

GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION Meeting Minutes

03 October 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

1290 Sturdies Bay Road/Zoom

Present: Commissioners Charlene Dishaw, Murray Scadeng, Barry New, Keith Erickson, Cathy Clinton, Jim Henshall, Andrew Simon(*EP*), Paul Brent(*EP*)

Regrets: Commissioner Gerry Longson.

Staff: Lori Seay (Recording) Emma Davis(CRD) *EP* **Guest:** Steven Rybak

EP=Electronic Participation

1. CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Call to order at 9:00 a.m. Chair provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Clinton, Seconded by Commissioner Henshall that the 03 Oct 2024 agenda be approved as amended. **CARRIED.**

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Clinton, Seconded by Commissioner Henshall that the 05 Sep 2024 minutes be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

4. DELEGATIONS:

Deanna Shrimpton from the University of Victoria's Restoration of Natural Systems program gave a presentation on the three-year restoration of Shore Access #17. The Commission thanked Deanna for her excellent work.

5. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Commissioners Gerry Longson, Charlene Dishaw and Andrew Simons' terms are over in December 2024. Recruitment is underway and final recommendations to CRD for appointment will be made at the November 2024 meeting.

5.1 Maintenance Contractor's Report: Michael Carrothers covered for Kristian during his absence. No written report this period.

5.2 Parks, Trails and Shore Access Report: Significant maintenance was completed on the Sturdies Bay Trail above the Whaler Bay Log Dump. Drainage and invasive management is planned for fall. New stickers have been produced for signage. Partnership shore clean up project is wrapped up and is being reviewed with the project partners.

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5.3 Recreation Report: Commissioners New and Erickson will meet to discuss the decision-making framework for 2025 granting with support from Lori. An increase to recreation funds is being requested

5.4 Volunteer Report: Commissioner Clinton will circulate Commission recruitment information to our Shore Steward volunteers.

5.5 Betty's Place Operations Subcommittee Report: Winterizing activities underway. Use of the former pool is under discussion.

5.6 Betty's Place Master Planning Subcommittee: Building inspections are planned and will give guidance on options for building use. Master Planning Committee members visited the site to assess the garden.

An online public consultation was held in September with strong participation. A report has been produced and circulated to the Committee for review. Another consultation round is planned. Financial, environmental and archaeological limitations of development will be communicated in future communications.

ACTION: Chair will develop a review of the property and covenant for public use.

5.7 Treasurer's Report and 2025 Budget: Commission agreed to table the September monthly treasurer's report. Updated drafts of the proposed 2025 Operations and Capital Budgets were circulated in advance of the meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Scadeng, Seconded by Commissioner New to recommend GIPRC's CRD 2025 budget as follows:

-\$110,850 Operating Budget

-\$21 310 Kennedy Budget

-\$45 000 Recreation Budget

-\$70 750 Capital Budget. **CARRIED. Unanimously.**

5.8 GIPRC Master Planning 2025-2030: Next Master Planning session is booked for October 17, 2024. Lori will provide admin support.

6. UPDATE STATUS OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

6.1 Silú Park Completion: Opening is planned for October 19. Invitations have been sent and posters are up on social media and community bulletin boards.

6.2 Zuker Georgeson Bay Access Restoration: A proposal for continuing cultural work has been submitted to GIPRC from Jeannine Georgeson and will be integrated into the CRD budget submission.

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7. **NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 **Ready Step Roll:** Sturdies Bay Trail and Murchison Cove have been identified as areas for improvement. Emma shared a list of partners for acknowledgement.

7.2 **In Camera: MOTION** to close the meeting in accordance with the *Community Charter, Par 4, Div. 3, Section 90(1)*. M-Commissioner New, S-Commissioner Dishaw. Commission moved to the closed session at 11:10 a.m.

Commission rose and reported the following from the closed session at 11:25 a.m.: An RFP for Maintenance Contractor will be developed and circulated in November for a Jan 1, 2025 start.

ACTION: Emma will develop an ad for maintenance contract


7.3 **Invasive Species Report:** Commissioner Erikson reported that he has begun an Invasive Plant survey of GIPRC sites. Once completed, the Commission will develop a strategy including volunteer and contracted labour.

8. **Unaddressed Thoughts and Concerns:** None

9. **Next Meeting:** 9:00 a.m. Thursday November 7 2024.

10. **Adjournment:** 11:45 a.m.

Approved at the Nov 7, 2024 GIPRC Meeting



CHAIR

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COMMITTEE CLERK