

## Meeting Minutes

### Parks and Environment Committee

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Wednesday, February 27, 2019

10:00 AM

6th Floor Boardroom  
625 Fisgard St.  
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

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**PRESENT:**

Directors: B. Isitt (Chair), N. Chambers (for N. Taylor), L. Helps, G. Holman (10:02), D. Howe (10:03), J. Ranns, J. Rogers (for D. Screech), L. Seaton, M. Tait (10:03), R. Windsor, G. Young, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex-officio, 12:21)

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; J. Leahy, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; B. Schultz, Manager Planning, Resource Management and Development, Regional Parks; E. Gorman, Deputy Corporate Officer; P. Perna, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

Others: Directors Haynes (12:22) and Loveday (10:02)

REGRETS: Director Hicks

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED** by Director Seaton, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,  
That the agenda for the February 27, 2019 Parks and Environment Committee meeting be approved as amended to move items 5.1. and 5.2. to the end of the agenda.  
**CARRIED**

#### 2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1. [19-233](#) Minutes of the January 23, 2019 Parks and Environment Committee Meeting

**MOVED** by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Director Windsor,  
That the minutes of the January 23, 2019 Parks and Environment Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.  
**CARRIED**

#### 3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair remarked to the delegations advising of the time allowed to speak, encouraging summarization of written reports, and refraining from duplicating comments.

#### 4. Presentations/Delegations

- 4.1. [19-245](#) Delegation: Alison Spriggs Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
A. Spriggs spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.2. [19-246](#) Delegation: Alastair Craighead Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
A. Craighead spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.3. [19-247](#) Delegation: Larry Wartels, Social Environmental Alliance, Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
L. Wartels was not present to speak.
- 4.4. [19-248](#) Delegation: Vicky Husband Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
V. Husband spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.5. [19-249](#) Delegation: Frances Litman, Creatively United for the Planet Society and Community Trees Matter Network Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
F. Litman spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.6. [19-250](#) Delegation: James Pratt Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
J. Pratt spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.7. [19-251](#) Delegation: Dorothy Marion Field Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
D. Field spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.8. [19-252](#) Delegation: Torrance Coste, Wilderness Committee Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
T. Coste spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.9. [19-253](#) Delegation: Sol Kinnis Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
S. Kinnis spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.

- 4.10.** [19-254](#) Delegation: John Truran Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
J. Truran spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.11.** [19-255](#) Delegation: Sister Marina Smith, Social Justice Committee of the Sisters of St. Ann Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
Sister M. Smith spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.12.** [19-256](#) Delegation: John English Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
J. English was not present to speak.
- 4.13.** [19-257](#) Delegation: Kayla Siefried Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
K. Siefried spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.14.** [19-258](#) Delegation: Catrin Brown Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
C. Brown spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.15.** [19-261](#) Delegation: Rick Searle Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
R. Searle spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.16.** [19-262](#) Delegation: Jim Pine, Sea to Sea Greenbelt Society Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
J. Pine spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.17.** [19-263](#) Delegation: Steve Gray, Rolling Justice Bus (RJB) Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
S. Gray spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.18.** [19-264](#) Delegation: Jack Thornburgh, Peninsula EcoVision Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
J. Thornburg spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.

- 4.19. [19-266](#) Delegation: Diane Bernard Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
D. Bernard spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.20. [19-267](#) Delegation: Eric Doherty Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
E. Doherty spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.21. [19-268](#) Delegation: Richard Palmer Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
R. Palmer was not present to speak.
- 4.22. [19-269](#) Delegation: Nitya Harris Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
N. Harris spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.23. [19-270](#) Delegation: Heather Phillips Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
H. Phillips spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.24. [19-271](#) Delegation: Saul Arbess Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
S. Arbess spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.25. [19-273](#) Delegation: Robert Fraser Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
R. Fraser was not present to speak.
- 4.26. [19-274](#) Delegation: Galen Armstrong, Sierra Club BC Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
G. Armstrong spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.27. [19-275](#) Delegation: Marion Cumming, Salish Sea Biosphere Initiative Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
M. Cummings spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.

- 4.28. [19-276](#) Delegation: Antonia Paquin Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
A. Paquin spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.29. [19-277](#) Delegation: Gary Schroyen Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
G. Schroyen spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.30. [19-278](#) Delegation: Elizabeth Borek Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
E. Borek spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.31. [19-279](#) Delegation: Ray Zimmermann Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
R. Zimmerman was not present to speak.
- 4.32. [19-280](#) Delegation: Bill Appledorf Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
B. Appledorf spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.33. [19-281](#) Delegation: James Mayer Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
J. Mayer spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.34. [19-282](#) Delegation: David Bourne Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
D. Bourne spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.
- 4.35. [19-283](#) Delegation: Braedan Drouillard Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park  
B. Drouillard spoke in support of Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.

Motion to Bring Forward Item 7.1.

**MOVED** by Director Ranns, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,  
That item 7.1 be moved ahead of Committee Business item 5.  
**CARRIED**

The committee recessed at 11:26 am.  
The committee reconvened at 11:40 am.

