

Hornby Island Regional Parks Committee Report to HIRRA AGM, March 14, 2007

Members of the committee are: Betty Kennedy, Chair, Gerhard Kozel, Judith Wilson, Brian Kittleson, and Jeremy Payne.

The agreement for maintenance contractor was renewed with Yana Pethick.

The Park suffered severe blow downs during the winter storms. All of the major trails and fire roads have been cleared, and work is being done to clear all others.

This will use up the full amount that had been budgeted for trail maintenance.

The committee has made a proposal to RDCS requesting extra funding to use a chipper to remove the debris left from trail clearing and to reduce the fire hazard.

Two hand made rustic benches were installed near the Cliff Trail for resting while enjoying the great views.

We will be increasing the signage in the Park and the Crown Land as needed.

The RDCS has recently been given approval to maintain the trails on Crown Land in the watershed adjacent to the Nature Park. The committee was asked to respond to questions regarding this and has sent a letter to RDCS, HIRRA, and Director Quin stating interest in the trail maintenance. As well, we suggested that the area could be named The Norm Walton Watershed Park.

We plan to install a new gate at the end of Strachan Road at the entrance to the Back 40, with parking for about three cars. Eventually the signs and map will accurately show the expanded Park boundary.

The RDCS is still working on the new Park map brochure, but assure us that it will be ready for the public before this summer.

No recent news on the Beach Access Parks agreement, still waiting.