

Shawnigan Lake Parks and Recreation Commission

Jan 20, 2011 SLCC

Attendees: Margaret Symon, Betty Lord, Bill Savage, Lori Treloar, Al Brunet, Ken Cossey

Scribe: Lori Treloar

Guests: Brian Jackson, Tim Taylor, Gayleen Flaman, Scott Overhelm

Meeting called to order: 7:00

Presentation: Graham Ross-Smith

Graham congratulated the commission on the Shawnigan Lake Parks and Trails Master Plan. The presentation included several recommendations for the commission: 1) Boat launches – he suggested that there be two classes of boat launch. Type “A” would be for launching and hauling out boats on trailers and include adequate parking space, public washrooms, litter receptacles, a dock to temporarily moor boats, supervision at peak times, and a system for charging fees. Type “B” would be for launching car top boats and other small watercraft and set up so trailers couldn’t gain access. Graham recommended that only one type “A” launch be established on the lake and located far from residential areas. 2) Loops and Bridges – he suggested that there should be more trail loops around the lake, even to the point of considering bridging across the lake in one or two places. Example: from Ida Road to Verlon Road, or across the West Arm. 3) Add cycling lanes – improving road shoulders for cycling traffic. 4) To acquire as much Crown land as possible to control the preservation of the watershed. 5) consider a community theme, or recurring element, as the area develops, such as stonework. 6) Designate the lake as a park such as Matheson Lake in the CRD which would allow us to control the surface of the lake. Discussion of the ownership of the lake bottom ensued.

Minutes: from Dec 16, 2010. Approved: Betty Lord

Old business:

Shawnigan Hills Athletic Park

The CVRD had a contract for work required for the next phase at Shawnigan Hills Athletic Park. A running trail/track has been installed around the outside of the park. Services, including water, power upgrades, sewer, for current and future development have been brought into the park by conduits to the future electrical room in the planned washroom building. The job was delayed when it was discovered that the gas line was above the water line, and also due to snow. The extra expenses due to the delay will be absorbed by the contractor. Completion of the services is being held up by Hydro. The ball infield can’t be completed at this time as it needs to be warmer before the material is put down. Dugouts and Backstops will be installed prior to ball season. Ryan Dias will bring the preliminary drawings for the washroom building to the February 2011 meeting. We will have approx \$306000 towards the project for 2011. A media event is set for January 28, 2011 at 10 a.m.

Worthington Road End/Subdivision

Al suggested that residents should visit the Shawnigan Residents Association website for more information on this development and join the discussion. Margaret has visited the CVRD and voiced the commission's concerns about this development and the concerns have been noted. It is understood that we can not stop the development but we have requested that our park dedication be along the waterfront. We will also pursue the entire Worthington Road end for dedicated park. This would move the access to the development from Worthington to Cullin Road and through the property being developed. Using their own property for access would allow for fewer properties which is desirable to the commission. A neighbour of the proposed development, Tim Taylor, added that the residents are very concerned about the Worthington subdivision and that Worthington Road has been used and maintained by residents as a neighbourhood lake access for a long time.

Memory Island Fuel Management

Margaret advised that the outhouses on the island are in a desperate state and overflowing. Bill suggested that the outhouses be torn down and replaced. He has offered to donate wood (1000 board feet) to build a new two stall outhouse on a concrete slab. He suggested that we install composting toilets that empty into a locked cement box. He also believes that it would be possible to hire a few young people to empty the overflowing pits and to remove the effluent from the island by boat in several containers. Margaret suggested that the two projects might be done at the same time. Bill made a motion "that the parks commission build a two stall outhouse on Memory Island and install a composting toilet, and that we do this in conjunction with a firesmarting project, prior to the 2011 summer season." Bill suggested checking out the *Clivis* composting toilet design.

New Business:

Area Directors Report

- The Elsie Miles acquisition is progressing. A final report is being prepared to present at the March School Board Meeting. A 50 year lease will be proposed with the intent to purchase if the Ministry of Education rules change.
- There was an Arts & Culture meeting in Shawnigan Jan 15th. Kirsten Schraeder gave a presentation that was warmly received by the group. Ken will work with Kim Little, Kirsten Schraeder and the Cowichan Arts Council to formalize the Shawnigan Arts and Culture group.
- There is an APC discussion group scheduled for Saturday Jan. 22, 10-2 at the SLCC. It is by invitation only. Members of the commission can attend but must RSVP to Katy Tompkins.
- There will be a Town Hall Meeting in February or March.
- Road Ends – Bob Web, Regional Manager for MOTI indicated that it would not be a problem to get control of the road ends. Ken is waiting for a template from MOTI. Brian Jackson added that he thought the acquisition of the road ends was very important for the community, particularly for the residents of the Beach estates.
- Ken will try to arrange to have a rep from Mainroad and MOTI at the Town Hall Meeting

Other:

-Margaret advised that the Elkington project is approved and a few lots have already been sold.

-Gayleen Flaman asked about the status of the entrance to the Beach Estates. Margaret advised that it came under parks and was considered a green belt. Any maintenance for the

property comes from the parks budget. Green belts are monitored only on an "as needed" basis. Gayleen asked if the community could take on a clean-up/maintenance/improvement project. Both Ken and Margaret advised that this would have to be done through CVRD Parks who would be responsible for a plan and monitoring.

-Al suggested that Old Mill Park would be a perfect park for a community project as well. This would entail refurbishing and fixing the trails, removing garbage and removing invasive plants. It was suggested that the Rotary or Lion's Club may be willing to participate. Margaret suggested contacting Ian Anderson of Pro-Tree or Bill Turner. Parks staff would need to be included in any plans or implementation. A 2009 fire reduction crew removed some trees and garbage.

-Betty advised that the parking lot at Old Mill Park is dreadful. Full of pot holes. Same problem at Spectacle Lake.

-Al suggested that the SRA would be willing to host community groups such as the Parks Commission or Beach Estates residents if they wanted space on their new website. He is also going to initiate a Volunteer Bureau on the SRA web site so that people can sign up for projects in the community.

Adjourned: 9:00pm

Next meeting: February 17, 2011