

COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT

AREA E PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held Monday, October 3, 2017
at the Sicamous & District Recreation Centre

Note: The following minutes are subject to correction when endorsed
by the Parks Advisory Committee at the next Regular meeting

PRESENT: Robert Bickford Constance Ladell
Lori Schneider Wood Chris Stone

Staff

Rhona Martin Director, Electoral Area E
Ryan Nitche Team Leader, Community Services
Veda Roberge Community Parks and Recreation Coordinator
Jared Taylor Community Parks and Recreation Coordinator
Gwen Norman Clerical Assistant, Operations Management

The meeting commenced at 7:05 PM

CALL TO ORDER The Chair welcomed everyone and called to meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

ADOPTION OF C. Stone/ L. Schneider Wood THAT:
AGENDA / MINUTES the Agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED

L. Schneider-Wood/C. Ladell THAT:
the minutes for the May 29, 2017 meeting be adopted.
CARRIED

2017 MAINTENANCE The Community Services Team Leader introduced the Community Parks and Recreation
REPORT Coordinators to the Committee. The Coordinators presented to the Committee an update
maintenance report.

Swansea Point

With the lake levels high this year, a lot of debris was present along shoreline and beaches. Permission from the Ministry of Forest Lands and Natural Resources (MFLNRO) allowed staff to work below high water to remove the debris from these areas by hand. Garbage restrictor plates were installed at a lot of the parks for the prevention of illegal dumping and non-park refuse. New swim lines were constructed and installed by staff to increase user safety.

Oxford Road Community Park

Volunteers spontaneously organized themselves day to clean up debris from the shoreline at Oxford Road and was appreciated by CSRD staff.

Windsor Road Boat Launch

New wheelchair friendly ramp connecting the walkway to the floating dock was installed and appreciated by the local residents.

Sicamous Creek Trails

A 'caution slippery rocks' sign was erected down by the waterfall alerting trail users of the potential hazards.

North Fork Wild

A new bridge was built to complete the trail network and a memorial plaque dedicated to by the Johnston family in memory of their father. CSRD staff were thankful for the contribution by the Johnston family towards construction of the bridge.

The Outdoor Learning Foundation commenced construction of the rain shelter which will be located just off the side of the trail in the Hemlock Grove but halted due to the extreme fire risk. Construction will commence again in the fall. A large hemlock tree near the rain shelter location posed a danger and showed signs of trunk rot. An arborist was hired to assess and top the tree so that it is no longer a threat to the rain shelter.

Yard Creek Campground

Working in partnership with the Malakwa Community Association, CSRD staff completed an inventory of the park infrastructure and identified immediate priorities within the campground needing repairs. CSRD staff are looking forward to re-establishing a great working relationship with the Community Association moving forward.

Malakwa Community Park

The Malakwa Community Park is progressing extremely well with the outer walking loop and the inner bike loop completed. Fencing will be installed to prevent motorized access to the park once construction is completed. The irrigation, park lights, new trees planted, community gardens, a playground, vault toilet and picnic table are nearly completed. The grand opening of the park will be schedule near the end of October or early November.

**NEW BUSINESS /
CAPITAL /
MAINTENANCE
PLANNING**

The Team Leader, Community Services presented to the Committee an update on the 2017 capital and maintenance planning and priorities for the upcoming fiscal years. Verbal update was given to the Committee on the Swanson Road Community Park progress.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be determined for the Spring 2018

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.