

**Minutes of the SATURNA PARKS AND RECREATION meeting,
Thursday May 11, 2023, 4:30
Saturna Recreation Centre - lounge**

Present: Commissioner's Field, Henry, Osborne (Chair), DeJoseph, and Preston.

Regrets: Commissioner's Brent, Quaintance (Vice Chair), Caspar (Treasurer), and Haworth.

Guest: Haley Wiracho, Parks Canada summer student.

1. The meeting was called to order by the chair, C. Osborne at 4:45 PM. He welcomed the commissioners and our guest, noted that a quorum was present, and acknowledged with gratitude our presence on the unceded traditional territory of the Coast Salish, and particularly the Wsanec peoples. Our guest is a Recreation and Tourism Management student at VIU in Nanaimo and is willing to work with the Commission on recreation programming on Saturna while she is here.

2. The agenda was approved as circulated, by consent, with the addition of item 8.5 Thomson Park BBQ removal.

3. The minutes of April 13, 2023 were approved as circulated, by consent.

4. No treasurer's report.

5. The report in writing of the Chair which was circulated by email in advance of the meeting was accepted.

5.1 No administrator's report.

6. Funding requests

6.1. A request from the Saturna Athletic Association for 2023 annual funding for maintenance of Winter Cove Park fields was deferred. ACTION: The Chair to contact the Assoc. for further information and report back.

6.2. Moved by C. Osborne, seconded by C. Preston, that the Commission provide up to \$140.00 from the parks budget to the group Art Saturna for the purchase of exterior Varathane to coat and protect the art mural at Winter Cove Park. The commissioners expressed gratitude for the volunteer work of the group Art Saturna. After discussion, carried. ACTION: The chair to inform Art Saturna.

6.3. The commissioners declined to provide further funding as requested for the basketry workshop recently conducted on Saturna. ACTION: The chair to inform the basketry workshop applicants.

6.4. Moved by C. Field, seconded by C. DeJoseph that the following list of applications for recreation funding in 2023 be approved for up to the amounts, and for the purposes indicated and identified in their respective applications:

#4. Saturna Singers:	\$1050.00	2023/24 programs
#5. Saturna Pride:	\$550.00	2023 Pride Parade expenses
#6. Saturna Pickleball Assoc.	\$300.00	Outdoor pickle-balls
#7. Gambori Concerts:	\$500.00	Saturna concert(s)
#8. Saturna Library:	\$400.00	Seed saving program
#9. Saturna Birders:	\$550.00	2023 Xmas bird count
#10. Line dancers:	\$200.00	Blue tooth speaker
#11. Recreation Centre:	\$2650.00	Equipment and training
#12. Seastar Bioblitz:	\$650.00	2023 program expenses
#14. Saturna Heritage:	\$230.00	Artist speakers and open house
#15 Dog Training:	\$250.00	2 days dog training on Saturna
#16. Saturna PAC for GICEL:	\$2300.00	Summer camp for up to 15 Saturna resident children
#18: Saturna Guides:	\$125.00	Year-end celebration
#19. Movie nights:	\$350.00	Refreshments
#20. SGI Art Council:	\$650.00	Workshop series 2023

After discussion, carried.ACTION: Chair to draft and circulate for comment a form letter advising successful applicants.

7. Business arising from the minutes:

- 7.1. After some preliminary discussion, deferred to next meeting.
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- 7.3. Rosemary reported trails in good condition and new signage specifying limits of our park in place on Westridge Trail. General discussion of potential work parties for Parks, to be continued at the next meeting.
ACTION: Those C.s with ideas for work parties to circulate emails to all with details.
- 7.4. C. DeJoseph reported on further discussions with Tyler S. and others about communications and media. To continue and report back.

8. New Business:

- 8.1. No delegations.
- 8.2. Commissioners indicated they had responded and planned to attend the commonality meeting on Galiano.
- 8.3. The Commission has received correspondence from Hubertus S. that he is prepared to organize the annual Hike, Paddle and Row event sponsored by the Commission on June 11, 2023. He requests a budget approximately the same as last year (Q. how much was that? I can't find it in the minutes) This was approved by the commissioners with thanks to Hubertus. ACTION: The chair to inform Hubertus. Commissioners to note date and plan to support the event.
The chair noted that Parks Canada has indicated that July 16, 2023 will be Parks Day at East Point. The Commission has in the past provided and served ice cream. Request that it do so this year? Decision deferred to next meeting after discussion.

8.4. The chair reported that the cleanup of the debris from maintenance of the stairs at Winter Cove Park was completed at a cost of \$175.00. There may be a further invoice for concrete coming. These expenses were authorized in the meeting of June, 2022.

8.5. C. Henry reported that the BBQ at Thomson Park is beyond repair and should be removed. ACTION: C. Henry to contact Pat D. to arrange removal and recycling of the metal.

No in camera session required.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM. Next meeting June 8, 2023.

Chair – David Osborne

Committee Clerk – Denise Kuzyk