

Bamfield Parks Commission Meeting

Sunday, January 4th, 2015

Eileen Scott Residence

In Attendance: Eileen Scott, Roger Demontigny, Louis Druehl, Heather Cooper, John Mass, Andrea Butler, Keith Wyton. Regrets – Lisa Herbig, non-voting employee of Bamfield Centennial Park.

Meeting brought to order: 3:07 pm.

Minutes: submitted by **Heather**. Move to accept – **John**. Seconded – **Louis**. **All in favour**.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Eileen** gave **Keith** a copy of the financial statement from the previous summer.
- **Eileen** reported that we will have our merchant credit card system in place by this summer. **Lisa** is continuing to investigate options.

Structure of the Bamfield Parks Commission: **Louis** made reference to the constitution and gave a brief explanation to **Keith** of how the commission has been functioning. A discussion of future structure of the committee and their roles took place. It was agreed to “stay the course” until such time as an AGM takes place where amendments to the structure will occur. No motion.

Ongoing projects:

West Park: **Andrea** reported that **Brian McKay** will provide access to the park area. He says he needs to have his machine in place before he can do the work. A discussion took place regarding access and the West Park in general.

Louis – reported that **Lisa Herbig** had approached him about Centennial Park making a donation to the **Bamfield Historical Society**. **Louis** moved that the Bamfield Parks Commissions will donate \$500 to the Bamfield Historical Society to encourage them to continue creating historical exhibits in the park office as it enhances the tourist experience. **Roger** seconded. **All in favour**.

A discussion took place regarding volunteers who help care for the Bamfield Centennial Park grounds. **Louis** moved that **Jane Morrison** be allowed to make purchases on account at **Bamfield Building Supplies** for landscaping supplies. **Heather** seconded. **All in favour**.

A discussion took place regarding new amenities within Bamfield Centennial Park. **Dave Gerbrandt** is keen help. **Louis** pointed out that a positive benefit is that he brings his own demographic with him. He has helped open up a trail within the park. He has been investigating a half-pipe. An official needs to sign off on this for insurance purposes. **Keith** commented that Port Alberni has a skateboard park and could be asked for assistance regarding plans. **Peter Herbig and Dave Gerbrandt** have been investigating a climbing wall. The estimated cost would be \$18,000. It was suggested that fundraising for the project could be made by people who might use the climbing wall. **Louis** remarked that the Regional District have been made aware that these plans are being investigated.

A discussion took place regarding **Lisa's** previous request for a firewood shed to be constructed in Bamfield Centennial Park to accommodate firewood sales to tourists. **Louis** checked out costs at

Bamfield Builders. **Louis motioned** that \$1000 be made available for construction of a wood shed for Bamfield Centennial Park. **Eileen** seconded. **All in favour.**

A discussion took place regarding exploring the possibility of building 3 small cabins on the grounds of Bamfield Centennial Park that are essentially wooden tents. **Louis** has costed them out at Bamfield Builders. **John** suggested that **Keith** ask the Regional District about permitting for them before we proceed. No motion.

Andrea shared information from the district parks and trails meeting and brought up the need for better signage in Bamfield. A discussion took place as to how to make that happen and what this committee's role might be. This led to a further discussion about other park lands in Bamfield and our role. **Andrea** moved that we spearhead ACRD-wide Parks and Trails Development for Bamfield District A. **Louis** seconded. **All in favour.**

Motion to Adjourn: Eileen – 4:55 pm.