

GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Aug. 6, 2026

1290 Sturdies Bay Road

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

Staff: Emma Davis (CRD Liaison), Lori Seay (GIPRC Admin) **Guest:** Kendall McLaughlin.

Regrets: Paul Brent (CRD Director)

EP=Electronic Participation

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

Call to order at 4:01 PM. Chair De Waard provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Commissioner Sherbine, Seconded by Commissioner Clinton that the Aug. 6, 2026 agenda be approved. **CARRIED.**

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Commissioner Henshall, Seconded by Commissioner Clinton that the June 4, 2026 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. Penelakut engagement on the Master Plan is close to complete.

6. **OPERATIONS**

6.1 **Kennedy Update**

6.1.1 **Operations:** Covered in general maintenance report.

6.1.2 **Planning:** Committee Chair met with senior CRD staff to review the draft Kennedy master plan. The Commission will consider the final draft in fall 2026.

MOTION that the Commission will work with the Galiano Club on a development and maintenance plan for the public access trail(s) on the Kennedy property. M-Commissioner Sherbine, S-Commissioner Henshall. **CARRIED.**

6.1.3 **Gardening Contract:** Commission will contract with Gord Reimer for Kennedy gardening contract.

ACTION: Commissioner Sherbine will follow up with a new contractor regarding Kennedy gardening and Emma will support a connection to CRD contracting.

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6.2 Shore Access and Trail Operations Update: A maintenance report was circulated prior to the meeting. Improvements are paused during the busy summer maintenance season. Commissioner Rebalski presented data collected from the trail counter.

6.3 Shore Stewards Update: Feedback was received regarding incorrect online access information for Morning Beach, and the resulting trespass. Corrections have been made with Google Maps and community education is underway via social media.

6.4 Treasurer's Report: The monthly financial report was circulated prior to the meeting. Treasurer is talking with CRD regarding additional resources for the Sturdies Bay Trail extension.

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

7. CAPITAL PROJECTS

7.1 Sturdies Bay Trail Extension: Chair will join future planning meetings. CRD has indicated that Growing Communities funds will not be available for this project.

7.2 Zuker Shore Access: Upper trail work covered under maintenance, and Chair has contacted the potential contractor regarding interpretation at trail head.

7.3 Trail Mapping Coordination: Keith Erickson has been contracted by the Trails Society to conduct a mapping survey and identify gaps. Database development is the next step.

7.4 Multi-Sport Court: Galiano Activity Center Society is pursuing Gaming and partnership funds as the project lead. Construction is scheduled to kick off in 2027, funds pending.

7.5 Murcheson Cove: CRD is applying for funds from ICBC shortly in response to the Commission's request for improvements.

7.5 Capital Project Planning 2027: Treasurer reviewed the CRD budget development timeline. The Commission reviewed current capital planning commitments and struck a working group of Commissioners Henshall, Scadeng and DeWaard to make a recommendation for 2027 projects at the next meeting.

ACTION: Lori will share Master planning priorities, and supporting documents with the 2027 Capital Projects working group.

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8. **NEW BUSINESS**

8.1 **Master Plan** Update and Timeline: Final draft version in process with First Nations engagement. . Trail Counter October.

8.2 **Communications** - Active Page: Commissioner Clinton - Shore Stewards, September. Commissioner Rebalski - Trail Counter, October.

ACTION: Lori will provide support for AP submissions.

8.3 **Map Requests** - Galiano Arts Alliance and Therah: Chair will contact Therah regarding their request to include text for the upcoming map redesign. Lori will contact Arts Alliance to share requested material for their forthcoming map. The Commission's coordinated trail mapping project with Galiano Trails Society will support development of a new collaborative map in 2027.

8.4 **Beach Debris**: Commission will direct \$200 from garbage collection to support collection of beach debris at the Recycling depot.

9. **Next Meeting Date**: September 3, 2026

10. **Adjournment** at 5:54 PM.

Approved at the 2026-09-03 GIPRC Meeting:

Frank De Waard

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Chair - GIPRC