

GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2026

1290 Sturdies Bay Road

Present: Commissioners Frank De Waard, Nick Rebalski, Mechelle Crocker (EP), Murray Scadeng (EP), Jamie Williams (EP), Eric

Staff: Emma Davis (CRD Liaison), Michael Carrothers (Maintenance Contractor)

Guests: Kendall McLaughlin, Julia Hendricks, Chat Townsend

Regrets: Commissioners Cathy Clinton, Jim Henshall Paul Brent (CRD Director), Rob Fawcett (CRD Alt. Director).

EP=Electronic Participation

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

Call to order at 4:05 PM. Chair De Waard provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Commissioner Rebalski, Seconded by Commissioner Crocker that the June 04, 2026 agenda be approved. **CARRIED.**

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Commissioner Sherbine, Seconded by Commissioner Rebalski that the May 15 minutes be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

4. **DELEGATIONS:** NONE.

5. **CHAIR REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE**

Chair gave an update on the Master Plan, including timeline and First Nations Engagement. Intention is for MP Committee to present a draft of the final MP to the Commission in September 2026. There may be some cost considerations for the Commission as a result of some of the recommendations in the Plan.

Chair received correspondence from a member of the public that he redirected to the appropriate agency; and correspondence from a Recreation Grant applicant who requested more information about the decision on their application; and a request from the Galiano Lions to meet regarding collaboration on the multi-sport court.

6. **REPORTS**

6.1 Parks Bylaw Update

CRD Manager for SGI Service Delivery Justine Starke presented the draft regulatory bylaw that was included in the agenda package which will apply to the Galiano parks service, and which is in part a response to a long-standing request for GIPRC. The bylaw will provide a mechanism for enforcement around e.g. cycling, camping, parking, smoking, as well as a fee schedule for special events. There will be cost implications for

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2027 and beyond - \$2500 per year as a share of enforcement costs, as well as some costs for additional signage.

The Commission may also choose to reduce access in areas of high cultural or ecological sensitivity, and can work with First Nations to identify these areas in the Master Planning process.

Next steps are adoption by the CRD Board.

(J. Starke departed the meeting at 4:35.)

6.2 Betty's Place update: Comm. Sherbine reported. Operations: covered in the maintenance report. Master Planning: there is now a draft planning doc. Comm. Sherbine is hoping to present it at the July GIPRC meeting. Comm. Sherbine will be meeting with the Galiano Club to determine the route of the new public trail

MOTION: by Comm. De Waard, seconded by Comm Crocker, to contract a part-time gardener at a rate of \$32.50 for 6 hours weekly, at an annual maximum of \$10,150. CARRIED.

Comm. Sherbine and Emma will connect regarding hiring a part-time gardener.

6.3 Shore Access and Trails Update:

6.3.1 Cayzer Improvements

M. Carrothers has put plywood across stairs to make it safer in the wet season, but he will remove the plywood now.

6.3.2 Sturdies Bay Trail Improvements

M. Carrothers has been notified by Comm. Henshall that there isn't any more budget available for this project in 2026.

6.3.3 Zuker Trail Improvements

Zuker stairs are still going ahead, despite a delay due to an injury.

Skate Park: New picnic tables have been constructed. Their orientation was adjusted in response to feedback from the park steward.

ORF: M. Carrothers met with Comm. Rebalski regarding the Outdoor Recreation Fund project on the Sturdies Bay Trail school site. He will cost out the list. Stairs at school entrance will be the most expensive part.

6.4 Shore Stewards Update: No report.

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6.5 Treasurer's Report:

The monthly financial report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Discussion confirming that the \$3,800 allocated for mileage is sufficient despite rising fuel costs as it can be augmented from the maintenance budget.

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

6.6 Recreation Funds: Commissioner Williams reported as Chair of the 2026 Recreation Funds Committee. Cheques to grant recipients have been distributed all but one.

7. CAPITAL PROJECTS

7.1 Sturdies Bay Trail Extension: Comm. Scadeng reported that he has made a request to Director Brent about support for a Community Works Fund application and is awaiting a response.

7.2 Zuker Shore Access: No report.

7.3 Trail Mapping Coordination: Comm. Scadeng reported that mapping work the Trails Society has contracted is underway, there likely won't be much progress to report for a few months.

7.4 Multi-Sport Court: Comm. Scadeng reported that discussions with the Galiano Lions continue with the intention of developing a similar agreement to the skate park. Internal discussions at the Lions around location continue. Galiano Activity Centre Society is the lead on the court project.

7.5 ORF School Site Improvements Comm Rebalski reported that he and M. Carrothers walked the trail and the intention is to complete the work before return to school in September. M. Carrothers will report back on the draft budget and Comms. Rebalski and Sherbine may need to bring it back to the Commission if there are major changes needed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Trail Counters: Comm. Rebalski reported that they are now installed on the Sturdies Bay Trail. Discussion about whether to relocate them for best collection of data to support future trail improvement funding applications.

8.2 Communications: Lori will prepare a Recreation Grants Report for the July issue.

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

10. **Adjournment** at 5:04 PM

Approved at the 2026-08-06 GIPRC Meeting:

Frank De Waard

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