



**British Columbia Recreation & Parks Association**  
**Region 2 - Lower Mainland Parks Network**  
**Minutes - May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**City of Langley**

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

André Kolbér – **Chair**

David Turner, Marty Benson, Shirley McKell, Sue Nagata, Tab Buckner, Ted deCrom.,  
& Len Walters (Host)

**CALL TO ORDER: 9 A.M.**

**1.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**2.0 ADOPTION OF *March 18<sup>th</sup> 2009* MINUTES:**

Moved by: Len Walters

Seconded by: Tab Buckner

**3.0 PRESENTATION:**

**4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

4.1 HortEdBC – Todd Gross & Ted deCron

- <http://www.horteducationbc.com/>
- HortEDBC will be changing their name to Hort Trades BC (HTBC)
- Working on the red seal for Arborists and Horticulturalists
- Go to site to get specific grace period deadline for certain trades (Horticulture)

4.2 BC Communities in Bloom (CIB) – Kathy Reinheimer

- [http://www.bccommunitiesinbloom.ca/BCCib\\_About.htm](http://www.bccommunitiesinbloom.ca/BCCib_About.htm)

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

- **2010 Conference Date** - January 12th 2010 – 33rd 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 – Len Walters & André Kolbér

4.6 National Recreation and Parks Association – Geoff Mallory

4.7 Education & Conferences Attended

- Len Walters – Risk Management & Trails

4.8 Upcoming Training & Conferences

**May 20-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 – BC Land Summit *A Better Future Adapting to Change***  
[www.bclandsummit.com](http://www.bclandsummit.com) TELUS Conference Centre, Whistler, B.C.  
Contact: Tara Culham – BC Society of Landscape Architects (604) 682-5610

**May 27-29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – BCRPA Symposium Conference *Strength in CommUNITY***  
TELUS Conference Centre, Whistler, B.C.  
[http://www.bcrpa.bc.ca/training\\_symposium/symposium/2009.htm](http://www.bcrpa.bc.ca/training_symposium/symposium/2009.htm)

**June 17<sup>th</sup> BCRPA Meeting – City of New Westminster**  
Contact Andrew Banks 604 527 4625  
Proposed Agenda: Global Warming & Parks Initiatives

**Sept 16<sup>th</sup> BCRPA Meeting – City of Richmond**  
Contact: Ted deCron (604) 244-1244

**October 13-17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – NRPA Congress & Exposition**  
Location: Salt Lake City Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah  
<http://www.nrpa.org/content/default.aspx?documentId=618>

**October 21<sup>st</sup> BCRPA Meeting – West Vancouver**  
Contact Shirley Mckell [smckell@westvancouver.ca](mailto:smckell@westvancouver.ca)

**November 18<sup>th</sup> BCRPA Meeting – *Location still to be determined***

**December 16<sup>th</sup> BCRPA Meeting – Year End Wrap-up meeting**  
– *Location still to be determined*

**January 12<sup>th</sup> 2010 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual BCRPA Parks and Grounds Spring Training**  
Location: Langley, B.C. [http://www.bcrpa.bc.ca/recreation\\_parks/parks/spring\\_training.htm](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](mailto:hmuter@bcrpa.bc.ca)

## **5.0 NEW BUSINESS / ROUND TABLE**

- Pesticide use in various Cities and how to deal with weeds on sports fields as well as paving stone walkways.
- Sustainability and on-site composting
- Comparison of various park work hours, nine day fortnights (8.89 hrs) in Parks Operations, the running of two split shifts morning (6:30 AM – 5PM) and evening (7 PM – 4AM), and operating a night shift (11PM-7:30AM) with one employee.
- Park Play program in the City of Surrey
- Various Invasive Plant Management Programs used though out the different cities.
- Elections for executive positions (Chair and Vice Chair) for the British Columbia Recreation & Parks Association Region 2 – Lower Mainland Parks Network will be held at September's meeting. Please forward any nominations.

**AJOURNMENT:** Moved by: Marty Benson Seconded by: Shirley McKell

**NEXT MEETING(s): June 17<sup>th</sup> BCRPA Meeting – City of New Westminster**  
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