

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Shawnigan (Area B) Parks and Recreation Commission
Sept. 13 2012 630 pm SLCC

Attendees: Bill Savage, Lori Treloar, Catherine Whittome, Al Brunet, Scott Overhill, Margaret Symon
Ryan Dias (CVRD), Bruce Fraser, Kelly Musselwhite

Regrets: Gaileen Flaman

Public: Brian Jackson

Guest: Pete Nash

Scribe: Margaret Symon

1. Minutes of June 21 meeting approved. Thank-you to Scott Overhill (June scribe).
2. No formal meetings held July, August 2012. Thank-you to Brian Jackson and Bill Savage for the informative July boat tour of road ends.
3. Guest Presentation (Pete Nash). Mr. Nash's presentation was focussed on the issue of illegal docks on public road ends. Related topics included foreshore leases, riparian rights, and TW's ownership of the lake bottom. Commission thanked Mr. Nash for the presentation.
4. Area Director's Report.
Bruce Fraser recently met with MoTI to review the "colossal mess" at a road end at the southeast end of Shawnigan Lake. Many contentious issues are involved, including violation of commercial licence (rental of docks), vegetation clearing, legal ownership, etc. MoTI has a new spokesperson, who is scheduled to speak at the October 1 Meet the Director meeting.

Kelly Musselwaite described progress made on the Shawnigan Village Masterplan. Thanks to input from the community and pro bono expertise from a Victoria architect, the Masterplan incorporates a vision for community hubs and connectivity. All are welcome to attend the Village Masterplan meetings (next meeting Sept. 15).
5. Shawnigan Hills.
 - Ryan Dias (CVRD) said construction of the tot lot playground would commence next week.
 - Entrance way to be improved (double gate).
 - It was decided to hold the grand re-opening next spring.
 - Positive feedback received re: summer playground program (at Dougan Park/Shawnigan Hills). Shawnigan Hills favoured venue for playground program.
 - Several acts of vandalism over the summer at Shawnigan Hills. Lori Treloar will do short article in Shawnigan Focus, noting dates of damage, and repair costs.
6. Invasive Species Strategy.
MOTION: that the CVRD proceed with approval of the Invasive Species Strategy as outlined by Graham Gidden, inclusive of the current, managed road ends, and the currently pending 3 road

ends (Worthington, Bell-Irving, May), but not to include the 2 blocks of Community Forest at the south end (these blocks were previously surveyed). MOTION PASSED.

-Commission would like to meet with CISC contractor at beginning of project.

7. Memory Island Outhouses.

Bill Savage said as of August 22, 2012, work to remove the old outhouses and to fill in the holes had been completed. Next time, this work would be better done in late spring/early summer.

Broom removal – 2011 – good feedback

8. Worthington Road Road End.

-Update from Tanya Soroka, CVRD (email, August 7, 2012): Subdivision plan revised; road access into the strata subdivision no longer off Worthington Road, but instead farther down along Cuillin Road. Proposed parkland still in the same location at the end of Worthington Road end. The entire road end from Cullin Road is going to be applied for to the BC MoT as a “park.” The “park” will share a driveway with the church property. CVRD seeking approval in writing for a permit from MoT.

-Ryan Dias presented a conceptual plan of the Worthington Road road end park. Commission felt that a car parking area and trail construction not warranted. Costs should be reduced as a result.

-Question raised about size and location of parkland dedication. Ryan Dias to check with Tanya Soroka about 5%.

-Bruce Fraser to be consulted regarding location of parkland (commission made several previous motions for a linear waterfront park).

9. Road Ends.

Brian Jackson has created an excellent, detailed map of the Shawnigan Lake road ends. Hard copies of the map to be distributed to FD, SRA, Shawnigan Watershed Round Table. Input welcomed prior to finalization of the map. Commission thanked Brian for his efforts.

-Photos of road ends should be submitted to Al Brunet, who will organize a picture index.

10. 2013 Budget.

Ryan Dias reviewed the Area B community park budget planning draft.

MOTION: That the 2013 Community Park Budget be approved, to include \$100,000 for major capital (projects to be determined), \$17,000 for minor capital (projects to be determined), and \$10,000 for Invasive Species. MOTION PASSED.

-Among the possible projects recommended for 2013 were:

-trail connectivity – Shawnigan Hills Athletic Park (trails should link park with Meadowview, Discovery School, etc.

-washroom/changeroom improvements at Old Mill Park

-walking trail – Renfrew (village core)

-Baldy Mountain trail acquisition/improvements

-implementation of invasive species strategy (possibly in combination with government grants)

Next meeting: Oct. 18, 2012.