

Meeting Minutes

MOUNTAIN BIKE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MBAC)

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

6:00 – 9:00 PM

CRD Engagement Centre
625 Fisgard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

PRESENT:

A. Soraya, H. Prince, H. Rose, D. Leong, T. Fenwick, T. Archer, B. von Sacken, C. Plant (ex officio & CRD Board Chair), J. Ellis (Consultant and Chair), E. Sterling (Recorder)

STAFF:

T. Moss, Manager, Visitor Services & Community Engagement; B. Wyman, Recreation Program Coordinator; J. Leahy, Senior Manager Regional Parks; C. Plant (ex officio & CRD Board Chair)

GUESTS:

None

REGRETS:

D. Cammiade, I. Charles

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Agenda:

Agenda for the November 18, 2020 Mountain Bike Advisory Committee meeting.

**MOVED by J. Ellis and SECONDED by C. Plant
That the agenda be approved as circulated**

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes:

Minutes for the November 4, 2020 Mountain Bike Advisory Committee meeting.

MOVED by T. Archer and SECONDED by D. Leong

That the minutes be approved following the addition of points raised by J. Leahy at the last meeting regarding implementation of the guidelines outside of park management plans.

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks:

Chair Ellis welcomed the committee and thanked members for taking part in the survey. 9 responses were received with B. von Sacken bringing comments to the meeting tonight. Chair Ellis noted that the results demonstrate the committee is generally supportive of the draft report and consensus should be achievable on most, if not all,

advice and guidance. The committee will review recommendation by recommendation and address concerns to reach consensus on items members have identified to be blocked as written.

5. Committee Business:

5.1 Meeting #3 Minutes

Meeting #3 minutes are now posted to the CRD MBAC website.

5.2 Whistler e-bike Consultation Report

Whistler e-bike consultation report was provided by A. Soraya and posted to the SharePoint site. Discussion ensued on whether the SharePoint site materials will be provided to CRD staff. Chair Ellis advised that staff have access to the site and have been using resources loaded to the site. The site will be taken down upon completion of the committee.

6. MBAC Advice & Guidance:

Draft Report Review

- a) For each recommendation in the report, the MBAC discussed the input received through the survey. Minor edits to the recommendation content were made and agreed to by the MBAC.
- b) Several recommendations were ranked in the survey as “Do not support but will not block”. The committee reviewed the opinions of members and edits were made to resolve concerns and garner support for the recommendations.
- c) The committee reviewed and discussed each of the six recommendations that were temporarily blocked in the survey. Edits to those recommendations were made, all blocks were dropped, and consensus was achieved.

The Chair asked members if they would prefer to extend the current meeting until 9:30pm to complete all final reviews or defer the remaining reviews until the meeting on December 2 which would delay submission of the report to CRD staff. Members unanimously agreed to extend the meeting to 9:30 pm.

- d) B. von Sacken raised a discussion about the need for a region specific guidelines on how to plan and site trails to mitigate impacts to environmental values that are specific to the Capital Region as some recommendations about minimizing impacts to environmental and cultural values are general. It was also acknowledged that reference to “qualified environmental professionals” may or may not ensure the right technical expert is engaged and knowledgeable about the valued component that could be impacted.

J. Leahy advised that an extensive impact assessment process is undertaken by the appropriate professionals before any trail development is approved and construction initiated. This process also occurs for cultural values. CRD staff are also involved

early in the planning stages of trails to identify environmental and cultural values and work to avoid them to extent practicable.

- e) Committee members requested several other edits and additions to the preamble sections of the report. The following actions were assigned to the chair:
- a. Use of the term CRD is to be revised to “Capital Region” when not referring to the organization.
 - b. Introduce flow and technical trails into the context on mountain biking experiences.
 - c. Remove reference to “terms such as flowy are difficult to understand”.
 - d. Add a section on the benefits of mountain biking.
 - e. Replace “clubs” with “organizations” throughout the document.
 - f. Adjust table with number of trail segments to percentages instead.

7. Next Meeting

The next MBAC meeting will be December 2, 2020 via Zoom from 6-8 pm. Chair Ellis will distribute the Zoom meeting details, agenda, revised final report and meeting minutes prior to the next meeting.

8. Adjournment:

MOVED TO adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. by H. Prince; seconded by T. Archer.

CARRIED