

COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT

AREA E PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, November 5, 2019
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: Chris Stone (Chair) Lori Schneider Wood
Robert Bickford

ABSENT: Bonnie Lee-Jones
Constance Ladell

Staff

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

The meeting commenced at 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER The Chair welcomed everyone and called to meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR
AND VICE CHAIR** Nominations for the position of Chair for 2020 are deferred until next Area E Parks
Advisory Committee meeting.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA / MINUTES** R. Bickford/ L. Schneider Wood THAT:
the Agenda for November 5, 2019 be approved as presented
CARRIED

L. Schneider Wood/R. Bickford THAT:
the minutes for the May 14, 2019 meeting be adopted with the clarification of the
following:

- Landscaping for *Chinese garden* at Yard Creek Campground

CARRIED

**2019 CAPITAL AND
MAINTENANCE
PROJECT UPDATE** The Community Parks and Recreation Coordinator updated the committee members with
a slide presentation on current projects:

Cambridge Road Lake Access

Project included realigning the swim buoys. Discussion regarding the removal of the
barbeque pits they are hazardous and pose a potential fire hazard.

L. Schneider/Wood/R. Bickford THAT:
the Area E Parks Advisory Committee recommend that staff remove the BBQ pits from
Swansea Point parks and further that open fires in Area E Parks not be supported

CARRIED

Eton Road Lake Access

An adjacent property's retaining wall is encroaching on the park right of way with no resolution for the removal and repair of the wall being evident. As the wall poses a public safety hazard, the CSRD has advised MoTI of its intent to withdraw from the Licence of Occupation currently in place. Removal of signs, picnic tables and other CSRD amenities have now been removed. The existing park maintenance contract will be amended to reflect the change.

Swanson Community Park

The park construction project is now complete and the project was completed on time and on budget. A grand opening ceremony of the new park is scheduled for Spring 2020.

Windsor Road Boat Launch

The concrete approach to the launch is cracking and in need of repair. Staff will investigate a solution for repairs.

Malakwa Community Park

The community garden was well received with eager residents excited to try planting. The Team Leader updated the Committee that due to vandalism issues, security cameras have been installed. The final touch of the parking lot paving will be completed shortly with AIM Roads assisting in the road excavation and paving preparation. The road portion was paved by AIM Roads as a community enhancement project and the parking area from the road to the park sidewalk was paid for by CSRD.

North Fork Wild

The Team Leader updated the Committee on the status of the construction on the outdoor rain shelter. Completion of the rain shelter will near completion this year. Repairs to a culvert and ditching by the old house needed minor work to prevent water running to adjacent residence. The culvert work and ditching adjacent to the dwelling has been completed. Discussions of a picnic shelter, similar in design to the rain shelter was discussed as an option to replace the existing residence as a public amenity.

Yard Creek Campground

CSRD staff continue to support the Malakwa Community Association (MCA) offering advice for park improvements. CSRD staff established a relationship with the Kamloops Fire Centre who offers free danger tree removal as part of their chainsaw training. The offer was passed on to the MCA but was declined. Picnic tables were maintained at several of the campsites. CSRD staff worked with BC Parks to enforce unauthorized camping on the eastern side of Yard Creek.

Sicamous Creek Trails

The Sicamous Creek Trail network is currently closed due to two tragic incidents that happened this year off the trails. An independent risk management assessment report was completed with recommendations to improve public safety. To ensure public safety, the entire Sicamous Creek Trail system will be closed to the public until all recommendations of the report are completed in 2020. The Shuswap Trail Alliance has already completed several of the recommendations, however, additional budget allocation and time was needed to complete all necessary works.

Signage has been installed in areas that are identified as hazardous along with rail barriers and handrails. The Sicamous Creek Trails are strictly for hiking and not suitable for mountain biking. A new updated trail map has been installed at the kiosk.

Rail Trail Update

The Team Leader updated the Committee regarding the progress of the Rail Trail project. The Shuswap Trail Alliance has been retained as the Project Manager for the Sicamous to Armstrong Rail Trail (Rail Trail) project and has commenced conducting the preliminary concept design work for the Rail Trail. A public meeting in December will be held to field questions or concerns related to this project.

**NEW BUSINESS/
2020 CAPITAL
BUDGET UPDATE**

The Team Leader reviewed the 2020 Electoral Area E Parks Capital and Maintenance budget worksheet with all projects on budget and on track.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.