

## **Bamfield Parks Commission Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Eileen Scott Residence**

**In Attendance:** Eileen Scott - director, Roger Demontigny - director, Andrea Butler - director, Heather Cooper - director, Keith Wyton – Regional Director. Non-director attendees: John Mass (former director), Louis Druehl (former director), Lisa Herbig (employee), Bernadette Wyton (guest).

Meeting brought to order: 2:30 pm.

**Minutes prepared by Heather** for March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting site meeting at Bamfield Building Supplies were read. **Motion to accept minutes as read – Roger Demontigny. Seconded by Eileen Scott. All in favour. Passed.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Eileen reported that the books for the Parks year end were completed. Lisa reported that we have \$60,000 in a one year term GIC at RBC. The two GICs were rolled into one for such contingencies as the roof of Centennial Park office and dock maintenance. There is also \$30,000 in our chequing account. **Motion to accept the treasurers' reports: Heather. Seconded: Andrea. Passed.** Eileen and Lisa will email comparisons to directors at request of **Keith Wyton.**

### **New Business:**

- **Louis - Telephone line down** – Not fixed yet. Louis is concerned it is a safety concern. **Roger** disagreed that there is a safety concern. **Lisa** is in contact with Telus who have said it will be repaired on May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Louis - Signage** – Dock sign for moorage will be going up.
- **Louis - Smiley Rink** – moisture is a problem on the painted panels surrounding the rink. **Fiona Hawkes** will look at what it might take to repair them.
- **Louis - Memorial Benches** – There is one memorial bench left.
- **Firewood** – We have some alder.
- **Dock** – **Lisa** reported the need for some TLC. Some boards need to be replaced. **Siobhan Gray** – a community member – requests reflective tape or lights at the end of the dock. **Lisa** will investigate and report back. **Roger** has wire with which to re-wire the light.
- **Lisa** reported on the rust issues in the playground and the need for proper signage on the half-pipe. It was suggested to have a subcommittee look at these issues and report any required immediate action. **A discussion ensued as to dealing with these issues. It was decided that Lisa will distribute one itemized sheet for repair/replacement needs.**
- **Lisa** will ask **Paul Demontigny** to get new logs to support the campsites and will purchase fire rings for each site.
- **Lisa** reported on the need to hire help for the summer. **John Mass** suggested that as the contractor for Centennial Park, Lisa should be able to sub-contract work out.
- **Composting Toilets:** A discussion took place about whether there was a need to empty the composting toilets. **Andrea** requested that it be at a rate higher than the typical \$15

per hour that the park usually pays because of the nature of the work. **Lisa** will hire someone to take care of it. **Keith** spoke to the lack of clarity and the ambiguity of ownership and liability of the composting toilets.

- **Information Centre Roof** – **Lisa** reported that the roof was leaking into the women's washroom. The strapping and the bottom layer of shakes are ok, but the top layer is rotten. "Replacement needs to happen sooner rather than later". **Roger** suggested leaving it until the fall. **Lisa** will talk to several people in the meantime about quotes and different options and will report back at the next meeting.

#### **Upcoming Events in the Park:**

- **Louis** reported on/described the Community Hall's upcoming need for use of the park for the Chili Cook-off and Father's Day – June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Lisa** reported on **Art in the Park** which will take place on July 9<sup>th</sup>. **Kat Peace** is responsible for this event. Tables can be purchased for \$10 each.
- **Canada Day/Pig Roast** – **Louis** reported that Canada Day will take place in the park as it does every year, with the annual parade organized by the Fire Hall, the opening of the Bamfield Historical Society's exhibit the singing of Oh Canada and the hotdog lunch. **Seabeam Resort** will again roast a pig for a dinner at the park in the evening. Centennial Park donates the pig and funds raised are donated within the community. Last year Centennial Park paid \$300 for the pig.
- **Memorials** – There will be at least one memorial this summer – July 24<sup>th</sup> – for Sheila Chambers. A leaf will be placed on the memorial tree and a bench will be dedicated for Sheila. **Louis** reported that all but one of the Memorial benches have been subscribed. Centennial Park made \$1000/bench. The horizontal pieces on the benches need re-finishing. **John** made the suggestion that if we decide to build more benches, they could be put in other areas of the community as well.
- **Expanding our Focus** – A discussion took place about things that could make the park more family-friendly: lectures or musical events in the memorial tree; wood tents with 2 bunks/folding table/screens. It was suggested that BMSC might use these. Discussions also included getting quotes for a website for the park that might also provide information about what to do in Bamfield; future promotion/trails. **Grant Opportunity** – **Louis** reported that **BCAA** is looking for proposals for grants that offer the types of opportunities listed in the point above. **Andrea** brought up septic concerns as regards the wooden tents/expansion. **Lisa** suggested that we could use the 3 tent platforms that we already have. **Louis** commented that using the existing campsites that we have wouldn't change the population re: impact on facilities. The issue of the **Cookhouse** which needs upgrading was raised. **Keith** said he will investigate costs and funding agencies for these concerns.
- **Lady Rose Marine** – **Louis** raised the issue of the new ferry purchased by Lady Rose Marine. It has not been decided whether it will ever be used to ferry vehicles. A

discussion took place about starting to think about the potential of making our boat launch ready to accommodate such a possibility.

- **Expanded Park Committee – Keith** reported that the workload at the Regional District level is extensive at this time. A discussion took place about the need to add more directors. The district would like to take over the finances for the park, as is the case with the Fire Hall. The Regional District will come to Bamfield and meet with us at some point.
- **West Park – John and Andrea** have been investigating the possibility of a new entrance to the park in west Bamfield. The corner opposite the Cooper residence would provide for a gentler grade than where the access is at present. A suggestion was made that a set of stairs be built where the existing access is now in addition to a new access in. **John and Andrea** will come up with costs and a plan and report back.
- **Centennial Park 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is coming up in 2017. We need to think about an event to celebrate!**
- **Lisa** reported that **Aviation Magazine** had a 4 page article about Bamfield as an ultralight destination.

**Motion to adjourn: Heather – 4:35 pm**