

GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2026

1290 Sturdies Bay Road

Present: Commissioners Murray Scadeng, Frank De Waard, Nick Rebalski, Cathy Clinton, Jim Henshall.

Regrets: Mechelle Crocker, Jamie Williams, Paul Brent.

Guests: Kendall McLaughlin, Juliet Hendricks, Chad Townsend.

Staff: Emma Davis(EP), CRD Liaison, Lori Seay-Potter(GIPRC Admin), *EP=Electronic Participation*

1. CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Call to order at 4:02 PM. Chair De Waard provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Commissioner Clinton, Seconded by Commissioner Henshall that the Apr. 02, 2026 agenda be approved with the addition of "9.3 Communications". **CARRIED.**

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION by Commissioner Henshall, Seconded by Commissioner Clinton that the Mar. 5, 2026 minutes be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

4. DELEGATIONS: None

5. CHAIR REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE

-Correspondence included reports from previous Recreation grantees, enquiries about upcoming grant intake and trail/shore access reports following the windstorm.

-Skate Park lease has been renewed by CRD and Galiano Lions Club.

-\$10,000 grant received from Outdoor Recreation Council of BC for improvements to the Sturdies Bay Trail related to the Ready Step Roll project.

MOTION by Comm. De Waard, Seconded by Comm. Henshall to strike an ad-hoc committee to manage the ORCBC grant project. **CARRIED.**

Comm. Henshall and Comm. Rebalski agreed to join.

ACTION: Treasurer will ask CRD to create project code for aORCBC grant
Lori will circulate a copy of the renewed Skate Park lease.
Emma will set up a meeting for the Ad-Hoc ORCBC Committee.

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6. REPORTS

6.1 Betty's Place update: Galiano Septic has improved the driveway. Health Care Center has been notified about the need to improve garbage handling. Irrigation stores will be challenged in summer 2026. Comm. Henshall and Maintenance Contractor will address water challenges. The Kennedy Master Planning Committee is slated to meet later in April with a focus on establishing the transition to public use.

6.2 Shore Access and Trails Update: Michael circulated his report prior to the meeting. Sturdies Bay Trail drainage improvements are underway. Cayzer continues to be closed to the public and is slated for improvement. Positive feedback from users has been received regarding Scorpion and Sturdies Bay Trail improvements.

6.3 Shore Stewards Update: Comm. Clinton reported on increased feedback from stewards this month.

6.4 Treasurer's Report: The monthly financial report was circulated prior to the meeting. Comm. Henshall highlighted a request from the Maintenance Contractor for additional and replacement tools. The Commission reviewed budget capacity and the Commission agreed to proceed with the purchases.

MOTION to accept the GIPRC financial reports for Apr. 2026 as circulated. M-Comm. Scadeng, S-Comm Rebaliski. **CARRIED.**

6.5 Recreation Funds: 2025 Reports have been received and were circulated to the Commission. \$45 633 is the total grant allocation for 2026.

6.6 Master Plan: All GIPRC materials have been uploaded to the First Nations engagement portal. A response to the draft master plan has been received from Penelakut Tribe. Chair will contact the First Nations Engagement team and Justine Starke to discuss next steps.

7. CAPITAL PROJECTS

7.1 Sturdies Bay Trail Extension: Next steps are pending review of the feasibility study by CRD Engineering.

ACTION: Lori will circulate the Sturdies Bay Extension Feasibility Study to Commissioners.

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7.2 Zuker Shore Access: Chair and Admin will meet with possible contractor(s) regarding work at the site.

7.3 Trail Mapping Coordination: Comm. Scadeng reported that the funds have been identified to secure a project coordinator. Current GIPRC funds for the work in 2026 is \$5K. Galiano Arts Alliance/Yellow House has received SGI Tourism Partnership funds to produce an additional new map with a different purpose. GIPRC may be able to collaborate and will participate as appropriate. A reprint of the GIPRC site map is currently slated for 2027.

7.4 Multi-Sport Court: GIPRC attended a meeting with Galiano Activity Center Society and Galiano Lions regarding development of the multi-sport court at the Lion's site. Lions are planning a land survey and affirmed their commitment to increasing recreation capacity at their site.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

8.1 MOTT License of Occupation: CRD has requested that the Commission review GIPRC trails and ocean accesses that exist on MoTT Right of Ways in advance of the renewal of licenses of occupation. The Commission agreed to proceed with the current inventory, following a final review by the Chair.

8.2 Trail Counters: One trail counter has been sent to the Commission from CRD. Lori and Emma will hand off instructions and counter to Comm. Henshall for installation with Michael and any interested Commissioners.

8.3 Communications: Comm. Sherbine will gather information from Comm. Clinton for the May Active Page Article.

9. **Next Meeting Date:** Thursday May 14, 2026.

10. **Adjournment** at 5:21 PM.

Approved at the 2026-05-14 GIPRC meeting

Frank De Waard

Frank De Waard - GIPRC Chair