

GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

06 Feb. 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

141 Sturdies Bay Road/Zoom

Present: Commissioners Keith Erickson, Mechelle Crocker(EP), Barry New, Paul Brent, Eric Sherbine. **Regrets:** Jim Henshall, Frank Dewaard, Cathy Clinton, Murray Scadeng.
Guests: Stephen Rybak, CRD First Nations Relations staff Caitlyn Vernon and Laura Edwards.
Staff: Lori Seay (Recording) Emma Davis(CRD) Justine Starke(CRD-EP) *EP=Electronic Participation*

1. CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Call to order at 9:15 a.m. Chair Erickson provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Erickson, Seconded by Commissioner Brent that the 06 Feb. 2025 agenda be approved as amended to include Ready Set Roll under New Business.. **CARRIED.**

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Erickson, Seconded by Commissioner Sherbine that the 09 Jan. 2025 minutes be approved as corrected. **CARRIED.**

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

4.1 Commissioner Orientation: All commissioners were encouraged to attend the online CRD Commission Orientation on Feb 19, 2025.

4.2 Kennedy Rental: A letter of request to extend the rental for Galiano Health Care Society was received. The house is currently leased to GHCS until November 2025. The Commission agreed to refer the request to the Kennedy Master Planning Committee. The Commission asked the Committee to make a recommendation as soon as possible. Chair will respond to the GHCS Informing them that the request is under consideration.

4.3 Penelakut Invitation: The Commission has invited Chief Jack to join the Commission meeting in March..

4.4 Galiano Gravel: Based on feedback from the Maintenance lead, the Chair reported that the contract has been renewed for 2025.

5. DELEGATIONS: None.

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6. REPORTS

6.1 Maintenance Contractor Update: New contract has been developed with CRD and sent to the contractor. A contractor report was circulated prior to the meeting. Michael will be invited to attend an upcoming meeting to share results of his annual survey of Commission assets. Galiano Tree Service now has a certified arborist on the island. Currently GIPRC brings in arborist from off island, incurring travel costs.

MOTION to seek a contract with Galiano Tree Service's certified arborist. M-Commissioner Brent, S-Erickson. **CARRIED.**

ACTION: Emma will follow up on contracting with Galiano Tree Service.

6.2 Recreation Report: The Recreation Committee of Commissioners Erickson New, and Clinton with support from Lori and Emma have met to renew the Recreation Grants process. A package of materials with an evaluation matrix was circulated prior to the meeting.

MOTION to adopt the Recreation evaluation, and establish a Standing Recreation Committee to review and make recommendations to the Commission for Recreation Grants. M-Erickson, S-Brent. **CARRIED.**

6.3 Betty's Place Master Planning Subcommittee: Commissioner Sherbine has assumed the Chair, and is reviewing documents. The Chair will meet with other committee members and tour the property with Michael Carrothers. Chair has also reached out to existing Committee members to confirm their continued participation in the Committee. All Commissioners were invited to attend the orientation meeting and site visit. Commissioner Sherbine thanked former Commissioner Longson for his assistance with the transition.

6.4 Treasurer's Report: February statements were circulated prior to the meeting.

MOTION to approve the Feb. 2025 financial reports as circulated. M-Treasurer Erickson S-Commissioner Sherbine. **CARRIED.**

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7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 CRD First Nations Relations: Laura Edwards and Caitlyn Vernon joined the meeting to provide background and guidance on First Nations Engagement as GIPRC embarks on 2026-2031 Master Planning. CRD FN staff shared what they've heard from the Nations about their preferences for engagement requests, and offered support as GIPRC moves forward in its engagement.

ACTION: A backgrounder(including map) will be developed to share with Penelakut leadership in advance of the March GIPRC meeting. Lori will follow up on Transportation and Meeting Space for next month to support Chief Jack's participation.

7.2 Ready Step Roll: This school/CRD project is designed to increase safe active transportation for the school community. Emma Davis reported that a draft Action plan will be shared with GIPRC. Commissioners have participated in walkabouts on Sturdies Bay Trail to assess opportunities for increased safety and visibility. Changes to the trail would impact the GIPRC Trails budget. CRD has identified a possible grant opportunity to support trail upgrades.

MOTION to prepare a grant application for Sturdies Bay Trail improvement for the 2025 Outdoor Recreation Council of BC grant intake. M-Director Brent, S-Commissioner Sherbine. **CARRIED.**

9. **Next Meeting:** 1:00 PM, Thursday March 6 2025. Location: TBD.

10. **Adjournment:** 11:17 AM.

Approved at the 06 March 2025 GIPRC meeting.



Keith Erickson - Chair
GIPRC