



British Columbia Recreation & Parks Association
Region 2 – Lower Mainland Parks Network

MINUTES - OCTOBER 21, 2009 District of West Vancouver

In Attendance:

Andrew Banks - Chair

Shirley McKell - Vice Chair

Andre Kolber, Marty Benson, Sue Nagata, Dave Turner, Bill Manning, Corinne Ambor, Michael Miller

Call to Order: 9:04 a.m.

1.0 Adoption of Sept. 16, 2009 Minutes

Moved by: Andrew Banks Seconded by: Marty Benson

2.0 Round Table Discussions

- Discussion on increasing attendance to meetings
- Suggestion of forming a meeting with at least 6 municipalities focusing on addressing meetings, attendance and effectiveness of meetings
- Noted that the meetings were a good forum for the spring training seminar
- Over 17 yrs the attendance was noted as up & down
- Suggestion that managers have an alternate if unable to make the meetings and that possibly supervisors or foremen might be alternate
- Meeting time discussed and decided to be kept monthly
- Discussions were held of municipalities and how re-organizing is occurring with changes in elected officials. This led to other topics of using facebook and twitter on city websites and their advantages and concerns. Also, the shared services model used in one municipality was discussed (in the areas of IT, Finance, Facilities for example)
- Projects in Parks were talked about - some funded by federal monies, some city. Some examples were upgrading artificial turf fields, creating new artificial fields, upgrading baseball fields, green pathways and trails being built
- What was new in Parks - example, foot pedal garbage containers, green roof bus stops
- Special Event usage in Parks discussed and the demand it puts on a site
- Automated locking of washrooms/homeless locking themselves in/ways to combat this talked about. In one municipality parks patrol staff look after locking washrooms and custodial staff also trained as first responder.
- BC Summer Games are being held in Surrey in 2012

- Strategic planning sessions happening in one municipality

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT: 11:45 A.M.

Moved by: Andrew Banks Seconded by: Shirley McKell

NEXT MEETING:

November 18th BCRPA Meeting - City of New Westminster

Contact Claude LeDoux 604-527-4627 clédoux@newwestcity.ca

December 16th BCRPA Meeting - Year End Wrap-up meeting

Location still to be determined

January 12th 2010 - 33rd Annual BCRPA Parks and Grounds Spring Training

Location: Langley, B.C.

www.bcrpa.bc.ca/recreation_parks/parks/spring_training.htm

or contact Parks & Recreation coordinator Heather Muter at 604-629-0965 ext.229 or hmuter@bcrpa.bc.ca

February 2010 - No Meeting because of Olympics

March 17th - BCRPA Meeting - City of Surrey

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