

VANCOUVER ISLAND PARKS AND GROUNDS SUPERVISORS' ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, January 19, 2010
CRD Regional Parks HQ
Cedar Building Meeting Room
490 Atkins Avenue
Langford

9:15 a.m.

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Al Hood (School District # 61)
Richard Waterfield (CRD Parks)
Don Dojack (Saanich Parks)
Andrew Giles (Saanich Parks)
Shaen McRae (Esquimalt Parks)
Ray Laursen (Royal Oak Burial Park)
Ilan Highton (Royal Oak Burial Park)
Roger Charles (Glendale Gardens)
George Gollmer (CRD Parks)
Dave Rutherford (Royal Roads University)
Barrie Agar (Royal Roads University)
Gary Hadfield (VIHA)
Toni Botelho (Town of Qualicum Beach)
Dave Deshane (Retired)

Meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m.

Approval of and additions to the agenda:

Agenda approved with additions noted below

Approval of minutes of the December 2009 meeting:

Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report:

- Ray reported that the bank balance as of December 31, 2009 is \$3443.74.

New Business:

- **Upcoming CPSI Training**

- The Canadian Playground Safety Institute in association with the BCRPA is offering a theory course on March 23 – 24 and a practical course on March 25 – 26 in New Westminster.

For more information or to register go to:

<http://www.cpra.ca/main.php?action=cms.trainCpsiSchedule>

- **Pacific Horticulture College Courses**

- Roger Charles briefed the group on the newest training and educational opportunities being offered at the college.
- The courses are designed to allow full time employees to attend without missing work and get the credits they need.
- Some of the curriculum has been designed in cooperation with the City of Victoria Parks Department
- PHC has also created an “industry advisory board” with stakeholders to improve the product
- Within our group, Andrew Giles or Roger Charles are the contacts for ideas for new training products.
- More information on courses being offered by PHC can be found at:

<http://www.hcp.bc.ca/>

- **Letter from the Goldstream Food Bank Society**

- Ken Hilchey read a letter of appreciation from the food bank to the VIPGSA for the donation of food items

- **Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in Saanich**

- Andrew briefed the group on the District of Saanich's new bylaw regarding the use of pesticides within the municipality.
- Saanich council recently adopted the new policy and bylaw regulation
- It centres around industry best management practices.
- Andrew also reported that Saanich Parks has received a one million dollar RINC grant for park infrastructure upgrades

- **“Mosquito” Anti Vandal System**

- Shaen reported on an anti vandal device that emits a high pitched sound to discourage people from gathering in areas with high vandalism/graffiti issues.
- The company's website is:

<http://www.movingsoundtech.com/>

- **E & N Rail Trail – Leigh Sifton, CRD Regional Parks Planner**
 - Leigh gave the group an excellent overview presentation of the planning and construction of the E & N Rail Trail.
 - The presentation was followed by a tour of a completed section of trail in Langford.
 - **Thank you Leigh!**

**NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010
TOWN OF ESQUIMALT
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1229 ESQUIMALT ROAD**

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