

Shawnigan Parks and Recreation Commission - May

Regular Meeting

May 19, 2011 – 7:00pm SLCC

Attendees: Catherine Whittome, Bill Savage, Margaret Symon, Lori Treloar, Ken Cossey, Gaileen Flaman

Scribe: Lori Treloar

Business Items:

Lakefront Access and Baldy Mt.

The commission will make it a priority to acquire Worthington and other road ends. Ken suggested that Margaret send a letter to Brian Farquar to find out the current status regarding our request to take over the road ends so that we can create a game plan. The commission plans to visit road accesses by water and land to prioritize.

Shawnigan Hills Athletic Park

Members of the Commission met Ryan and Mike (our project manager) from the CVRD at Shawnigan Hills prior to the meeting to determine placement for the washroom building, review the final plans and to view other improvements that have been completed. The plans will go to tender in the first week of June and the washroom building will likely be completed by September 2011. The Commission proposes that, ***“the Shawnigan Parks Commission would like to ensure that the connecting trails from Shawnigan Hills to Meadowview and Discovery School greenbelt trail are cleared and “signed” in conjunction with completion of the washroom facility. We recommend that the Parks Summer Crew complete the work”***. Catherine put forward the motion. Gaileen seconded. Ryan advised that the South Cowichan Softball Club wants to have permanent anchors for the bases installed. They are asking the commission to pay half of the cost. The commission asked that a representative from the club attend a meeting to discuss their request.

Old Mill Park

On Monday May 16, a group of about 100 Shawnigan Lake School students spent several volunteer hours cleaning up Mill Park and removing invasive species (mainly ivy). This was done as part of their health and wellness program. This was a last minute arrangement so most of the Parks Commission members were not involved. Margaret will suggest that a letter of appreciation be sent to the school from the CVRD.

Worthington/Cullin Road subdivision – update

Three members from the Parks Commission attended the recent APC meeting to hear the presentation regarding the Worthington subdivision. No new information was available since the Parks had a similar presentation. Concerns were raised regarding the potential precedent that would be set if there is a change to the century-old natural boundary. The following motion was made by Catherine W. Seconded by Lori T. ***“The Shawnigan Parks Commission would like the CVRD Board to request that a Provincial Approving Officer hold a community meeting with respect to the Cullin Road subdivision”***. Regarding the Worthington development, we also reiterate our earlier motion regarding park designation: ***Motion: “The Shawnigan Lake Parks Commission recommends that the 5% park dedication in the Worthington subdivision be along the shoreline to create greater community access to***

the waterfront. This request is supported by the recommendations in the SL Parks and Trails Master Plan.”

Memory Island

Firesmarting on the island will take place by the end of June.

Shawnigan Beach Estates facelift

No new information

Silvermine Trail

No new information

Subaru Triathlon

Catherine advised that the event still needs at least 40 volunteers. Subaru has offered to pay \$125 for groups of 7-9 volunteers. They must be 17 or older. Bill Moulaison will provide medical support for the event. Margaret advised that Shawnigan Lake school students make up a big bulk of the volunteer contingent. There is a kiddie run on the Saturday and entertainment. Brian advised that there will be truck access to CV Trail for emergency and hauling.

Boating Safety Signs

No new information

Area Director's Report

-OCP Public hearings will be scheduled at Kerry Park for June 27 & 28. The Electoral Area Services Committee will hear the 1st and 2nd readings May 31 and make recommendations to the board on June 8th. The previous surveys have been analyzed and revised. The public will be able to indicate what they like and dislike about the document and why.

-Town Hall Meeting – May 30th 7:00 pm at SLCC

-Property near Mason's Store: Ken advised that MOTI opposed the suggestion from the developers to develop the trail along the road in front of the house. The Shawnigan Parks Commission would like to suggest that developers consider a trail along the river.

-Elsie Miles. School District 79 must make a land disposition bylaw to present to the Education Ministry before the long term lease transaction can take place

-Bill asked Ken whether we had any new information regarding disposal of park property. Again, we need a response from the CVRD regarding correct procedure so that we can proceed with a plan to sell off unsuitable parkland. Ken is not aware of a response.

-Ken suggested that we have so many issues to deal with that we may want to create a strategic action plan outlining criteria and short and long term goals.

-The group, in general, feels some frustration regarding the lack of response from the CVRD to our motions and queries.

Next Meeting: June 16, 2011