

# VANCOUVER ISLAND PARKS AND GROUNDS SUPERVISORS' ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, June 21, 2011  
CRD Regional Parks HQ  
Cedar Building Meeting Room  
490 Atkins Avenue  
Langford

9:15 a.m.

## MINUTES

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### In Attendance:

Ken Hilchey (City of Victoria Parks)  
Murray McCaig (City of Victoria Parks)  
Dan Marzacco (City of Victoria Parks)  
Peter Crawshaw (City of Parksville)  
Don Dojack (Saanich Parks)  
Ray Laursen (Royal Oak Burial Park)  
Richard Waterfield (CRD Regional Parks)

Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

### Approval of and Additions to the Agenda

- Approved

### Treasurer's Report (Ray Laursen):

- Bank balance as of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 is \$1912.78

### New Business:

- **2011 VIPGSA Trade Show Update**
  - This year's trade and equipment show will be held on **Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at Royal Roads University**
  - Preparations are well underway
  - Confirmed or close to confirmed presentations are:
    - Commercial transport inspection by Commercial Vehicle

- Safety and Enforcement (CVSE) staff
      - A small engine maintenance and troubleshooting presentation from Stihl
      - Compost facility operators presentation
      - WorkSafe BC presentation on new and young workers legislation
    - **Please extend an invitation to attend this event to your peers, professional contacts and coworkers.**
- **2011 VIPGSA Meeting Schedule and Locations**
  - September's meeting will be tentatively held at the City of Victoria Parks Yard on **Thursday, September 8**
  - Future meeting locations are still to be determined
- **National Tree Day (September 21<sup>st</sup>)**
  - Ron Carter (District of Saanich Parks) asked if any agencies had plans for this event...none indicated at the meeting.
- **Compost Facility Operators Course**
  - Ken advised the group that he has spoken with the trainer (Dr. John Paul)
  - It is a three day course and costs \$550 per person +HST.
  - Course dates are proposed for Vancouver Island in September/October, 2011
  - If you are interested, contact Ken Hilchey
  - More information at <http://www.transformcompostsystems.com/>

## Updates and Reports

- **Ken Hilchey:** Catching up with grass cutting, dealing with weed complaints, the department is still recruiting to replace retired staff.
- **Dan Marzocco:** New lead hand at the Ross Bay Cemetary, an RFP will be issued soon for a new tree inventory software program, the utility lines tree trimming agreement with BC Hydro is going well within the city
- **Murray McCaig:** Installed "Silva Cells" (anti-tree root compaction) at Pandora Green for boulevard trees, installed a new playground at Balfour, repairing lots of irrigation system damage over winter.
- **Don Dojack:** Trying to catch up and keep up with grass cutting (roadside mowing especially), continuing to hire new staff to replace retirees.
- **Richard Waterfield:** Island View Beach campground open (second year of operation), fire at Thetis Lake which burned about 3 acres, new roll off bins and truck, Munn Road project at Mount Work complete, construction of E & N Trail continues, Harbourview (Sooke) improvement project underway.

**NEXT MEETING  
(TENTATIVE)**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2011**  
**CITY OF VICTORIA PARKS YARD**  
**BEACON HILL PARK**  
**9:15 a.m.**