

**ELK/BEAVER LAKE RECREATIONAL USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

Friday, December 1, 2023 @ 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Regional Parks Headquarters (Mill Hill, 490 Atkins Avenue)
Cedar Building Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. Territorial Acknowledgement Tracey Moss
2. Welcome and Introduction All
3. Approval of Agenda All
4. Approval of Minutes – June 29, 2023..... All
5. Review of 2024 Proposed Events and Restrictions on Elk Lake
6. Committee Member Appointments Tracey Moss
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

Meeting Minutes

Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Committee

Thursday, June 29, 2023

2 PM

Regional Parks Headquarters
490 Atkins Avenue
Victoria BC V9B 2Z8

Present: Tracey Moss, Regional Parks (Chair); Kyle Wiens, Transport Canada, Pat George, Haig Brown Fly Fishers; Aalbert Van Schothorst, Victoria Rowing Society; Mick Collins, Golden Rods and Reels; Melanie Parrott, Swimming, Stuart Walsh, Regional Parks; Rachael Ince, Regional Parks; Jeanette Mollin, Regional Parks (Recorder)

Regrets: Will Bennink, Transport Canada; Eden Hardcastle, Member of the Public; Sergeant Brad Brajcich, Saanich Police; Jim Cambridge, Member of the Public;

The meeting was called to order at 2pm

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Moss provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Welcome and Introduction

A round table of introductions took place for the benefit of the new members.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by A Van Schothorst, SECONDED by P George

That the agenda for the June 29, 2023 Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes – November 22, 2022

MOVED by M Parrott, SECONDED by A Van Schothorst

That the minutes of the Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Committee of November 22, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Elk/Beaver Lake Oxygenation System Update

S. Walsh provided the Committee with an update on the oxygenation system. He pointed out that the building construction is underway and the system should be operational by end of August. He showed the system site plan and explained where the building would be constructed at Hamsterly Beach and Eagle Beach. S. Walsh stated that they are working with Rowing Society on a location for a buoy and will work with Transport Canada to install the buoy. He pointed out that it is going to take time to see improvement on the water quality. M. Collins mentioned the water quality monitoring report and offered to send it along to the members. He also pointed out that the other issue is still the nutrients coming into the lake and ways of reducing the nutrients need to be investigated.

Chair Moss mentioned that a budget for lake monitoring has been tentatively approved by Board for 2024. .

P. George wanted to know if there is past data on this type of equipment from other agencies. Chair Moss mentioned that this equipment has been tailored to this lake, that this is the first deployment in Canada and has been used in the United States. The other equipment that has been used were aerators and this system puts oxygen into the lake where the others did not.

6. Boater Safety Measures/Safety Marker Buoys

A. Van Schothorst pointed out that there have been some concerns over near misses from rowing crafts in the lake. Maybe through education it could help, or the installation of no launch buoys was suggested. The approved placement of the buoys needs to be reviewed. The issue is a jurisdictional piece and the responsibility for buoys is not clear.

K. Weins to bring information on clear guidelines for the installation of buoys, maintenance of buoys and reinstallation of buoys and the ongoing responsibility of them.

It was pointed out that once the lake clears up the visitation to the park may increase and the buoy problem could become more serious.

Chair Moss will investigate the history and jurisdiction of the buoys.

The Rangers will continue to work with Transport Canada on boating safety.

7. New Business

- a) **Fishing Pier** – M. Collins wanted to bring to the attention of the group the cost of the pier and who the contributors were. He stated that the installation of the pier was in September and that he recently received a report on the review of the dock, which he will forward to S. Walsh. He pointed out that the original person who got the ball rolling on the replacement of the pier was Dirk. He pointed out that in the original proposal there was money for signage and a suggestion for a first nations component. He mentioned that there should be some recognition at the site posted and was hoping a ceremony would also take place.

8. Adjournment

MOVED by A Van Schothorst, **SECONDED** by M Collins

That the June 29, 2023 Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:05pm.

CARRIED

Summary of Events on Elk/Beaver Lake – 2024

These events are Transport Canada approved and dates are subject to change.

Organization	Name of Event	Location	Course Install/Removal Dates	Dates/Times	Part. / Spect.	Restriction
University of Victoria	Elk Lake Spring Regatta	Elk Lake	Installed – Feb 27 Removed – March 5	March 2/3 8am-4pm	500/250	Under 10 hp on course or on warm-up and cool down pattern outlined
Ironman Canada Inc	Ironman Victoria 70.3	Elk Lake Hamsterly Beach	Installed – May 25 Removed – May 26	May 26	2000/800	No vessels permitted on the east end of Elk Lake during a swimming event
Victoria City Rowing Club	Challenge West	Elk Lake	Installed – July 2 Removed – July 8	July 5/6/7 6am-7pm	600/800	Under 10 hp on course or on warm-up and cool down pattern outlined
Pinnacle Fitness	Victoria Half Iron Triathlon	Elk Lake Hamsterly Beach	Installed – July 12 Removed – July 14	July 14	800/500	No vessels permitted on the east end of Elk Lake during a swimming event
Dynamic Race Events	Elk Lake Triathlon	Elk Lake Hamsterly Beach	Installed – Aug 3 Removed – Aug 4	Aug 4	700/400	No vessels permitted on the east end of Elk Lake during a swimming event
Greater Victoria Youth Rowing Society	October Sprints	Elk Lake	Installed – Oct 3 Removed – Oct 7	Oct 5/6 8am-5pm	400/400	Under 10 hp on course or on warm-up and cool down pattern outlined
University of Victoria	Canadian University Champs	Elk Lake	Installed – Oct 29 Removed – Nov 11	Nov 2/3 8am-4pm	400/500	Under 10 hp on course or on warm-up and cool down pattern outlined
Greater Victoria Youth Rowing Society	LVISSAA City Champs	Elk Lake	Installed – Oct 29 Removed – Nov 11	Nov 9/10 8am-4pm	400/400	Under 10 hp on course or on warm-up and cool down pattern outlined