

# GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Jan 5, 2026

1290 Sturdies Bay Road

**Present:** Commissioners Jim Henshall, Cathy Clinton, Murray Scadeng, Frank Dewaard, Paul Brent, Nick Rebalski. **Regrets:** Jamie Williams, Mechelle Crocker, Eric Sherbine. **Guest:** Keith Erickson.

**Staff:** Emma Davis(CRD Liaison) Lori Seay, Michael Carrothers (Maintenance Contractor) *EP=Electronic Participation*

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## 1. **CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Call to order at 9:02 AM. Outgoing Chair Keith Erickson agreed to chair the meeting until the election, and provided a territorial acknowledgement.

## 2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Henshall, Seconded by Commissioner Clinton that the Jan 5, 2026 agenda be approved. **CARRIED.**

## 3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Dewaard, Seconded by Commissioner Henshall that the Dec. 4, 2025 minutes be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

## 4. **DELEGATIONS:** NONE

## 5. **CHAIR REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received from a property owner near the Salamanca shore access reporting several issues including off leash dogs, litter, and overnight use.

**ACTION:** The incoming chair will respond to the neighbour at Salamanca.  
Comm. Clinton will follow up with the Salamanca Shore steward.  
Lori will post user information on the Facebook page as a reminder.

## 6. **MASTER PLAN update**

The draft plan has been circulated to First Nations Partners for feedback. An Executive Summary of the initial survey results has been drafted and will be updated with First Nations feedback once received.

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7. **ELECTIONS:** Director Paul Brent managed the election of the Commission executive. Frank Dewaard accepted a nomination and was acclaimed Chair. Nick Rebalski accepted a nomination and was acclaimed Vice-Chair. Murray Scadeng agreed to continue as Treasurer. The Commission thanked outgoing Chair Erickson who acknowledged support from Emma and Lori during his term.

## 8. **REPORTS**

8.1 **Betty's Place update:** No update.

8.2 **Shore Access and Trails Update:** Report was circulated prior to the meeting. Bodega Beach Drive and Silu have been targeted for invasive removal. Neighbouring construction has created water pooling on the Lodge trail.

**ACTION:** Chair will follow up on Lodge trail with the neighbouring property owner regarding impacts to the trail.

8.3 **Shore Stewards Update:** The Commission thanked Annette Shaw for her long volunteer commitment prior to her resignation as Shore Steward for Azure shore access.

**ACTION:** Lori will help Comm. Clinton recruit a new steward for Azure.

8.4 **Treasurer's Report:** The monthly financial report was circulated prior to the meeting. Treasurer noted that the Commission is currently projecting an 11K surplus for 2025 which will roll into the capital reserve fund. Rising costs associated with First Nations engagements were discussed with Director Brent. Treasurer reviewed the Capital Projects planning tool from CRD.

**MOTION** to accept the GIPRC financial reports for Jan. 2026 as circulated. M-Comm.Scadeng, S-Comm. Henshall. **CARRIED.**

**ACTION:** Lori will circulate CRD Reconciliation materials to the Commission and add to the February agenda at the direction of the Chair.

8.5 **Recreation Funds:** The Commission agreed to form a 2026 Recreation Grants Review Committee. Comm. Jamie Williams will lead with support from Comm. Clinton and Chair Dewaard.

The Treasurer and Chair noted the need to appoint a lead for each of the Commission's capital projects at the February meeting.

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9. **New Business**

9.1 **Trail Counters:** Physical Trail Counters will be made available via the CRD. Emma will advise when these are available for GIPRC use.

9.2 **Outdoor Fund of BC:** Emma reported that the grant application is almost complete and will be submitted by Jan. 20.

9.3 **Monthly Workflow:** Lori noted that a month by month schedule for major items was circulated prior to the meeting.

10. **Next Meeting:** Thursday Jan. 5, 2026 at 9:00 AM.

ACTION: Lori will circulate a meeting time poll for March - December 2026 and the Commission will confirm a recurring meeting time at the February meeting.

11. **Meeting Adjournment:** 10:40 AM.

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Approved at the 2025-02-05 GIPRC meeting:

*Frank De Waard*

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Chair