

Parks Advisory Service PAS

Dear Denman Islanders.

The Parks Committee of the Denman Residents Association (DIRA) has organized a contact team of Islanders who will respond to complaints, concerns and inquiries about public parks. This will assist the off-island administration offices of B.C. Parks and Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) to re-route calls to local volunteers who can immediately follow up on these calls, investigate the concern and either resolve it or report back to the respective administration office to seek resolution. Likewise it gives Islanders a connection to local volunteers who can assist them on 24-7 basis with inquiries.

Parks and Nature Reserves on Denman are owned by B.C. Parks (MOE), the CVRD, the Denman Conservancy Association (DCA) and Island Trust Fund (ITF). ITF-owned reserves are managed by the DCA. The PAS volunteers will take calls regarding DCA's Nature Reserves and DCA's Central Park and direct them to the DCA Land Manager for follow up. The PAS volunteers will maintain a record of all inquiries, complaints and concerns and response actions and provide this information to the appropriate agency on a regular basis.

The diverse ownerships are not always known by the public, hence the simple term "Parks" Advisory Service. Although there are specific assignments, the PAS volunteers will address any calls and follow up on them within their team. The primary contacts of the PAS are backed by a second layer of volunteers.

The 24-7 primary contacts are:

Allan Danks, Chair of Trails Committee of DIRA (250) 335 1838

Andrew Fyson, Land Manager of DCA (250) 335 9047

Laura Pope, Chair of Parks Committee of DIRA (250) 335 1203

Peter Karsten, CVRD Parks liaison (250) 335 1640

We hope to provide this service for the protection, safety and enjoyment of our parks and reserves on Denman Island. Contacts will be listed in the D.I Phone Directory in the next edition.

For wildlife related calls and lost dog, call the Wildlife Advisory Committee (see D.I. Phone Directory inside cover), Cindy Critchley 335 3244, Peter Karsten 335 1640, Mike Nestor 335 1209, Dennis Forsyth 335 1146 and Chris Danks 335 1838.

For B.C. Parks, Black Creek, Central Coast/North Island Section call (250) 337 2400 (message center). For Fillongley Park call R.L.C. Enterprise Ltd. (250) 248 1134.

For the CVRD Parks (250) 334 6000 (Monday- Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) For after hour emergencies contact General Manager of Community Services at 250- 702- 6712)

For any concerns about fires and potential fires AND personal safety call: **9-1-1.**

Thank you for your support.