

# GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2026

1290 Sturdies Bay Road

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

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

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

Call to order at 4:00 PM. Chair De Waard provided a territorial acknowledgement.

## 2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Crocker, Seconded by Commissioner Clinton that the Mar. 5, 2026 agenda be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

## 3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

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

## 4. **DELEGATIONS:** NONE

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

Chair reported that he attended the Feb.2026 Local Trust Council meeting following the receipt of a referral regarding the proposed donation of lands to GIPRC. Islands Trust staff is arranging a meeting with GIPRC and Penelakut First Nation.

Chair also walked the proposed public trail route at the Kennedy Property with key partners.

Correspondence was focused on reports from previous Recreation grantees.

## 6. **REPORTS**

6.1 **Betty's Place update:** Comm. Sherbine was absent but circulated an update prior to the meeting. An ad will be placed soon for a part-time gardener. Water storage capacity is being increased. A meeting with Galiano Club regarding the public trail is being planned.

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**6.2 Shore Access and Trails Update:** Zuker stair design is underway with work slated for March/April. Cayzer work will follow. A meeting of interested Commissioners will be held in late March to address restoration at the Cayzer site. Sturdies Bay Trail improvements grant application has been submitted.

**6.3 Shore Stewards Update:** Good feedback from stewards this month.

**6.4 Treasurer's Report:** The monthly financial report was circulated prior to the meeting.

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

**6.5 Recreation Funds:** Comm. Williams reported on the Grants Information session held with prospective applicants in late February. 2026 application period is Mar. 15 - Apr 15. 2025 Grant reports will be circulated to the Commission for review prior to the March meeting.

**6.6 Master Plan:** Chair is working with CRD and staff to respond to First Nation's requests for additional information.

## 7. **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**7.1 Sturdies Bay Trail Extension:** A meeting is planned with CRD Engineering to discuss proposed routes for extension of the trail. Results of that discussion will guide the Commission's work.

**7.2 Zuker Shore Access:** Chair is reviewing materials on the project proposal previously submitted to the Commission and has reached out to the proposal author to determine next steps.

**7.3 Trail Mapping Coordination:** Trails Society is connecting with stakeholders and partners including GIPRC, CRD Mapping and Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership and is developing a grant strategy to fund the \$40K budget. A project coordinator will be identified and hired once funds are secured. The Commission will work with Trails to consider how this project impacts future map GIPRC development and printing.

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**7.4 Multi-Sport Court:** GIPRC attended a meeting with Galiano Activity Center Society and Galiano Lions regarding development of the multi-sport court at the Lion's site. Lions are initiating a land survey and the Activity Center will lead capital fundraising for the project.

**7.5 Cayzer Beach Improvements:** Covered in Maintenance Report.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

**Trail Counters:** One trail counter has been sent to the Commission from CRD.

9. **Next Meeting Date:** April 2, 2026.

10. **Adjournment** at 5:02 PM.

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Approved at the 2026-04-02 GIPRC Meeting:

*Frank De Waard*

Frank De Waard - GIPRC Chair

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