



Newsletter

Fall 2008

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday November 19, 2008
At the Bow Island Legion 7:00 p.m.

Nominations for vacant 2009 Board Members will be held.
Financial report and Park development plans will be presented.
Everyone is encouraged to attend.

July fireworks

Thank you to all the people that contributed to the July fireworks.
This year's show was spectacular. We are always seeking contributions
It is with these contributions that we are able to give a show that some
travel miles to enjoy. We look forward to next years show and of course
your contributions.

Boat Docks

All boat docks must be out of the water by October 15, 2008. Please
float your dock to the boat launch to load. This ensures that the natural
vegetation is not disturbed. You can move your dock to the storage area
in the Park at no fee.

September 27 has been designated as "Docks Out" day the Park is
donating the use of a tractor and trailer to take your dock out.

**As per SMRID docks must be removed via the boat launch, not drug
up the shoreline or left on the shore.**

There will also be a pig roast put on at the pavilion Saturday Sept. 27.
Cost of \$10 a person.

Storage area

We will be moving the storage yard to the far North West corner of the park, all docks and winter storage must be move out of the existing area and relocated.

Any thing left behind will be disposed of or become park property. Please identify your property and have it relocated. We may be able to assist in relocating it to the new yard if required, please contact the park.

Seasonal Leaseholders

All units must be out by October 31, 2008. All lots must be returned to original condition. R.V units, boats, rocks, fire pits, wood, tables, solar lights etc. must all be removed. If the park has to remove items or clean up your lot, consideration for future lease may be jeopardized.

Special Events

This season we had the Fishing Derby in June, the Bamboo Guppies in July and the Chevelles in August. All events were successful due to the large number of volunteers. Those people who helped by selling tickets, wristbands, security, and all other tasks need a big THANK YOU! Without them these events just would not happen. If you are one of the volunteers that helped - pat yourself on the back – you deserve it. The August cabaret netted the park approximately \$9000.

Park Development

This year saw many improvements to the Park. A long list of volunteers assisted with a variety of projects and special events these people should congratulate themselves on a job well done.

Larry Weatherhead has donated the use of his trencher when we put in the sprinkler system in Area f-H and also the use of several other machinery and equipment.

> We framed the 2 washrooms over the winter in the shop and then moved one of them to H area and the other to the beach area for completion. Jake did a great job.

>Area F had water installed for the seasonal campsites, the park supplied the material and a special thanks to Dave and Quinton Paul for their donation of labor for the installation.

>We installed a complete new sprinkler irrigation system to water the grass and trees along the roadside of Area F and continuing along the roadside stopping at Area H.

>Several hours were spent spraying dandelions and weeds. Special thanks to Warren & Carrie Butterwick of AgroPlus in Foremost and Lorne Buis of Buis Holdings in Foremost for the donation of chemical. Len Varjassy provided the use of the Motoboshi ATV.

>The major project of the summer was taking several loads of various sized rocks out of the existing beach. Countless hours were spent reclaiming the beach so it could be used as a base for new sand. We purchased a landscape rake which is designed to remove small stones and groom the beach. We then hauled in 27 loads of sand to make it an enjoyable beach to go to. Special thank you to Emil Spengler for donating the labor and use of his rock picker. Enormous thank you to Larry Weatherhead for donating the use of many pieces of equipment such as a rock rake which was used to windrow the rocks, a land leveler which was used to level the sand, and finally the semi truck which hauled the loads of sand. Thank you to Larry for also donating his time to running the equipment. We couldn't have achieved the results that we did without with all this support.

>We brought in a semi-load of sod and laid it in new campsites in Area H, some at the beach. Thank you to the work party of Ron Hunt, Darren and Ryan Christie, Frank Nesbitt, Kelly Fisk, Laura Rumpel, Len Varjassy, Bob Opsahl, Blair McNeely, Gerry Fode, and Doug Hancock.

>Two lock up boxes we manufactured and installed at the RV dumpsite and in Area G. These were installed to recoup some sewage disposal expenses incurred by the park.

>Asphalt was laid at Paradise Point in several areas inside the fence.

>The information sign was moved from the Viewing center to the entrance of the park. This is open to all people of the park to use.

>The garbage bin and the cardboard recycling trailer have been relocated to the North side of the maintenance shop along side the burning pit.

>A special thanks to Jake, Elizabeth, Gerhart and Elaina for their enormous effort throughout the year to make this park a **THING OF BEAUTY**.

