

GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Sep. 3, 2026

Galiano Library Meeting Room, 1290 Sturdies Bay Road

Present: Commissioners Frank DeWaard, Cathy Clinton, Murray Scadeng, Jim Henshall, Frank Dewaard, Eric Sherbine(EP), Mechele Crocker, Nick Rebalski

Regrets: Director Paul Brent, Jamie Williams.

Staff: Emma Davis(CRD Liaison) Lori Seay (EP-Recording) **Guests:** Mike Hoebel, Michael Miller, Chad Chadwick.

EP=Electronic Participation

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

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Commissioner Clinton, Seconded by Commissioner Scading that the 03 Sep. 2026 agenda be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Commissioner De Waard, Seconded by Commissioner Sherbine that the Aug. 7, 2026 minutes be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

4. **DELEGATIONS:** None.

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

5.1: **Correspondence:** Chair reported on a request from Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership for beach clean up, which is currently beyond the scope of the Commission's work plan.

5.2 **Master Plan Update:** First Nations feedback has been received. Chair thanked Emma and Lori for master planning support.

MOVED by Commissioner De Waard, Seconded by Commissioner Henshell that the draft GIPRC 2026 Master Plan be approved. **CARRIED.**

5.3 **Commission Vacancies 2026:** Commission reviewed term standings. Four commissioners will complete their terms in 2026. Commissioners Crocker, DeWaard and Sherbine agreed to stand for reappointment. A vacancy notice will be shared on social media and in the Active Page.

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6. OPERATIONS

6.1 Betty's Place: Gardening Contract negotiations are in process. The irrigation pump is now working and the potable water supply is secure. Dave McWhirter has been approached about a contracting relationship for plumbing services. Comm. Sherbine will follow up with Dave. The Commission also agreed to explore securing a water license for the pond on the property to mitigate water management costs. Comm. Sherbine will inquire with CRD regarding the option to seek a water license. Site clean up for Kennedy will be added to the provisional budget circulated before the meeting. Zuker Improvement funds can be redirected to this work.

6.2 Shore Access and Trail Operations

6.3 Shore Stewards Update: Comm. Clinton reported on communications with local shore stewards. Redirection to correct Morning Beach route has been successful.

6.4 Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was circulated prior to the meeting. Comm. Scadeng circulated draft 2027 Capital Project and Operating Budgets prior to the meeting, and outlined the process for operational and capital budget approvals with the CRD. He highlighted the creation of a new position for parks support at CRD, cost shared between SGI PRC Commissions and CRD. Draft budgets were reviewed in detail and adjusted to reflect community demand and master plan priorities. The Commission agreed to finalize budget submissions to CRD at the October 2026 meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Scadeng, Seconded by Commissioner Clinton that the August 2026 Treasurer's report be approved. **CARRIED.**

7. CAPITAL PROJECTS

7.1 Sturdies Bay Trail Extension : Comm. Scadeng reported on a meeting with CRD Alternate Director regarding CRD's Regional Trail work, and positive forecast for Community Works funds for a feasibility study in 2027. Current work includes design planning and costing.

7.2 Zuker Shore Access Update : Chair will meet with Commissioner Crocker to discuss options.

7.3 Trail Mapping Coordination: Comm. Scadeng reported that the contractor is building the needed data set with support from Trails Society.

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7.4 Multi-Sport Court :Comm. Scadeng reported that the CRD Director has provided a letter of support for the court to the Galiano Activity Center Society. A GACS gaming grant application was not submitted this round, and a future submission is being explored.

7.5 School Site Improvements: Commissioners. Rebalski and Sherbine have met with the Maintenance Contractor about budgeting for platform construction. Signage and drainage work will follow. Work plans have changed significantly since the original grant submission. The commission agreed to approach the funder to update and adjust timeline and planned activities. Emma will provide support as needed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Maps: Stock is running low. The Commission agreed to do a reprint, and integrate changes into a new map in 2027 aligned with the Trail Mapping Coordination project.

8.2 Active Page: Comm. Sherbine will submit the October article focused on Commissioner recruitment.

9. Next Meeting: 4:00 PM, Oct. 1, 2026. Galiano Library Meeting Room/Zoom.

10. Adjournment: 5:51 PM.

Approved at the Oct. 1, 2026 GIPRC Meeting:

Frank De Waard

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