

**40 MILE PARK MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2009
TOWN OF BOW ISLAND OFFICE**

1. Larry Weatherhead called the meeting to order at 7 p.m

Present: Bruce Vine, Doug Hancock, Blair McNeely, Ron Lane, Vern Beck, Tom Thacker, Brenda Hallett, Rob May, LeRon Torrie, Larry Weatherhead, Len Varjassy, Kim Dosman.

2. Additions to the Agenda

Finalizing the Park Fees

3. Park Manager

Bruce presented a proposed budget with the cost of a Park Manager included, to show that the park can afford to hire a manager.

Motion: Blair McNeely moved that we hire Rob Fyke as Park Manager for a one year contract, pending necessary credentials.

Seconded: Bruce Vine seconded the motion.

Carried. Len Varjassy against

4. Lease Fees

After a long discussion, it was decided that it would be fairer to everyone to bring all lease fees to an equal level and then cap the fees for a few years.

Motion: Len Varjassy moved that we charge \$900 for lease fees for Areas A, C, D & G. Areas B & H will have Seasonal Rental fees of \$900 plus a \$150 surcharge for water and power. Area F will have a Seasonal Rental fee of \$800 including water. Each leaseholder will be allowed to buy 2 Seasonal Passes for their family for \$40 each. The Gate Fee will be \$5, the Bus Rate will be \$2 per person and a Sewage token will cost \$5.

Seconded: Doug Hancock seconded the motion.

Carried.

5. Operating Budget

We reviewed the proposed budget and adjusted some of the expense amounts.

Motion: Bruce Vine moved that we accept the Operating Budget with the changes made.

Seconded: Len Varjassy seconded the motion.

Carried.

6. Presentation to SMRID and the County

Bruce Vine and Doug Hancock presented the proposed long-term plans for the park to the joint meeting between SMRID and the County of Forty Mile on February 24th. They both thought the plans were well received. Both groups will take the plans back to their respective boards for more discussion.

7. Report from SMRID

LeRon said he thought Bruce and Doug had made an excellent presentation and that the plans looked good. SMRID does have some concerns about the number of residential lots to be added to the park and they are worried that the Park could become a private resort instead of a public park. SMRID would like us to get an engineer to look at the plans.

LeRon also told us he is working on getting us permission to have one of the gates opened to allow water to trickle into the reservoir.

8. Report from the County

Tom Thacker told us Brian Witson has some concerns about Area C. The County would like us to show them some solid numbers about why we need more residential lots. After the County has discussed the long-term plans with SMRID a written response will be sent to the Committee.

9. Capital Recovery Payments

Michelle Winger has sent the records of all Capital Recovery payments made from 2006 to 2008 to Bruce. Bruce will send letters to the leaseholders who still owe these payments.

10. Seasonal Rental Renewals

Motion: Bruce Vine moved that we change the Seasonal Rental Agreement to read: The rate for each site will be reviewed by March 1st of the current year and the lot renter will be invoiced the fee as set by the Park Committee. The invoiced amount will be payable by April 1st, and if payment is not paid in full by April 1st the Seasonal Rental Agreement will be terminated.

Seconded: Doug Hancock seconded the motion

Carried.

We had discussed at a previous meeting that possibly we would make all the lots in Area H seasonal rental spots. It was decided to leave Area H as it is.

11. Adjournment

Motion: Len Varjassy moved for adjournment at 9:55 p.m.