- Jobs left for completions:
- Install a sprinkler irrigation system down at the beach.
- Later this fall we will be installing a new water pump system to supply water throughout the park.
- We are looking into paving or oiling several areas of the park.

- Installing 2 new playgrounds.
- Continuing with the walking path.
- Developing new seasonal lease areas and making better use of our existing land.
- Developing a plan for area A & B and the community area that joins the two.

Staff

Joyce Nesbitt did an excellent job this year of looking after our front gate. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Joyce and Christina Wyllie for their hard work.

Jake is currently working on shutting down the Park. He and his crew will be working on winterizing everything so that it will be ready to go in the spring.

Web Site

Thanks to John Fyke for working so hard at keeping our web site going. He has been doing a great job keeping us posted on park events and happenings, as well as providing us with the photo's he has taken.

Thank you also to John Fyke for his hard work and dedication as the park's Harbor master overseeing all dock permits and applications.

SMRID

Some lease holders have installed walkways down to the water and some trees have been planted below top of dam. All improvements such as this are only to be done after getting written permission from the park committee and SMRID. Violations may jeopardize your lease agreement. Ron Renwick General Manager of SMRID wants all lessee's informed that they must get written permission and that all improvements will be reviewed, some lessee's may have to remove or reapply for some alterations.

Dogs

We are still getting complaints about dogs running around the park and many requests for signs to be put up stating that dogs have to be on a leash at all times and that owners must clean up after their dogs.

Please keep pets on leashes and always pick up after them.

Golf Carts

There have been quite a few complaints about people driving golf carts around after dark and also about young kids driving golf carts in the park. Both situations are going to result in someone getting hurt and must be stopped. We have posted on the website that only with adults with valid driver's licenses are allowed to use the carts and that the carts shouldn't be used on the roads after dark. If there is any more of these types of activities, the right to use golf carts in the park will be revoked.

- Only licensed drivers may operate a golf cart and must be 16 years of age or older
- The speed limit for golf carts is 10 mph
- Carts may **only be operated** on Park roads and paths.
- Passengers on golf carts must occupy a proper seat on the cart (no standing)
- Carts without proper road lights may only be operated during daylight hours

The Beach Side Cafe and Store

Michelle LaCroix and family have done an exceptional job as the convenience store operators, a big thanks goes out to them. We hope that they will be back next year.

Memory Bench

40 Mile Park recognizes the substantial effort that Darlene Emard and Allan Meroniuk volunteered to make the Memory Bench program a reality. Without their imagination and dedication this addition to our Park would not have been possible. Benches may be dedicated to celebrate a life, an occasion or simply honor a family. There are many reasons for which you may wish to donate for the right to attach your plaque to a bench.

The donation for the right to attach a plaque to a bench is \$500. Please make your check payable to the 40 Mile Park Foundation. You will be issued a tax deductible receipt. Plaques are to be provided by the purchaser. Contact Darlene Emard at 381-3121 or 382-0209 for details.

Walking Path

There is a new Walking Path in the Park. It is not paved and it is not level. BUT IT DOES HAVE A WONDERFUL VIEW!!!

We would like to make this Path a reality with pavement. If anyone has any suggestions, friends with companies willing to donate, personal donations and especially willingness to get involved give us a heads up! Call any of the board members or Darlene Emard at 381-3121 or 382-0209 or John Fyke at 403 488-1108

Golf Carts and Mountain Bikes are allowed on the path. NO OTHER TYPES OF VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED.

Park Manager.

The Park will be posting an Ad. For a park manager, if anyone is interested we will be listing the requirements on the web site.

Development permits.

Development permits have been turned over solely to the County. All development within the park must be applied for through the county of forty mile. Any development done without the approval of the county is subject to their guidelines. If these guidelines are not adhered to, lease holder may be asked to remove any items at their own cost.

Leases'.

In 2001 all lease holders were asked to resign their original leases', it has been brought to our attention that several lease holder (mainly in area C) did not sign or were not aware of the changes. Please review your lease, if you have any questions contact one of the board members.

Foundation

As stated in previous minutes, we have started up the 40 mile foundation. Having this foundation assists us in applying for Government grants and matching grants.

The Foundation will accept gifts of materials, labor or services and will provide a taxable receipt.

AGM

We look forward to seeing everyone at the annual AGM.

Just a reminder that the Board members are elected Lease holders, who are working for the best interest of the park and lease holder.

Not all persons hold the same views of how the park should proceed or what development plans should be put first. With patience and communication we can come to an amicable conclusion and direction for the park.

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