

Area B, Shawnigan Lake Parks and Recreation Commission
March 21 2013

Attendees: Bill Savage, Lori Treloar , Al Brunet, Margaret Symon, Gaileen Flaman
Guests: Brian Jackson, Bruce Fraser
Scribe: Gaileen Flaman
Meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m.
Minutes of Feb 2013 approved

Business Items:

Shawnigan Gathering

⑩ Bruce Fraser mentioned the Parks and Rec Commission has secured a display table and a slot for open discussion of related issues at the Sunday session of the Gathering. Margaret Symon to gather materials for the table including information about Invasive species and Road Ends.

Koksilah

⑩ **Motion:** The Parks and Recreation Commission makes a motion to include the Koksilah Ancient Forest as a priority item in the Parks Master Plan. **Motion passed – all in favour.**

West Shawnigan Lake Provincial Park and trail

⑩ Margaret Symon met with Sarah Malerby and Shawnigan Triathlon committee to review options for reconfiguring a trail from the park to the Trans-Canada Trail. Ministry of Highways has denied approval for initial location, specifying sightlines as the reason. Issue is on hold, pending further communications with MoTH.

Invasive Species

⑩ **Request CVRD Parks to create and distribute (possibly as an attachment with property tax statements), a compact, comprehensive flyer illustrating and describing key identified problematic invasive species, as an awareness-raising and educational tool.**

Shawnigan Beach Estates Bulletin Board

⑩ Gaileen Flaman received materials and CVRD provided and installed cork and secure plexiglass cover for bulletin board. **Request for CVRD to provide similar, but smaller cork and plexiglassbulletin board to be installed at washroom facility at Shawnigan Hills Athletic Park for purpose of displaying recreation and CVRD postings.** Gaileen Flaman volunteers to manage that board as well. Commission thanked Gaileen Flaman for her work on the community bulletin board.

Park Chair Meeting

⑩ Margaret Symon unable to make recent Park Chair meeting, however, reported that communication between Commissions and CVRD was discussed. All the

Commission meeting meetings are reviewed by staff, and “action items” are dealt with by appropriate staff. Commission chairs now receive regular notification.

Shawnigan Hills Athletic Park Grand Opening

⑩ Gaileen Flaman presented a proposal for an annual Mother's Day event to be held at the park and hosted by the Parks and Recreation Commission. On Sunday, May 12, 2013, a “Picnic in the Park” would take place with a walk around the track including stops at each corner for, 1. Moms to receive a flower; 2. Family photo taken and emailed later; 3. Parks display with trail maps and family passes to encourage local recreation; and 4. cake. Youth volunteers would be solicited from local schools to provide children;s activities like face painting and crafts and perhaps provide live music. Gaileen Flaman to coordinate event, with support from the other commission members.

Road Ends

⑩ CVRD requests Commission to provide only 3 road ends for acquisition and lack of funds cited as the reason for not accepting all 74 at this time. Much discussion ensued as it was felt the acquisition would not be costly. Bruce Fraser suggested the Commission create a Road Ends Master Plan to categorize each road end in order to make clear our intentions for each and present to CVRD with request for the top 3 and all remaining road ends.

⑩ **Request for CVRD to provide Commission with 2 large copies of orthophoto map from GIS Department, showing locations of road ends.**

Other items:

⑩ Property owner’s requested purchase of Shawnigan Beach Estates Greenbelt access on Park Place denied - owner must return access to previous state.

⑩ No update regarding the RCMP boathouse.

⑩ Recognition of the passing of George Norris whose carvings adorn the community centre and whose passion for Baldy Mountain and access to the lake provide motivation and encouragement to the Commission.

Next Meeting: tentatively 18 April 2013.