



British Columbia Recreation & Parks Association
Region 2 - Lower Mainland Parks Network
Minutes - April 15th, 2009
City of Abbotsford

IN ATTENDANCE:

André Kolbér – **Chair**

Andrew Banks – **Vice Chair**

Dan Weaheyby, Dave Snider, Glen Minaker, Gord Barstow, Ketith Senft, Siu Yu, Marty Benson, Richard Boulton, & Rick Daykin (Host)

CALL TO ORDER: 9:10 A.M.

1.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

2.0 ADOPTION OF *March 18th 2009* MINUTES:

Moved by: Rick Daykin

Seconded by: Gord Barstow

3.0 PRESENTATION:

Abbotsford Park Projects Presentation on the International Friendship Garden & Cultural Gateway as well as the Abbotsford Discovery Trail Project. This was later followed by a tour of the International Friendship Garden & Cultural Gateway. In addition there was a presentation on Homeless Encampments on Public Lands that was followed by some general discussion.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

4.1 HortEdBC – Todd Gross

- <http://www.horteducationbc.com/>

4.2 BC Communities in Bloom (CIB) – Kathy Reinheimer

- http://www.bccommunitiesinbloom.ca/BCCib_About.htm

4.3 BCRPA (2009) Spring Training Committee - Nancy McLean (co-chair), Todd Gross (co-chair), David Turner, Len Walters, André Kolbér, Marty Benson, Sue Nagata, Sandy James, and Heather Muter (BCRPA Representative).

- **2010 Conference Date** - January 12th 2010 - 32nd Annual BCRPA Parks and Grounds Spring Training Location: Langley Convention Centre - Langley, B.C

4.4 IPM Accreditation – Richard Boulton

4.5 BCRPA Regional Meeting – André Kolbér

4.6 National Recreation and Parks Association – Geoff Mallory

4.7 Education & Conferences Attended

4.8 Upcoming Training & Conferences

May 20th BCRPA Meeting – City of Langley
Contact Len Walters 604 514-2912

May 20-22nd, 2009 – BC Land Summit *A Better Future Adapting to Change*
www.bclandsummit.com

TELUS Conference Centre, Whistler, B.C.

Contact: Tara Culham – BC Society of Landscape Architects (604) 682-5610

May 27-29th, 2009 – BCRPA Symposium Conference *Strength in CommUNITY*

TELUS Conference Centre, Whistler, B.C.

http://www.bcrpa.bc.ca/training_symposium/symposium/2009.htm

June 17th BCRPA Meeting – City of New Westminster

Contact Andrew Banks 604 527 4625

Proposed Agenda: Global Warming & Parks Initiatives

Sept 16th BCRPA Meeting – *Location still to be determined*

Contact

October 13-17th, 2009 – NRPA Congress & Exposition

Location: Salt Lake City Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah

<http://www.nrpa.org/content/default.aspx?documentId=618>

October 21st BCRPA Meeting – West Vancouver

Contact Shirley Mckell smckell@westvancouver.ca

November 18th BCRPA Meeting – *Location still to be determined*

Contact

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

Location still to be determined

January 12th 2010 – 32nd Annual BCRPA Parks and Grounds Spring Training

Location: Langley, B.C.:

http://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

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

- Any topics of interest for the **2010 – 32nd Annual BCRPA Parks and Grounds Spring Training** can be forwarded to any of the committee members (Nancy McLean (co-chair), Todd Gross (co-chair), David Turner, Len Walters, André Kolbér, Marty Benson, Sue Nagata, Sandy James, and Heather Muter (BCRPA Representative))
- Elections :

6.0 ROUND TABLE

- Promotion to the public of various park projects: i.e. the International Friendship Garden & Cultural Gateway as well as the Abbotsford Discovery Trail Project. Assignment of Staff Members to promote projects. Different types of promotion.
- Land Acquisition for trails and greenways
- Donation Benches and trees. How long does a donation last for? Type of wording on donation plaques. Cost of donation benches.
- Park Operating and Capital Budgets for 2009. Discussion on various levels of services.

AJOURNMENT: 12:00 PM

Moved by: Rick Daykin

Seconded by: Dan Weatherby

NEXT MEETING(s): May 20th BCRPA Meeting – City of Langley

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