

GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Feb. 5, 2026

1290 Sturdies Bay Road

Present: Commissioners Murray Scadeng(EP), Frank De Waard, Nick Rebalski, Jamie Williams(EP), Eric Sherbine(EP), **Regrets:** Mechelle Crocker, Cathy Clinton. Paul Brent, Jim Henshall **Guest:** Barry New

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

1. CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Call to order at 4:03 PM. Chair De Waard provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Commissioner De Waard, Seconded by Commissioner Rebalski that the Feb. 5, 2026 agenda be approved as amended to include 10.1 Referral-Islands Trust. **CARRIED.**

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION by Commissioner Rebalski, Seconded by Commissioner Williams that the Jan. 5, 2026 minutes be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

4. DELEGATIONS: NONE

5. CHAIR REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE

Chair reported on follow-up regarding a complaint from Salamanca/Morning Beach shore access neighbour. A letter was sent outlining the Commission's response to issues raised, including discussion with local emergency services, shore stewards for the site(s) and public education. The Chair also noted positive community feedback for recent shore access improvement at Scorpion and thanked the Maintenance Contractor and shore stewards for their work.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Betty's Place update: The Betty's Place Master Planning Advisory Group is working on long term vision for use in consultation with CRD. Justine requested an update on Betty's Place Management Plan. She will meet with Commissioner Sherbine, Committee Chair, to explore next steps. Public trail planning is underway with partners. The Committee is working with the Maintenance Coordinator to automate irrigation and is planning to contract for gardening support.

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6.2 **Shore Access and Trails Update:** A report was circulated prior to the meeting. Scorpion improvements are done, and planning is underway for Cayzer and Zuker stair work.

6.3 **Shore Stewards Update:** A new steward has volunteered for Azure.

6.4 **Treasurer's Report:** The monthly financial report was circulated prior to the meeting. Expenditures are on budget, and Comm. Scadeng thanked Michael Carrothers for his assistance with managing Capital costs. M-Comm.Scadeng, S-Comm. Sherbine. **CARRIED.**

MOTION that 2025 funds carry forward to 2026 and be allocated as follows: \$1 000 for admin support related to Master Planning and \$12 500 to First Nations Engagement with any remaining funds to the Capital Reserve. M-Comm. Scadeng, S-Comm. Sherbine. **CARRIED.**

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

6.5 **Recreation Funds:** The Commission confirmed the 2026 Recreation Grants Review Committee, led by Comm. Williams with Comm.'s Clinton and De Waard. Lori reviewed the draft Grant cycle timeline and will convene a meeting of the Committee by the end of Feb.

6.6 **Master Plan:** Three First Nations have indicated that they are interested in providing feedback on the draft Master Plan. Chair will follow up with the Nations regarding timeline.

7. **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

7.1 **Sturdies Bay Trail Extension:** Preliminary engineering study has been received including three options for routing from Burrill to the trail head. A full engineering report would be required for full costing. The SBT Advisory Committee will meet prior to the March meeting and will discuss next steps.

7.2 **Zuker Shore Access:** The Commission reviewed work to date including significant restoration from 2022-2024 and planning for stair installation. Interpretive panels and benches were also part of a submitted proposal approved by the Commission in late 2024. Chair agreed to be the Commission project lead, and talk with the consultant who submitted the proposal about next steps. Lori will provide support to the project. Chair, Maintenance Coordinator and Comm. Henshall will meet to discuss invasives and restoration next steps.

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7.3 Trail Mapping Coordination: Comm. Scadeng reported that the Trails Society is leading this project with support from GIPRC, and are planning to secure a contractor to undertake the project.

7.4 Multi-Sport Court: Meeting is planned with Galiano Activity Center Society and the Galiano Lions who have indicated interest in providing space for the court.

7.5 Cayzer Beach Improvements: Covered in Maintenance Report.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Assignment of Commission Project Leads: Chair reviewed leads for various GIPRC projects and activities for 2026:

Betty Kennedy Planning Committee	Comm. Sherbine
Betty Kennedy Property Operations	Comm. Henshall
Trail and Park Maintenance Oversight	Comm. Henshall
Recreation Program Funding Coordinator	Comm. Williams
Sturdies Bay Trail Extension Project	Comm. Scadeng
Trail Mapping Project	Comm. Scadeng
First Nations Engagement	Comm. De Waard
Master Plan Project	Comm. De Waard
Morning Beach	Comm. Rebalski
Zucker	Comm. De Waard
Multisport Court	Comm. Scadeng
Volunteer Coordinator	Comm. Clinton
Communications	Comm. Sherbine

8.2 Islands Trust Referral: The Commission received a referral on Feb. 4 from Islands Trust regarding the rezoning and subdivision application for Bodega Beach Drive. The developer/Islands Trust are proposing a park donation as part of the proposal, and had not consulted GIPRC to date.

MOTION that the Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission requests it be further consulted before any park donation to the CRD for management by GIPRC be agreed to. M-Comm. Rebalski, S-Comm. De Waard. **CARRIED**

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8.3 Trail Counters: Trail Counters will be made available via the CRD. Emma will advise when these are available for GIPRC use. The Commission will use these to gather information about use of specific sites and trails.

8.4 Ready Step Roll: The Ready Step Roll project is completed and the Final report has been circulated to all partners. Emma will circulate GIPRC Recommendations to the Commission.

9. **Next Meeting Date:** March 5, 2026.

10. **Adjournment** at 5:26 PM.

Approved at the March 5, 2026 meeting:

Frank De Waard

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Chair - Galiano Parks and Recreation Commission

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