

SATURNA ISLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (SIPRC)

Regular Meeting Minutes

11 October 2012 @ 4:30 pm Parks & Rec Office

Present – Michel Bourassa – Chair; Sheila Wallace – Vice-Chair; Ingrid Gaines – Treasurer; Allen Olsen; Hubertus Surm; Graeme Bergani; Jim Bavis; John Gahn

Meeting called to order at 1632

Approval of Agenda – Approved as submitted.

Adoption of Previous Minutes – 13 September 2012 Approved as submitted.

Action – Secretary to distribute to SIPRC; CRD Director; CRD website; FreeMail file

Correspondence/Request to Address Commission

- a. Saturna Arts & Concerts -- Tony Green presented. See result below under Funding Requests.
- b. Geocaching -- Steve Dunsmuir presented. See result below under Funding Request.

Business Arising from Minutes

a. *Commonality Meeting Planning* – Final preparations for 17 Oct. meeting: Michel has not heard from Sheila Malcolmson; alternate Pam Janszen. No Internet connection at Hall. No issue with bus not being available; private vehicles to be used.

Action – Michel to work out computer details for one of the presenters.

Action – Allen to prep field trip sites; purchase bottled water.

Action – Anyone available at 8 am please come to Hall to set-up.

b. *Lions' Use of Parks & Rec Office Building* – Sheila noted building still reeked of smoke, garbage was left, hand and foot prints on walls, and general disrespect shown for use of building. Michel has spoken to Lions president but will follow up with letter.

Action – Michel will send letter to Lions reiterating ongoing problem.

Chair's Report

a. Michel countered suggestion from Galiano to have Canada Trail motion on Commonality agenda. Michel pointed out since Commonality is not a legal entity, having each Commission pass a motion individually would carry more weight. This led to the following:

Motion #70 – Be it resolved that:

1. In principle, the SIPRC supports the Experience the Gulf Islands proposal and in particular the idea of a designated, inter-connected Trans Canada Trail route across each of the Southern Gulf Islands and
2. The SIPRC wants to be part of the planning and development process for the Trans Canada Trail on the Southern Gulf Islands.

Moved by Ingrid Gaines

Seconded by John Gahn

It was then suggested that further discussion would be premature and that the presentation on the Trail at Commonality would be helpful.

Sheila moved that this be tabled to November's meeting. Carried

b. Student Program – Michel provided a brief update on discussions of sharing a student with the Rec Ctr. with funding from the CRD. Apparently, discretionary funds are no longer available this year. Michel plans to ask for clarification on disbursement and how to access funds in the future.

Treasurer's Report – October 2012

Parks	Total Revenue	\$ 27,490
	Total Expenses	20,927
	Remaining Parks Operating Funds	6,563
	Parks Reserve Funds	21,453
Recreation	Total Revenue	9,745
	Total Expenses	5,033
	Remaining Rec. Funds	4,712

Presented by Ingrid. Adopted as submitted by Chantelle.

Michel recommended future electronic circulation of Treasurer's Report. It was agreed that report marked UNAPPROVED DRAFT would hence forth be circulated two days prior with an official hard-copy brought to meetings.

Action – Ingrid to discuss change with Chantelle.

Public Accesses

a. Quarry Trail – Allen provided update. MOT continues to be involved with the road encroachment.

Action – Allen to continue to work with MOT.

b. Russell Beach – Michel mentioned that considerable vegetation is already appearing on new trail.

c. Mill Road – Continues to take backseat to other priorities. Stairs to beach needed.

Action – Allen will discuss with Lester Bomford.

Lyll Creek Cottage

a. Kitchen Improvements – Graeme noted no change in status in search for cabinet/counter unit.

Action – Graeme will attempt to locate an affordable unit.

Recreation Events

a. Hike with John Gaines 15 Oct. Report – Total of 24 participants through some rough terrain with John Gaines providing historical commentary. Well-received. Honorarium mentioned.

Motion #71 – Be it resolved that SIPRC provide a \$100 honorarium to John Gaines for hike he led over Mt. David.

Moved by Allen Seconded by Jim Carried

Action – Ingrid to have honorarium cheque cut.

Action – Secretary to send thank you card with cheque enclosed.

Funding Requests

a. Saturna Arts & Concert Society -- Discussion to clarify budget/grant reduction and reiteration of the **one-time only request** led to the following:

Motion #72 – Be it resolved that the request for \$900 to support the Arts and Concert Society program for 2012-13 season be approved.

Moved by Sheila

Seconded by John

Carried

b. Geocaching – Discussion centred on SIPRC’s Licenses of Occupation guidelines for usage of PAs. It was agreed to distance SIPRC from outright approval leading to the following:

Motion #73 – Be it resolved that SIPRC has no objection to geocaching on community parks or accesses.

Moved by Graeme

Seconded by Hubertus

Carried

Unfinished Business

a. Thomson Park/Swing – Hubertus will get swing to Pat to modify before installation

b. Roofing Materials for Cottage Woodshed - Ingrid & Hubertus agreed to continue to try to obtain for Creek House shed.

c. Seeding around Thomson Park Shelter – Allen will coordinate with Daryl Davies to prep and seed area.

New Business

a. Website(s) Revision – Allen brought hard-copy of SaturnaCan’s link to Parks & Rec. It is outdated & incomplete and confuses SIPRC with Parks Canada. Agreement reached that there was no purpose to having a link to SIPRC on SaturnaCan’s site. No action to be taken at this time. CRD/Saturna site inadequate as well. Brief discussion of how to remedy led to Michel suggesting he bring up with Dave Howe at Commonality.

Action – Michel to discuss CRD’s Saturna link with Dave Howe at Commonality.

b. Contractors – Ingrid asked whether there are any rules for contractor selection. Historical difficulties with finding reliable & available contractors brought up. Discussion of possibly posting a request of interest for some future projects. Also discussed soliciting request of interest from contractors for work on SIPRIC projects be included in a future *Scribbler* article.

Adjournment – 1845

Next Regular Meeting **Thursday 8 November @ 4:30 pm -- Parks & Rec Office**

Recording secretary ilka Allers-Olsen