

MINUTES: GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
June 1, 2023 Galiano Library Meeting Room/Zoom

Present: Commissioners Charlene Dishaw (Chair), Lorne Byzyna, Cathy Clinton,  
Barry New, Gerald Longson, Andrew Simon(EP), Jim Henshall, Cathy Clinton,  
Lorne Byzyna(EP)  
Staff: Emma Davis (Galiano Liaison for the CRD) Lori Seay-Potter (Recorder)  
Regrets: Paul Brent

*EP=Electronic Participation*

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commission Chair Dishaw provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Rybak, Seconded by Commissioner New  
that the June 1, 2023 agenda be approved. CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Henschall, Seconded by Commissioner Longson  
that the May 10, 2023 minutes be approved. CARRIED.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

4.1 Maintenance Contractor position: GIPRC received three applications and  
Commissioners Henshall and Dishaw will conduct interviews with Justine Starke  
from CRD. Special thanks to Commissioners Henshall and Rybak for  
maintenance support in the interim. GIPRC's outgoing Contractor is available to  
support the new Contractor's transition on weekends, to be arranged by  
Commissioner Henshall.

ACTION: Chair Dishaw will send monthly Maintenance Contractor reports  
to Contractor applicants.  
Chair Dishaw will circulate a list of interview questions to  
Commissioners for feedback.

4.2 Commonality Meeting: Emma has received RSVPs for 29 people for the  
June 20 gathering. Property use restrictions means meetings will be held  
outdoors at Betty's Place or Lion's Hall in case of rain. Saturna is providing  
shuttles for Galiano use.

4.3 Summer Picnic: Chair Dishaw invited all to gather for a picnic celebration  
at noon on July 6 following the GIPRC meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Bench Request: Commissioner Henshall will follow up on the bench request received in May. Commissioner Clinton will host a tour of possible sites for the bench donor..

5.2 Brochure Updates: Request from Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership for location data for additional trails. Commissioner Rybak will follow up.

6. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS NONE.

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

7.1 Maintenance Contractor's Report : A full report was circulated prior to the meeting. Michael is willing to do some pro bono work post-contract to complete the upper trail at Matthew's Point and will include the new contractor as part of their orientation.

7.2 Parks, Trails and Shore Access Report: Report circulated prior to meeting.

Neighbours contacted GIPRC regarding parking and safety issues at #4-Gulf Drive. Commissioner Dishaw will follow up with the neighbours and Commissioner Henshall will assess signage needs and other strategies.

A resident with mobility issues contacted the Commission and encouraged GIPRC to develop accessible access for users.

Inappropriate parking by Philmore Point residents is being addressed with signage and neighbour discussions.

Danger tree work on property neighbouring the skate park tree is being managed by Commissioner Henshall. Commissioner New will liaise with the neighbour regarding tree work details.

7.3 Recreation Report:

All 2023 applicants have been notified. Commissioner Rybak asked that GIPRC create an enhanced reporting form with more public participation data. Commissioner New thanked Chair Dishaw and Lori for Rec Grant support.

**ACTION:** Chair Dishaw will convene a small group meeting about Recreation Grant Applications and Reporting.

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- 7.4 Volunteer Report: Commissioners Clinton and Dishaw are working on the Volunteer Coordinator transition. Renee McDonald has offered to join the Betty's Place team.
- 7.5 Betty's Place Operations Subcommittee Report : No formal meeting since the last GIPRC meeting. GIPRC had an Inquiry from a neighbour regarding the Spring License at that site and confirmed that there is no current access to the pond for Betty' property. Stephen Henderson from CRD Real Estate has been notified. Restoring access to that pond is on the next Operations Subcommittee agenda. Committee recommends a key box on site with a full set of keys. GIPRC has been approached by a local horticulturist who is interested in doing some contract gardening. Open House/Consultation was successful and feedback included a recurring request that the house be used as locum housing rental. A letter of inquiry has been sent to Galiano Health Care Society by the Master Planning Committee.

MOTION by Commissioner Dishaw, Seconded by Commissioner Longson to endorse the letter from the Master Planning Committee to GHCS offering possible rental use of Betty's Place for health care providers/locums. CARRIED.

ACTION: Commissioner Clinton will arrange for water testing for Betty's Place.  
Chair Dishaw will follow up with contractor regarding Betty's Place gardening.

- 7.6 Betty's Place Master Planning Subcommittee: The structural engineer visited on May 10 and their report has been submitted and circulated to the Commission. Overall house and workshop are in good condition for residential use. No water damage. Assembly use is likely to require structural work.

8. TREASURER REPORT

May statements were postponed to the July 2023 meeting. Treasurer Byzyna noted that GIPRC YTD budget projections mean outstanding tree work and invasives' management could be considered in 2023.

9. UPDATE STATUS OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

9.1 Silú Park Completion: Story development and signs are underway. Commissioner Longson is consulting with Conservancy mapping staff regarding split rail fencing in the picnic area, which may be unnecessary if beach stairs are installed.

9.2 #17 Zuker-Georgeson Bay Shore Access Restoration: "Making a Difference" eco-restoration work event with local volunteers is coming up June 9/10 in partnership with the Galiano Conservancy. Event will be open to community members.

ACTION: Commissioner Simon will connect Chair Dishaw with Making a Difference leader regarding promotion.  
Commissioner Simon will follow up regarding Brittany's presentation on Georgeson Bay Restoration for July 2023.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Greig Creek License of Occupation: GIPRC Trail intersects with private land (via Trails society) and GCA land. GIPRC L.O.O. only addresses the top third of the trail .CRD has asked if GIPRC wishes to seek an L.O.O for the old gravel pit section.

MOVED by Commissioner Rybak, Seconded by Commissioner Clinton that GIPRC request renewal of the existing License of Occupation for Greig Creek. CARRIED.

ACTION: Chair will contact Ministry/CRD regarding Greig Creek L.O.O.

10.2 Skate Park: Commissioner requested a status update on the Skate Park lease.

ACTION: Lori will share Skate Park lease.

10.3 Maintenance Contractor departure: Chair Dishaw is planning a gathering with Michael's consent. Event will be open to former Commissioners and Stewards as well.

10.4 Community Engagement: GIPRC will host a table at select Saturday markets, Fiesta and Jamboree.

ACTION: Commissioner Rybak will follow up with Lion's/North Hall/Lions about GIPRC participation.

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11. \_\_\_\_\_ ADJOURNMENT: 11:20 a.m

Approved at the July 6, 2023 Meeting:



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CHAIR

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