DISTRICT OF SQUAMISH
Minutes of the Meeting of the Smoke Bluffs Park Committee held Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 37955 Second Avenue, Squamish, B.C.

PRESENT
Brian Moorhead, Chair, Squamish Access Society
George Hanzal, Member at Large
John Harvey, Member at Large
Matt Parker, Deputy Chair, Member at Large
Todd Gerhart, Member at Large (arr. 7:10 p.m.)
Glenn Woloski, Howe Sound Trial Riders Association
Helen Habgood, Federation of Mountain Clubs

ABSENT
Bob Brant, Squamish Trails Society
Peter Winter, Climber Access Society of British Columbia
Councillor Raiser

ADVISORY IN ATTENDANCE
Todd Pope, Climber Access Society of British Columbia

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE
Jeremy Frimer, Climber Access Society of British Columbia

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
It was moved by M. Parker, seconded by H. Habgood,
THAT the April 1, 2010 Smoke Bluffs Park Committee meeting agenda be adopted as amended to move item 3.(i) before item 2. Minutes.  

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS
(i) Invasive Species Council
Kristina Swerhun from Invasive Species Council appeared before the committee to present invasive species native to Squamish and ask the members to consider undertaking invasive species management in the Smoke Bluffs Park.

Todd Gerhart arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Other discussion included:
• Scotch Broom is growing in some areas in Smoke Bluffs Park;
• Most species should be considered as toxic waste and deposited at the landfill once removed from habitat;
• Invasive Species Council AGM will be held Wednesday April 7, 1–5 p.m., Howe Sound Inn; Invasive Species Council website is www.ssisc.info.

2. MINUTES
A. COMMITTEE MINUTES
(i) February 10, 2010 Meeting Minutes
It was moved by T. Gerhart, seconded H. Habgood,
THAT the February 10, 2010 meeting minutes for the Smoke Bluffs Park Committee be approved as corrected that:

Under item 3.(i): that “AND WHEREAS past occurrences of filming in the park have resulted in damage to climbs and closures of gates during filming” be changed to:

“AND WHEREAS past occurrences of filming in the park have resulted in damage to climbs and closures of climbs during filming”
Under item 3.(iii): Replace the first sentence with the following:

“That the Committee by vote unanimously agreed to the following itemized list of budget expenditures for 2010:"

Under item 3 (iv): that “Tumble Rock” be changed to “Tunnel Rock”.

CARRIED

(ii) March 4, 2010 Meeting Minutes (No Quorum)

It was moved by T. Gerhart, Seconded H. Habgood, THAT the March 4, 2010 meeting minutes for the Smoke Bluffs Park Committee be approved.

CARRIED

B. BUSINESS ARISING - NIL

3. BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

(ii) Burger and Fries Neighbourhood Issues/Memorial Bench

B. Moorhead gave an update on the Burger and Fries neighbourhood issues and suggested that B. Kusch write a letter to the major clubs/guiding groups requesting that they don’t run instructional courses at Burger and Fries. Other discussion included:

- T. Pope to check into vacant lot covenants and will report back;
- Strategically placing signage; M. Parker to investigate wording for sign;
- M. Parker to contact park residents and advise that they can contact the Smoke Bluffs Park committee to express concerns; M. Parker has draft letter;
- A memorial bench was installed above Libya Sucks; B. Kusch expressed some concerns over potential District liability; T. Pope to determine whether the bench is in the Park boundary.

(iii) 2010 Budget

The members discussed:

- Keith Mccrum is working on Octopus Garden;
- Priority of budget expenditures;
- J. Harvey to lead initiative for improving entrance to parking lot and spearhead a workgroup;
- Mitigating graffiti;
- Parking marking.

(iv) Trails and Amenities Report

John Harvey gave a brief update on trail and amenities activities:

- Sign post repair needed;
- Sign at upper loop trail needed.

(v) Crags Report

Brian Moorhead gave an update on crag activities:

- Restoration of crags in many areas: Funarama, One Toque Wall, Burger and Fries;
Bad news: chain (and rope) replacement was removed and will be replaced; (rope will be replaced with chains);
Good anchoring work done recently.
The members discussed serious issue of people attempting to kill growth (moss) on crags with herbicides/bleach and following up with Todd Pope who will contact District Bylaw Officers/Conservation officers if culprits are known.

(vi) Mapping Discussion
The members reviewed the map and T. Pope advised of signage issues needing addressing. Discussion included:
- Additional sign needed for “no through access”;
- Upper Blind Channel study to be undertaken which impacts one trail;
- T. Pope will investigate acquiring Adventure Centre image(s) and updated ortho image and forward to H. Habgood.

4. COUNCIL
A. STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL
Motion carried at the March 2, 2010 Regular Business Meeting:
WHEREAS the TV and Film Industry may enjoy the use of the Smoke Bluff Park for shooting various scenes;
AND WHEREAS past occurrences of filming in the park have resulted in damage to climbs and closures of climbs during filming;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Squamish appoint a Park Liaison from a list of names approved by the Smoke Bluffs Park Advisory Committee to oversee and approve any requests regarding use of the park for filming.

B. REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL – NIL

5. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
B. Moorhead gave an update of the status of the kiddie park development for the Smoke Bluffs Park, including: that the landscape architect will begin once the land survey is completed and further that a community member has generously offered to pay for the survey as a charitable donation (to be issued a tax receipt.)

6. ADJOURNMENT
It was moved by T. Gerhart, seconded by G. Hanzal,
THAT the meeting of April 1, 2010 be adjourned. CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 8:43 p.m.
Next meeting is Thursday, May 6, 2010.

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Brian Moorhead, Chair