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Minutes of the Saturna Island Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, held May 25th, 2026 at 18:30 pm, Saturna Rec Centre, Saturna, BC

Present

Commissioners: (Acting Chair and Treasurer) Paul Brent, Lisa Mitchell, Megan Riberdy, Steve Ford

VIA ZOOM: Sean Pearce, Chris Nichol,

Staff: Carly Duquette

VIA ZOOM: Katie Dentry, Byron Fritzler

Regrets:

The meeting was called to order at 18.40 PM.

1.Call to Order

2.Territorial Acknowledgement

Territorial Acknowledgement given by Commissioner Ford

3.Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Ford, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mitchell
That the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4.Adoption of the Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Mitchell, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ford
That the minutes of the April 27th, 2026 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

5.Reports

5.1. Treasurers Report

Budgets are lagging little behind expected spending this year.

The Commission was concerned about the amount of carry over from last year but an adequate amount was carried over.

The Park Improvement budget may have a mistaken charge from another Park, so that will be followed up on with the CRD.

5.1.2. SIPRC Store Account

Any commissioner who puts items for events on the SIPRC store account is responsible for handing receipts in to the bookkeeper.

5.2. Maintenance Report

The John Deere mower was serviced last year however it is currently undergoing further servicing.

New parts of Thomson Park are being groomed.

Discussion on paint color and brand used for Thompson park shelter and tables.

The Lyall Creek Pocket Park will need to be mowed as soon as possible.

Commissioner Ford and Byron Fritzler will come up with a priority list for sites to be addressed and work done.

The Waveney and Bonnybank trails will likely be at the top of the list.

5.3. Projects

5.3.1. MoneyWatershed Park Work Bee Update

People have been coming out regularly on the weekends to help work on the trail.

It would be good to coordinate a group to get archeological training done with volunteers by Shawna from the CRDS archaeology dept.

Commissioners Ford and Pearce will be signing documents confirming they are trained and able to use chainsaws to help further the work.

A volunteer brought up the idea that it may be beneficial to have a space on site to store tools between works.

A call out to the community will be put on the forum to recruit more volunteers as well as additional hand tools.

MOVED by Commissioner Ford, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mitchell
That 300.00\$ be set out to spend on hand tools to facilitate the work being done on the Moneywatershed trails.

CARRIED

Members of the public had reached out and inquired about the potential rate of injury involved with the trail.

Commissioner Ford responded and had met with the fire chief of Hornby where there are similar trails. The chief from Hornby was able to provide numbers and statistics which showed a low rate of incidents.

Commissioner Ford will share the document with the public as well as the commission.

Commissioner Pearce believes they will be ready to start looking into signage next month.

5.4. Administration

5.4.1. Events

5.4.1.1. Community Daphne Destroying Day - May update

To be Held on Wednesday, May 27th

5.4.1.2. Hike Paddle Row

Will be held on June 14th.

The sign up sheet must go up at the store and liability waivers must be acquired.

5.4.1.3. Choose Salmon BBQ date in consultation with Hubertus

To be decided.

6. New Business

6.1. MoTT License of Occupation

A spreadsheet will be shared with the commissioners for review and decisions will be made at the next meeting.

MoTT is asking for asset Inventory. It will be sent to Katie Dentry before the next meeting.

6. Adjournment

MOVED by Commissioner Pearce, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Nichol
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Next Meeting will be held

Monday, May 25th, 2026 at 18.30pm

Meeting Adjourned at 19.190 PM.

Paul Brent

Chair

Carly Duquette

Committee Clerk