

GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2025

1290 Sturdies Bay Road

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

Staff: Emma Davis (EP, CRD Liaison) Lori Seay (Recording), Michael Carrothers (Maintenance Contractor) Guest: Andrew Loveridge.

EP=Electronic Participation

1. CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Call to order at 9:05 AM. Chair Erickson provided a territorial acknowledgement.

Chair noted that online participation was limited by the meeting space connectivity. Emma agreed to contact the Library regarding wifi quality.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Erickson, Seconded by Commissioner Crocker that the 10 July 2025 agenda be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Erickson, Seconded by Commissioner Dewaard that the June 5, 2025 minutes be approved as corrected. **CARRIED.**

4. DELEGATIONS: None.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

5.1 Master Planning Committee: Chair reported that the survey is live and postcards have been sent to all households. Engagement letters were sent to First Nations. A meeting is being organized with one Nation by request and another Nation has deferred to the Penelakut tribe. Commissioners Crocker, Dewaard and Erickson are available to represent GIPRC at Master Planning meetings with First Nations. The Commission also agreed to include an invitation to Chief Jack from Penelakut to join those meetings. Engagement tables are booked for August and September at the Fiesta and Saturday Market. Chair thanked Commissioners Scadeng, Clinton and Dewaard for hosting in-person engagement. Chair Erickson noted that the Kennedy section of the master planning survey did not offer a "residential use with public access" and will follow up with the Kennedy Advisory Committee Chair.

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ACTION: Chair Erickson will follow up with the Kennedy Advisory Committee on future use options including residential use with public access.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Shore Access and Trails Update

Sturdies Bay Trail Extension: Sturdies Bay Trail Advisory Committee recently met with Justine Starke from CRD. Justine will follow up with the engineers who developed the regional trail plans regarding possibly adapting the Regional Trails plan for the proposed section of SBT.

Ready Step Roll Project: A recommendation was made to MOTT for the addition of lines at the road edge and additional signage, with a longer term plan in development between MOTT and Ready Step Roll that involves engineered solutions to address pedestrian safety.

6.2 Maintenance Contractor Update: A report was circulated prior to the meeting. CRD Archeology was unable to visit the island last month as planned.

ACTION: Lori will follow up with CRD regarding the next opportunity for archeology to visit GIPRC sites.

6.2 Recreation Grants 2025: No updates.

6.3 Shore Stewards: No updates.

6.4 Betty's Place update: A report was circulated prior to the meeting including a plan for three Kennedy open houses in Summer 2025. Water and well issues are being addressed and water testing has been completed. Routine maintenance including chimney clearing and the installation of a UV filter is planned. CRD Real Estate confirmed that a signed lease has not yet been secured but is expected soon.

6.5 Treasurer's Report: June financial reports were circulated prior to the meeting. Budget prep and work planning will begin at the August PIPRC meeting in collaboration with CRD. Final budget request will be submitted to the CRD BOD in October 2025.

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

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

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 7.1 **Skate Jam event -debrief:** Autumn Hanna, new steward for the skate park sent a report prior to the meeting. 30+ people attended and gave funds and feedback for additional amenities/signage at the Park including the reinstallation of the founding donors/volunteers signage.

ACTION: Michael will find original signage text and provide it to Lori.

- 7.2 **Communications:** Map reprint and Active Page articles underway.

- 7.3 **Fiesta 2025:** GIPRC will host a table, organized by Comm.Scadeng.

- 7.4 **Galiano Trails Society Event:** Comm. Scadeng shared information on the Trails Society's upcoming "Galiano Gallop" a race event with 6KM & 10KM options plus a free kids race.

8. **Next Meeting:** 9:00 AM, Aug.7, 2025. Galiano Library Meeting Room/Zoom.

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

Approved at the 2025-08-07 meeting:



Keith Erickson - GIPRC Chair