

GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

06 Mar. 2025 at 1:00 PM

141 Sturdies Bay Road/Zoom

Present: Commissioners Keith Erickson, Mechelle Crocker(EP), Barry New, Frank Dewaard, Cathy Clinton,, Murray Scadeng **Regrets:** Eric Sherbine, Jim Henshall, Director Paul Brent.

Guests: Stephen Rybak ,Andrew Loveridge(EP) **Staff:** Lori Seay (Recording), Emma Davis(CRD) Justine Starke(CRD-EP)*EP=Electronic Participation*

1. **CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Call to order at 1:05 PM. Chair Erickson provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Commissioner Crocker, Seconded by Commissioner Dewaard that the 06 Mar. 2025 agenda be approved as prioritized. **CARRIED.**

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Commissioner Crocker, Seconded by Commissioner New that the 06 Feb. 2025 minutes be approved as corrected. **CARRIED.**

4. **MASTER PLANNING ENGAGEMENT-ORIENTATION**

Justine Starke provided an overview of master planning supports available through CRD. The Commission has developed draft priorities for the 2026-2031 Master Plan. A Communications Plan has been drafted and is currently under review with CRD Communications. CRD's online engagement tools Bang the Table/Get Involved will be used to gather feedback on Commission priorities. Lori will circulate Bang the Table/Get Involved and the Engagement Plan once reviewed by CRD.

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

5.1 Penelakut Invitation: Chair invited Chief Jack from Penelakut to meet with the Commission. Chief Jack sent regrets for the March meeting and agreed to meet with GIPRC when available.

5.2 Master Planning Committee: Commissioners Erickson, Dishaw, Clinton and Scadeng formed the Master Planning Committee in fall 2024. Commissioner Dishaw has retired from the Commission, and Chair Erickson is not available to continue with the Committee. Commissioner Dewaard agreed to join in June 2025. Commissioner Clinton will approach former Chair Charlene Dishaw regarding continuing with the Committee. Chair will ask absent Commissioners. Staff support is available for the work.

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5.3 Volunteer Fair: Commissioners will host an information table at the upcoming Galiano Volunteer Fair in partnership with the Galiano Trails Society.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Maintenance Contractor Update: Contract has been signed with CRD. All GIPRC assets were inspected in Jan/Feb. 2025 and results are being reviewed with Commissioner Henshall for recommendations to the Commission. Several sites may require ground disturbance and Michael will review proposed work with CRD Archeology. Signage regarding risk at current sites can be erected at the discretion of the Commission. Michael will erect Caution signage as appropriate at shore access site(s). Lori will connect with Archeology regarding including Chair Erickson at the upcoming ground disturbance meeting.

6.2 Recreation Grants: An Information session for applicants was held in February. Website update is underway. 2024 Reports are due Mar. 31, 2025 and 2025 applications close on April 15, 2025.

6.3 Betty's Place update: GHCS has requested a 2 year lease of the building. Current lease expires November 2025. The Kennedy subcommittee recommendation is to move forward with a 2-3 year lease at market rates. Options for the upkeep and management of the property were discussed. The volunteer and staff workload are significant. The Commission was generally supportive of a lease extension with GHCS. The Commission agreed to ask the Kennedy subcommittee to further investigate current market rental rates, upkeep and management considerations, and other agreement details in consultation with Commissioner Henshall when he is available and with Stephen Henderson from CRD Real Estate. Chair will draft a letter to the GHCS Chair expressing general support for a lease. Chair will ask Kennedy Subcommittee Chair to proceed with contacting Stephen Henderson from CRD Real Estate to share general support for proceeding with a long term lease.

6.4 Treasurer's Report: March 2025 statements were circulated prior to the meeting. Final CRD Budget should be approved at their March 2025 meeting. GIPRC submission includes a proposed lift to Recreation Funding and funds for First Nations Engagement on the Master Plan.

MOTION to approve the Mar. 2025 financial reports as circulated.
M-Treasurer Scadeng S-Commissioner Crocker . **CARRIED.**

6.5 Sturdies Bay Trail Extension: Justine will ask MOTI about any existing survey inside MOTI for the Sturdies Bay Trail end at Sturdies Bay.

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7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 2025 Best Practices Guide for Commissioners: Commissioners were encouraged to review the updated Best Practices Guide circulated with the Meeting Package.

7.2 MOTION to close the meeting in accordance with 90(1)(a) of the Community Charter. M- Commissioner Dewaard, S-Commissioner Clinton. **CARRIED.**

The Commission closed at 2:45 PM and rose at 3:00 PM.

8. Next Meeting: 9:00 AM, April 3, 2025. Galiano Library Meeting Room.

09. Adjournment: 3:08 PM

Approved at the 2025-04-03 GIPRC Meeting:



Keith Erickson - Chair
GIPRC