittal of receipts.

Moved by Sheila

Seconded by John

Carried

- Christmas Bird Count/\$400 – Maureen Welton requesting annual funding for ad hoc group of birders gathering for Count-Up at Pub following a day of birding. Discussion.

**Motion # 152** -- Be it resolved that SIPRC approve funding for the Christmas Bird Count Count-Up for refreshments not to exceed \$400 and upon submittal of receipts.

Moved by Sheila

Seconded by John

Carried

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Lyall Creek Park—no change.
- Thomson Park Signage—Michel using a new vendor; awaiting delivery.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Elections – Secret balloting. Everyone recused as ballots were counted by secretary and Erle.

Michel & Hubertus voted in for another two-year term. Motion passed to destroy ballots.

- Michel thanked John and Sheila for their years of service—four and six years respectively.
- Informal Gathering at the Pub Sunday 22 Nov @ 4 pm.
- Cycling Event—Joan reported on contact with a Vancouver Island cycling group, which plans to visit Saturna to try to plan an event.

ADJOURNMENT – 5:15 pm

**Next Regular Meeting – Thursday 10 December 2015 @ 4:30 pm**

Contracted Recording Secretary ilka Allers-Olsen