

# MINUTES: GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

## July 6, 2023 Galiano Library Meeting Room/Zoom

**Present:** Commissioners Charlene Dishaw (Chair), Lorne Byzyna, Barry New, Gerald Longson, Jim Henshall, Cathy Clinton, Lorne Byzyna, Stephen Rybak

**Staff:** Emma Davis (Galiano Liaison for the CRD, Recorder) Kristian Sigvardsen (Maintenance Contractor).

**Regrets:** Andrew Simon, Paul Brent

*EP=Electronic Participation*

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The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

### 1. **TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Commission Chair Dishaw provided a territorial acknowledgement.

### 2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Dishaw, Seconded by Commissioner Clinton that the June 1, 2023 agenda be approved. **CARRIED.**

### 3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Rybak, Seconded by Commissioner Longson that the June 1, 2023 minutes be approved. **CARRIED.**

### 4. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

4.1 **Maintenance Contractor position:** Kristian was welcomed and introduced. Commissioners explained that attendance at Commission meetings is optional for the maintenance contractor.

4.2 **Commonality Meeting:** Commissioner Dishaw gave a summary of the event. Next step is a meeting of all 4 SGI PARC chairs to discuss opportunities for streamlining for administration of e.g. Recreation grants. Commissioner Rybak expressed concern regarding losing GIPRC definition of recreation and flexibility.

4.3 **Scavenger Hunt:** Commissioner Dishaw is moving the event from summer to fall.

5. **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS** NONE.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE** NONE

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### 7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- 7.1 **Maintenance Contractor's Report:** Report was circulated prior to the meeting. There was discussion of the issue of garbage being dumped in toilet stall. Michael, outgoing contractor, would prefer his communication with Kristian to go through Jim.

ACTION: Commissioner Clinton to contact Wharfinger Okuda about installing garbage cans for boaters.  
Commissioner Henshall has provided Kristian with a list of catchup jobs.

- 7.2 **Parks, Trails and Shore Access Report:** Report circulated prior to meeting. Correspondence was received regarding a Bench request – a woman who wanted to donate a bench has changed her request to e.g. a statue or a plaque on a rock. The Commission has informed her that the Commission only does benches. There was concern from a neighbour at Gulf Drive regarding access issues. Kristian has trimmed the driveway and will adjust parking signage.

ACTION: Commissioner Rybak will approach Island Health to re-request permission to remove level sensors from Montague toilet.  
Commissioner Dishaw will thank Alan Forget in the Active Page for recent volunteer support at the North Hall.  
Commissioner Rybak will investigate the toilet vent at Activity Centre.

- 7.3 **Recreation Report:** NONE

- 7.4 **Volunteer Report:** Discussion regarding contract staff's spouse volunteering while contract staff is working. Commissioner Dishaw reconfirmed that registered volunteers have insurance coverage while working within a volunteer scope, and clarified the limitations on types of tasks.

ACTION: Commissioner Clinton to send a thank you to volunteers.

- 7.5 **Betty's Place Operations Subcommittee Report:** Commissioner Henshall reported on Irrigation: Starting May 7 we've used 16,000G with 15000G available Started using potable as of June 4 - 750 G to date.

Commissioner Henshall replaced the pump that feeds the house in preparation for the Commonality meeting.

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**ACTION:** Commissioner Clinton will organize a water test for Betty's Place end of Summer 2023.  
Commissioner Henshall will buy some gas for tools at Betty's.

- 7.6 **Betty's Place Master Planning Subcommittee:** Commissioner Rybak reported on the most recent meeting. Letter went to Galiano Health Care Society (GHCS) regarding renting the house. GHCS replied to decline. Island Health could be the partner – GHCS will reach out to them. GHCS has also approached BCEHS.  
Discussion on forecasting spending, and how to confirm details such as whether the CRD takes some of the endowment for insurance coverage, how much is spent for hydro, etc. Commissioner Byzyna noted that at the end of this year we'll have some more information based on the YTD.  
Discussion about the water license and whether the neighbour's license is exclusive. Commissioner Rybak reported that IMMERS is looking for capital funds to fund a research facility in preparation for a proposal for use of the Betty Kennedy site.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Byzyna will circulate financial update on Betty's Place.  
Operations Committee will contact CRD to re-apply for a water license at Betty's Place.  
Commissioner Longson will follow up with Stephen Henderson on questions related to Betty's Place.  
Commissioner Longson will inquire to determine whether there is an active internet connection at the property and what it costs.  
Commissioner Henshall will ask GAIA about a connection for Betty's Place.

### 8. TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Byzyna's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Byzyna, Seconded by Commissioner Rybak to approve Treasurer's report for May/June 2023. **CARRIED.**

### 9. UPDATE STATUS OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

- 9.1 **Silú Park Completion:** Commissioner Longson gave an update. Preliminary map (and proposed amendments) was reviewed. Richard Dewinetz is delayed on producing signage but he will get to it. CRD Indigenous Liaison reviewing draft acknowledgement.

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- 9.2 **Zuker-Georgeson Bay Shore Access Restoration:** TABLED.
- 9.3 **Matthew Beach Access Trail Improvements:** Former Maintenance Contractor is still hoping to finish the upper trail as a volunteer. The previous Contractor has left us with a solid plan and there is \$14000 available for the lower trail work. Commissioner will review trail plans in Fall 2023.

ACTION: Commissioner Henshall and Maintenance Contractor will visit the Matthew's Beach site and consider options.

### 10. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 10.1 **Skate Park lease:** Stephen Henderson(CRD) has located the lease, which expired last year. A copy will be provided. Commissioner Longson proposed a skateboard repair station for the skate park.

ACTION: Commissioner Longson to cost skateboard repair station.

- 10.2 **Map Update:** Commissioner Dishaw shared that the current map names come from MOTI but the names of the shore access doesn't have to match the MOTI ROW. There was discussion about notifying MOTI and emergency program.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Dishaw, Seconded by Commissioner Rybak to make the following changes to shore access names: From Zuker to 'Georgeson Bay'; from Zilwood to 'Retreat Cove'; from Zelter to 'Cayzer'.  
**CARRIED.**

ACTION: All commissioners will send any map changes to Chair.

- 10.3 **Canada Day Jamboree:** Commissioner Rybak gave a report on the event.
- 10.4 **Referrals:** There are two rezoning applications coming back to Galiano Local Trust Committee in July. GIPRC is noted as a possible referral for both. DL85 and 86 (adjacent to Silu park)

### 11. **ADJOURNMENT: 11:13 a.m**