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Minutes of the Saturna Island Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, held July 27th, 2026 at 18:30 pm, Saturna Rec Centre, Saturna, BC

Present

Commissioners: (Acting Chair and Treasurer) Paul Brent, Chris Nichol, Megan Riberdy

VIA ZOOM: Lisa Mitchell

Staff: Carly Duquette, Katie Dentry, Byron Fritzler

Regrets: Sean Pearce, Steve Ford

1.Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 18.32 PM.

2.Territorial Acknowledgement

Territorial Acknowledgement given by Commissioner Brent

3.Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Nichol, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mitchell

That the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

4.Adoption of the Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Mitchell, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Nichol

That the minutes of the June 22nd, 2026 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

5.Reports

5.1. Treasurers Report

The Commission received more funding than anticipated under the Community Recreation budget. It is anticipated that approximately \$5,000–\$6,000 will remain available for a second call for recreational funding applications.

5.2. Maintenance Report

Byron Fritzler reported that the fenced off fruit trees at Thomson Park are dead and discussed whether they should be replaced. The matter may be addressed through the Parks Canada tree donation, with replacement trees likely to be planted in the fall.

Discussion regarding clarification of which picnic tables at Thompson Park require refurbishment.

Cedar will be sourced locally on-island for fixing the bottom edge of the fence around the Community Immunity Garden.

Commissioner Riberdy will inquire with a local artisan regarding creating a sign welcoming visitors to Lyall Creek Pocket Park.

The handle for the old water pump at Thompson Park is missing. Katie Dentry will post an inquiry regarding its whereabouts.

5.3. Projects

5.3.1. MoneyWatershed Park Update

No major update. Work will resume in mid August.

5.4. Administration

5.4.1. Events

5.4.1.1. Advertise Salmon BBQ

Katie Dentry will update and post the poster for the Salmon BBQ on September 13th.

6. New Business

6.1. RFA's

6.1.1. Book Talks funding reallocation request

The Library would like to reallocate a portion of funds to acquire crafts for kids.

6.1.2. Island Talks funding reallocation request

The Library requested permission to reallocate a portion of the approved funding toward the purchase of books on reconciliation following the cancellation of the scheduled speaker.

MOVED by Commissioner Mitchell, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Riberdy,
That the Library be permitted to reallocate the approved funding toward the purchase of books and crafts.

CARRIED

Commissioner Brent brings the dissenting opinion that using the funds for books is not in line with recreational activity.

6.1.3. Second call for Recreational Funding Applications

The deadline for the next round of funding has been set for September 25th.

6.2 Request from Heather Michaud to purchase a new hose nozzle for the Community Immunity Garden

MOVED by Commissioner Brent **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mitchell
That the purchase of a new nozzle be approved.
CARRIED

6.3 Parks Canada Tree Donation

The Commission agreed to accept the donation of trees from Parks Canada.

Some of the trees will be used to replace the dead trees at Thompson Park. Slow-watering systems will also be considered to assist with tree maintenance. Some trees may also be planted at Lyrall Creek Pocket Park.

Commissioner Brent will contact Shawna in Archaeology at the CRD, regarding the placement of the trees.

7. Adjournment

Next Meeting will be held

Monday August 24th, 2026 at 18.30pm

Meeting Adjourned at 19.02 PM.

Paul Brent

Chair

Carly Duquette

Committee Clerk