

COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT

AREA 'C' PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday, November 2, 2016
Shuswap Fire Hall #2

Note: The following minutes are subject to correction when
endorsed by the Parks Advisory Committee at the next Regular meeting

PRESENT: Elise Menard Jonker Jack McNally
Shirley Bates David Barton
Jennifer Wilchuk

Absent

Nicole Jean-Williams
Jennifer Abraham

Staff

Paul Demenok, Area C Director
Ryan Nitchie, Team Leader, Community Services
Gwen Norman, Clerical Assistant, Operations Management

The meeting commenced at 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER The Chair welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES/
AGENDA** Jack McNally/David Barton THAT:
the agenda for the November 2, 2016 meeting be approved with the following
addition:

- Update on Shuswap Trail Alliance grant applications

CARRIED

Jack McNally/David Barton THAT:
the minutes for the meeting dated May 2, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

**2016 CAPITAL
PROJECTS /** The Team Leader updated the Committee on the construction and maintenance
projects that took place during 2016:

- Sunnybrae Community Park improvements and landscaping have been completed with the construction of a new retaining wall, repairs to the irrigation system, planting of new trees, installation of new benches, new playground surfacing and a new fence barrier. A swim platform was also installed. Staff will investigate an irrigation issue, possibly a spray head being too close to the new retaining wall and causing an overflow of water.
- The construction of the new Mount Tuam Bike Park is now complete with the installation of bike trails, shrubs, fencing and a driveway access culvert. The park has been well received by the community.
- Sorrento Blind Bay Park had some upgrades. Sod was removed from the infield on baseball diamond #2 and shale will be installed. A contribution from the Sorrento Slo-Pitch League helped fund this project.
- The Mt. Baldy trail re-route was completed by the Shuswap Trail Alliance after receiving Section 57 approval. This project improves the existing trail, reroutes problem areas and closes trail segments no longer required. A boardwalk was

constructed over some wet marshy areas.

**2016
MAINTENANCE**

The Team Leader updated the Committee members on the progress of maintenance completed in 2016 and identified concerns:

- The entrance to the Balmoral Trailhead parking area is too steep and needs to be re-graded to alleviate water runoff and hazardous situations during icy weather conditions. The repairs will be considered in the 2017 budget with some engineering work required.
- A submersible pump in a dry well had not been properly maintained at Sorrento Blind Bay Park. Due to this issue, a large amount of sediment collected in the pump and caused some irrigation issues.
- The shades from both shade structures at Sorrento Blind Bay Park and Cedar Heights Community Park have been taken down and have been properly cleaned and stored for next season. A regular proper cleaning is required to help maintain longevity of the fabric sails.
- During the recent windstorm, Shannon Beach had a large number of trees fall. Some trees had to be removed, but most did not affect the trails or infrastructure.

**2017 CAPITAL
AND
MAINTENANCE
PLAN**

The Team Leader presented the Area C Parks Capital/Maintenance Planning priorities for 2017:

- Markwart Road Boat Launch replacement is a priority for 2017. Due to the short timeframe window, replacement needs to be done early in 2017. Environmental monitoring will likely be required during the construction and is subject to MoE approval and permitting. Gentech Engineering is currently developing an engineering report to present to staff.
- Discussions on preliminary recommendations from Lees & Associates regarding the redesign of John Evdokimoff Bike Park to a better functioning park with connectivity consideration to the lake, trails and other parks. Suggested improvements include the installation of new playground equipment, trails designs and upgrades to the bike park elements for improved use by the community.
- Discussions regarding possible gate access to the boat launch area at Herald Provincial Park. Parks staff will continue to work with BC Parks on any possible opportunity.
- Round table discussion concerning the Canada goose issue and how to possibly control the amount of geese at area beaches. The birds create extremely unsanitary conditions, contribute to the deteriorating water quality and are a nuisance to park amenities. Staff will investigate any possible solutions.
- The committee reviewed the preliminary recommendations from Lees & Associates regarding the Area C Parks Plan and a few preliminary capital and maintenance items identified to date. The Markwart Road boat launch repair, John Evdokimoff Bike Park playground construction, Herald Provincial Park boat launch access, Cedar Heights Community Park playground replacement, goose control and lake access signage replacement were identified as priorities for 2017.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 24, 2016 in the CSRD Boardroom with Lees & Associates via teleconference call.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.