GALIANO ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes - **Oct. 1, 2026**

Galiano Library Meeting Room, 1290 Sturdies Bay Road

Present: Commissioners Frank DeWaard, Murray Scadeng(EP), Jim Henshall, Eric Sherbine(EP), Nick Rebalsk(EP)
Regrets: Director Paul Brent, Commissioners, Jamie Williams, Mechele Crocker, Cathy Clinton.

Staff: Emma Davis(CRD Liaison) Lori Seay(GIPRC Admin) **Guests**: Jill Robinson, Kendall McLaughlin. *EP=Electronic Participation*

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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 De Waard, Seconded by Commissioner Sherbine that the 01 Oct. 2026 agenda be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Commissioner De Waard, Seconded by Commissioner Henshall that the Sept. 03, 2026 minutes be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

4. **DELEGATIONS:** None.

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

5.1: **Correspondence**: Chair reported on correspondence with Penekalut First Nation about an upcoming site visit.

5.2 **Master Plan Update**: Design is underway. The final plan will be circulated to the Commission prior to the November 2026 meeting.

5.3 **Commission Vacancies 2026**: Application deadline is Oct. 15. Ads have been placed in the Active Page and social media. Applications will be circulated for recommendation ahead of the November meeting. One application to date.

6. **OPERATIONS**

6.1 **Betty's Place**: Gardening Contract was reposted at a higher rate and the successful applicant is Gord Reimer. Onboarding and orientation to the Kennedy property is underway. The Galiano Club has approved the walking trail in principle. The next step is to seek permission from CRD to build the trail, and get necessary agreements in place with the Galiano Club. Comm. Sherbine will contact the CRD regarding next steps for establishing the trail. Comm. Scadeng will work with Comm. Sherbine to integrate mapping for the new trail into the mapping project.

A request for installation of ocean current monitoring cameras was submitted from Avi Bryant. The Kennedy Committee will consider the request and Comm. Sherbine will follow up with Avi Bryant.

6.2 **Shore Access and Trail Operations:** Report circulated prior to the meeting. The picnic table at Matthew's Point has collapsed. Comm. Henshall will follow up with the Maintenance Contractor.

6.3 **Improvements Update:** Chair is working with the Maintenance Contractor to update the capital projects timeline.

6.4 **Treasurer's Report**: Treasurer noted that the meeting schedule precluded production of a September financial report, which will be circulated next week. The final draft 2027 Recreation, Operating and Capital budgets were circulated before the meeting..

> **MOVED** by Commissioner Scadeng, Seconded by Commissioner Henshall to recommend the 2027 GIRPC Capital, Operating and Recreation Budgets to the CRD for approval. **CARRIED.**

The Commission reviewed the scope and timeline of the School Side grant, which must be expended by March 31, 2027.

> **MOVED** by Commissioner Scadeng, Seconded by Commissioner Rebalski to reallocate $5000 from 2026 Parks Improvement be reallocated to the School Side Project. **CARRIED.**

The Treasurer requested that the Commission purchase two outdoor chairs from Phoenix Plastics, for placement at a GIPRC location. Phoenix is a locally-sourced recycled materials project producing high-quality adirondack chairs, and are willing to reduce the price for GIPRC.

> **MOVED** by Commissioner Scadeng, Seconded by Commissioner Henshall to allocate $1000 from 2026 Parks Improvement for the purchase of outdoor chairs from Phoenix Plastics. **CARRIED.**

The Commission agreed that the chairs will be secured at Mary Ann Point.

7. CAPITAL PROJECTS

7.1 **Sturdies Bay Trail Extension** : A meeting with senior CRD staff and incoming CRD Director is scheduled for October to discuss project engineering.

7.2 **Trail Mapping Coordination**: Draft map is done and is being circulated to stakeholders for feedback. Comm. Scadeng noted that the trail from Matthews Peak into Matthew's Park encroaches on private property. Trails Society will follow up Trails Society will approach the landowner.

7.3 **Multi-Sport Court** :Comm. Scadeng will contact Galiano Activity Center Society regarding a proposed timeline.

7.4 **Murcheson**: No updates.

7.5 **School Site Improvements**: Commissioner Rebalski is working with Emma to update the scope of the grant activities to align with work required at the site.

7.6 **Trail Counter**: Chair and Comm. Rebalski will connect to discuss trail counter data access. Another counter will be requested from CRD for a second site.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

8.1 **Maps**: 6000 reprint has been ordered.

8.2 **Active Page**: November(Jim-Reflections from Outgoing Commissioner). December (Frank -Master Plan)

9. **Next Meeting:** 4:00 PM, Nov. 5 2026. Galiano Library Meeting Room/Zoom.

10. **Adjournment**: 4:50. PM.

Approved at the 2026-11-05 GIPRC Meeting:

Frank De Waard

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