

Parks Liaison Group (PLG) Community Meeting
Thursday, March 10, 2011
Denman Community Hall

Printed Agenda: Patti Willis

Recorder of Events: Mike Morrell

Program presenters: Jack Forsyth (Chairman)

Peter Karsten

Peggy Burfield (Parks)

Ralph McCuaig

Invitation: Invitation to K'omoks First nations

(No representative present)

Community: approximately 30+ attendees

Displays: MOE with table and poster displays

PLG photo and poster display and “dotocracy” wall presentation

Program:

1. **Jack Forsyth** welcomed everyone, introduced the B.C. Parks managers and reviewed agenda.

Sharon Erickson - West Coast Region Planning Section Head

Peggy Burfield - West Coast Region Park Planner

Drew Chapman - Arrowsmith Area Supervisor

2. **Peter Karsten:** Power Point presentation

With the assistance of Andrew Fyson's wall photos, a visual presentation with Peter's incitefull comments.

3, **Peggy Burfield:** Power Point presentation and extensive information on park Classifications

4. **Question and Answer Period:**

a) **Des Kennedy** – introduced the issue of lot 1 Pickles Road and its inclusion in the “Inner Island Nature Reserve” owned by the Islands Trust instead of being part of the new Provincial Park.

Response by Peggy, Parks Manager – this issue was beyond their level of control

b) **Jenny Balke** – Jenny expressed concern with regards to the Ministry of Transportation covenant on the Crown land that will be part of the New Boyle Point Park. This covenant permits the removal of gravel. Peggy and Sharon responded that negotiations between the MOE and Ministry of Transportation are underway to try and resolve this conflict.

c) **Des Kennedy** – Des asked about the state of negotiations with the First Nations.

Response: Sharon responded that she is currently working with 13 First Nations and in particular the K'omoks First Nations (KFN). The KFN have expressed concern with the change of status of Crown Land on Denman Island changing to protected lands and they have a particular interest in Sandy Island. She said she cannot officially respond to the state of these negotiations.

5. Peter Marshall presentation: Peter reviewed the work of the group over the past 4 months and the objective of soliciting community response with regards to park classification and park names. Peter reported that consensus, in his opinion, was not evident with PLG regarding park classification although Class A was the most popular choice.

Response to Peter Marshall's presentation.

Jenny Balke and Peter Karsten spoke of their support of Class A parks and the regulations and zoning that can protect sensitive areas.

Denise MacKean expressed her interest in getting the opinion of those present at the meeting as to their support of a Class A park designation. A show of hands for approval of a Class A designation for all the new park lands appeared unanimous. This was duly noted by the Parks managers.

6. Ralph McCuaig: Ralph explained the process used to solicit park names from the community and went on to explain the "dotocracy" voting procedure. Ralph had posted all the solicited park names that were compiled by Ted Trueman on the wall, with blank spaces for write in names.

Response to Ralph's presentation:

a) **Patti Willis** addressed the meeting with her concerns that naming the North Denman Land "Chickadee Lake Park" would draw undue attention to one of the few lakes in the Gulf Islands and this could lead to excessive use.

b) **Des Kennedy** supported the name "Inner Island Provincial Park" for the North Denman land. He added that it was an appropriate name because:

- The first Nations referred to Hornby Island as the "outer island" and Denman the "inner island".
- The name tied in with the "Inner Island Nature Reserve" which is within the new parks geographic area.

7. Peter Karsten Summation: Peter reminded everyone that lot 1 Pickles road is beyond the terms of reference for the PLG. He confirmed that the park designation best supported by the community is "Class A" for all six parcels of land.

8. Ralph McCuaig: Ralph got the "dotocracy" procedure underway with full participation from those attending the meeting.

9. Mike Morrell expressed the community's appreciation for the time and effort that our Parks Managers spent to make the evening a success.

Park names: Community Input:

Ted Trueman and Ralph McCuaig have compiled the overall results that Ralph will be emailing to all PLG members.

To Summarize: the most popular names in each park are as follows.

	Early Submissions	Dotocracy	Total
North Denman Lands			
Denman Highlands	3	6	9
Chickadee Lake	6	-	6
Inner Island Prov. Park	-	15	15
Old Fire Tower Lookout			
Fire Tower Ridge	1	12	13
Lookout	8	-	8
Old Fire Tower	1	3	4
Old Fire Tower Lookout	2	2	4
Old Sandstone Quarry			
Denman Quarry	1	6	7
Sandstone Bluff	1	3	4
Old Quarry	7	15	22
Quarry	6	-	6
Morrison Marsh			
North Morrison Marsh	2	2	4
Morrison Marsh	8	18	26
Boyle Point			
Eagle Rest	3	-	3
Boyle Point	15	16	31

Meeting Results: Despite a modest attendance, this well advertised meeting proved to be very successful. Thanks go to the excellent presentation and dialogue by the M.O.E. managers from B.C. Parks, the dedicated work by all the PLG members, and especially by the interest and concern by Denman Islanders who attended and participated in the meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday EVENING, March 24, 7:30 pm Old School

The purpose of this meeting is to develop a report to the MOE with regards to the opinion of the community regarding Park Classifications and Park Names.