

GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Sept. 4, 2025

1290 Sturdies Bay Road

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

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 9:03 AM. Chair Erickson provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Commissioner Erickson, Seconded by Commissioner Scading that the 04 Sep. 2025 agenda be approved as amended to include a closed session and Ready Step Roll project. **CARRIED.**

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Deferred to the October meeting.

4. **DELEGATIONS:** None.

5. **REPORTS**

5.1 Shore Access and Trails Update: Sturdies Bay Trail Extension update expected shortly from CRD. The Commission has asked CRD to contact MOTT about next steps to improve pedestrian safety at the site.

5.2 Maintenance Contractor Update: A report was circulated prior to the meeting.

5.3 Recreation Grants 2025: Commissioner New will write a Recreation grants update for submission to the Active Page.

ACTION: Comm. New will send the draft Recreation Grants AP article to Lori by Sept.10.

5.4 Shore Stewards: Comm. Clinton reported that she is hearing regularly from stewards. One user of the Sturdies Bay Trail identified safety concerns regarding lack of signage around the school portion of the trail.

5.5 Betty's Place update: Another Kennedy master planning event was held on Aug. 31, with the final event slated for Sept. 14. GHCS has requested tenant support around solar lighting and generator operation. Comm. Henshall is

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working with a local contractor to address woodstove issues and WETT certification and will approach the plumber for a current year quote on potable water treatment. Correspondence was received from GHCS regarding solar and generator. Tenant is installing a solar gate and Commission will need to secure access.

ACTION: Chair will respond to the solar/generator request received from the GHCS and also clarify gate access and communication protocols regarding future requests. Chair will attend the next Kennedy Advisory meeting.

5.6 Treasurer's Report: August financial statements were circulated before the meeting.

MOTION to accept the GIPRC financial reports for Aug 2025 as circulated. M-Comm. Scading. S-Comm. Clinton. **CARRIED.**

MOTION to amend the 2025 Capital Budget by reducing Morning Beach costs by \$15000 and reallocating those funds as follows: \$8000 to Scorpion Beach and \$7000 to Cayzer. M-Comm. Dewaard, S-Comm. Clinton. **CARRIED.**

Draft 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets were circulated prior to the meeting and reviewed in detail. Commission committed to ongoing First Nations Engagement beyond the Master Planning process and will request that CRD allow unspent First Nations engagement funds from the current Master Plan be brought forward for additional First Nations engagement activities in 2026. The Commission agreed to reduce the parks maintenance budget by \$2,040 and put this towards the meeting expenses budget.

The Master Planning Committee will meet on September 17 to make recommendations for 2026-2030 capital planning.

MOTION to submit the 2026 GIPRC draft Operations Budget as amended, including the Recreation Grants and Kennedy Park(attached). M-Comm. Scadeng, S-Comm. Dewaard. **CARRIED.**

ACTION: Kennedy Master Planning Committee will communicate with the Treasurer regarding Master Planning implications for Capital planning. Lori to print paper copies to post on the Island to advertise the event. Emma to ask Galiano Club to include the event on their weekly "what's happening" email / social media post.

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6. CHAIR'S REPORT

6.1 Master Planning Committee: CRD First Nations staff met with Tsawwassen First Nation regarding the GIPRC Master Plan in late August. Survey closes on September 15, 2025. An in-person Sat. Market information table and one Kennedy site tours are on the September schedule.

6.2 Commissioner Recruitment: Commissioners Erickson, Henshall, and New, Clinton and Scadeng's terms are expiring at the end of 2025. Commissioner Clinton and Scadeng have agreed to stand for another term. A call for commissioners will be published and posted to recruit additional Commissioners. CRD BOD has provided recruitment language to attract more diverse applicants.

ACTION: Emma will arrange the Commissioner ad for Active Page and Lori will share on social media.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Ready Set Roll: The Commission agreed to refer the Ready Step Roll draft action plan to Comm. Henshall for review.

ACTION: Lori will ask Comm. Henshall to review the RSR Draft Action Plan and provide feedback on behalf of the Commission.

7.2 MOTION to close the meeting in accordance with 90(1)(a) of the Community Charter. M- Comm. Erickson, S-Commissioner Clinton. **CARRIED.**

The Commission closed at 10:50 AM and rose at 11:20 PM.

MOTION to remove the stairs at the Zuker access, install fencing and appropriate signage to warn users at their own risk. M-Comm. Clinton, S-Comm. New. **CARRIED.**

8. Next Meeting: 9:00 AM, Oct.27, 2025. Galiano Library Meeting Room/Zoom.

9. Adjournment: 11:39 AM.

Approved at the Dec. 04, 2025 meeting.