

MINUTES OF SOUTH COWICHAN PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

October 8, 2013

6:30pm @ Arbutus Ridge

Call to order: 6:45pm

In attendance: Margaret Symon (Chair), Frank McCorkell, David Gall, John Krug, Kerrie Talbot, (Notetaker), Bruce Fraser, Director Area B, Gerry Giles, Director Area C

Guests:, Brian Farquhar & Graham Gidden, CVRD Parks Staff

Business items:

Approve Minutes of May 9, 2013 meeting - Approved

Bright Angel Park:

Washroom - discussion regarding design & modifications to allow for privacy & change room space.

Motion: To proceed with basic design shown, (similar to Quarry Nature Park washroom facilities inclusive of a separate family/HC washroom), with increasing the building footprint to accommodate space for changing (i.e. bench and hanging hooks in both the men's and women's washrooms).

Accepted

Draft 2014 Bright Angel Park Budget –

Motion: To accept the draft budget as amended.

Accepted

Mill Bay Historic Church:

Will need to allow extra monies for construction of accessibility ramp. For 2013 the washroom and minor finishing works will be completed.

Discussion of potential programs and uses for the building to be led by engaging public feedback. Survey to be sent out by CVRD staff, which will help define specific criteria for program use.

Cowichan Bay Boat Launch Park:

CVRD staff have been researching alternate boat launch sites with capacity for 30+ boats (plus trucks & trailers) to accommodate increasing use of CB boat launch, and to mitigate

high season parking issues along the waterfront strip.

Draft 2014 SC Parks Budget:

Discussion re: \$13,000 in undefined revenues in SC Parks Budget. Query re: structure of funding, increasing funding potential, can statutory limit of funding be changed, and if so, what is the process.

Motion: That staff report back on what the process is to increase the statutory requisition limit for the South Cowichan Parks function.

Accepted

Quarry Nature Park – Area C (Cobble Hill) Community Park

Request from Area C Parks that \$5000. per annum from the South Cowichan Parks budget be allotted for QNP washroom maintenance due to the broader South Cowichan use of the South Cowichan Dog Park and trails on Cobble Hill Mountain.

Deferred 'til next SC Parks meeting to allow for discussion within Area Parks Commission meetings.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm