

GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

05 June 2025 at 9:00 AM

1290 Sturdies Bay Road

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

Staff: Emma Davis(CRD Liaison) Lori Seay (Recording), Michael Carrothers(Maintenance Contractor)

EP=Electronic Participation

1. CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Call to order at 9:07 AM. Chair Erickson provided a territorial acknowledgement. Chair noted that online participation was not available for the meeting

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Erickson, Seconded by Commissioner Clinton that the 06 June 2025 agenda be approved as amended to include Beach Clean Up and 2026 Workplan. **CARRIED.**

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Erickson, Seconded by Commissioner Dewaard that the 01 May 2025 minutes be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

4. **DELEGATIONS:** Autumn Hanna joined the meeting to propose a 20 year celebration fundraising event, Skate Jam, on June 27. Funds raised from the event would be dedicated to improvements to assets at the site. Lions Club has offered to provide bbq, tents and tables. Michael will do lattice repairs at the toilet building ahead of the event. Work parties and volunteer labour for skate park upkeep was also discussed. The Commission agreed to approve the event and to accept any donations for the Skate Park. Conditions for the event are no alcohol to be served and amplified music off by 9:00 PM.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

5.1 Master Planning Committee: The First Nations Engagement Plan has been approved by the CAO. Letters will be sent to other area nations to notify them that the Commission is working with Penelakut on Master Planning, and inviting them to provide comments as well. The Get Involved webpage was reviewed with Commissioners. The Master Planning Committee has edited and approved the Survey questions. The Survey will be live on July 1. Engagement tables are

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scheduled for Fiesta and four Sat. Markets from mid Aug-mid July. Commissioners Scadeng and Clinton will host the GIPRC master planning table, and will develop communication assets including a large format map.

ACTION: Emma and Lori will support circulation of engagement letters to First Nations. Commissioners Clinton and Scadeng will develop a list of assets for the engagement table, and ask Lori for materials or additional assets.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Shore Access and Trails Update

Sturdies Bay Trail Extension: CRD has asked the Commission to consider Regional Parks' fully engineered multi-modal trail route. Chair recommended that the Sturdies Bay Trail Advisory Committee consider adapting the Regional Trails plan for the proposed section. The Sturdies Bay Trail Advisory Committee will meet with Justine Starke from CRD.

Ready Step Roll Project: The MOTT repair following the washout resulted in the loss of the historical route for walkers. The Commission agreed to send a formal request to CRD/MOTT for establishing a safe roadside route for walkers. Chair, Commissioner Henshall and Maintenance Contractor will work with Emma to provide comments and questions.

6.2 Maintenance Contractor Update: A report was circulated prior to the meeting. Michael highlighted the following:

- CRD Archeology will be on island on June 9 and 10 and will visit several GIPRC sites with Michael. Chair and Commissioners Clinton, New and Sherbine will be notified about the meeting schedule. Rene Zich will provide historical info on the Morning Beach visit.

- Spotlight Cove- several drivers have gotten stuck in the turnaround area due to drainage issues. Michael will work with Shea from Roads to address drainage and consider signage.

- A neighbour of a north end access has approached GIPRC Maintenance Contractor inquiring about the addition of a kayak launch at the site. Contractor will ask the neighbour to approach the Commission directly.

6.3 Recreation Grants 2025: No updates.

6.4 Shore Stewards: One new Steward has been recruited. An additional Steward will be approached for the Skate Park.

ACTION: Lori will connect Comm. Clinton with a possible Skate Park steward.

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6.5 Betty's Place update: Open Houses following the Saturday Markets are planned to ensure robust engagement on the Kennedy property. All irrigation has been updated to micro-irrigation. Potable water testing needs to be arranged.

ACTION: Lori will contact CRD about water testing.

6.6 Treasurer's Report: April and May financial reports were circulated prior to the meeting. Operations and Capital projects are under budget YTD.

MOTION to accept the financial reports for April and May 2025 as circulated. M-Comm. Clinton. S-Comm.Dewaard. **CARRIED.**

6.7 Asset Inventory Update: The asset list has been updated and reviewed by the Maintenance Contractor in advance of master planning engagement. Final steps are review by the Chair, and final cross check with CRD.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Map Reprint: Lori will review stock and last printing quote and report back.

7.2 Communications-Active Page: July article will focus on Master Planning engagement and Commissioner Sherbine will report on Kennedy for August.

7.3 Shore Clean Up: GIRR has requested that GIPRC participate in the marine debris program for 2026. Commissioner Scadeng will follow up with GIRR.

7.4 Work Plan 2026: Justine Starke will join the August meeting to discuss the upcoming year's capital project plans.

8. **Next Meeting:** 9:00 AM, July 10, 2025. Galiano Library Meeting Room/Zoom.

9. **Adjournment:** 11:10 AM.

Approved at the 2025-07-10 GIPRC Meeting:



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