## 7. Motion with Notice

### 7.1. [19-228](#) Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park

Director Isitt spoke to the Motion with Notice.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- importance of wild lands remaining wild so that habitat can flourish
- improvements needed and traffic enforcement hazards on Highway 14
- greater risk of wildfires from vehicles and motorists
- encouraging transit commuting
- decreasing the speed limits to decrease the risk of accidents and highway closures
- response from the Province in regard to how to make improvements in traffic congestion
- concerns of highway locations being too close to the Goldstream Estuary
- encouraging more use of electric vehicles
- current roadways that can be used to bypass the Malahat and allow for emergency vehicle passage

Director Windsor left the meeting at 11:54 am and spoke to his support for the motion.

**MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Director Tait,**

**That the Parks and Environment Committee recommends to the Board:**

- 1. Places itself on record opposing highway infrastructure development in Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.**
- 2. Requests that the Chair write, on behalf of the Board, to the Premier of British Columbia, copying the Ministers responsible for Environment and Transportation as well as Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituencies on Vancouver Island, advising the Provincial government that the Board has no interest in pursuing highway infrastructure development in the Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.**

**MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Alternate Director Chambers,**

**That the Parks and Environment Committee request that the CRD Board Chair request a meeting with the Premier to stress the urgency of the situation for our residents and the CRD Board.**

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED: Director Seaton**

Question was called on the main motion as amended.

**MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Director Tait,**

**That the Parks and Environment Committee recommend the Capital Regional District Board:**

- 1. Places itself on record opposing highway infrastructure development in Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.**
- 2. Requests that the Chair write, on behalf of the Board, to the Premier of British Columbia, copying the Ministers responsible for Environment and Transportation**

as well as Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituencies on Vancouver Island, advising the Provincial government that the Board has no interest in pursuing highway infrastructure development in the Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.

3. Request the Chair of the CRD Board request a meeting with the Premier to stress the urgency of the situation for residents and the CRD Board.

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED: Director Seaton**

## 5. Committee Business

### 5.3. [19-194](#) Recycling Market Update (Verbal Update)

Director Tait left the meeting at 12:11 pm.

R. Smith spoke to questions that were asked at the last committee meeting regarding recycling as follows:

- no requirements for separating coloured glass when recycling
- excess coloured glass is recycled into insulation
- the use of recycled plastics, how many times the item can be recycled, and what the products can be recycled into each time they are recycled

**MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Alternate Director Chambers, That the verbal report be received for information.**

**CARRIED**

### 5.4. [19-193](#) Climate Emergency Declaration - Capital Regional District Response

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

Board chair Plant arrived at 12:21 pm.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- timelines for when the Chair will be sending the letters to municipalities requesting them to declare a climate emergency
- cost implications and the need for further discussion regarding advocacy opportunities
- Community Energy Manager roles and responsibilities

**MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Alternate Director Rogers, That the Parks & Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:**

1. That the Board Chair write to the Premier of BC and the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change requesting they actively support regional and local governments in their efforts to greatly accelerate climate action, as described in Appendix A; and
2. That a \$95,000 increase in requisition funding be considered as part of the 2019 final budget approval for the CRD Climate Action service, to undertake a regional greenhouse gas emissions inventory and modelling exercise and pursue a BC Hydro grant for staff support and, if successful, amend the staff establishment chart to hire a Community Energy Manager for a two-year term.

**MOVED** by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Director Howe,  
That item 1 of the the main motion be deferred to the next Parks and  
Environment Committee meeting.  
**CARRIED**

Question was called on the motion as amended.

**MOVED** by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Rogers,  
That the Parks & Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional  
District Board:  
That a \$95,000 increase in requisition funding be considered as part of the 2019  
final budget approval for the CRD Climate Action service, to undertake a regional  
greenhouse gas emissions inventory and modelling exercise and pursue a BC  
Hydro grant for staff support and, if successful, amend the staff establishment  
chart to hire a Community Energy Manager for a two-year term.  
**CARRIED**  
**OPPOSED:** Director Seaton

**5.5.**     [19-160](#)     Mount Parke and Saint John Point Regional Parks Management Plans -  
Initial Public Participation Report

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

**MOVED** by Director Howe, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,  
That the Parks & Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional  
District Board:  
That this report be received for information.  
**CARRIED**

## **6. Correspondence**

**6.1.**     [19-145](#)     Correspondence: District of Saanich Re: Regional Canadian Goose  
Management

Discussion ensued on the following:

- requests from farmers to address issues with geese and other animals  
hindering farm growth
- positive benefits of animals on farms, natural ways to discourage animals, and  
alternative studies on options to address nuisance animals on farms
- biodiversity and agro-ecology benefits on farmlands
- benefits of bees and pollination

**MOVED** by Board Chair Plant, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Rogers,  
That the correspondence be received for information.  
**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Board Chair Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Holman,  
That staff be directed to provide a summary of previous work that has been  
undertaken by the Capital Regional District and report back with potential future  
options for geese management.  
**CARRIED**

**Motion with Notice, continued**



7.2. [19-146](#) Motion with Notice from District of Highlands - Vegetation Management - UBCM's Community Resiliency Investment Grant (February 14, 2019)

L. Hutcheson advised that there will be a meeting with staff from service areas in climate action, emergency services, watershed management, and parks management, with invitations to representatives from municipalities and electoral areas to participate in and move the initiative forward.

**MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Alternate Director Chambers, Whereas the CRD Board Priorities include:**

1. Nurturing partnerships and effective governance, leveraging resources, and extending its impact to more communities to achieve greater outcomes.
2. Working collaboratively to address multi-jurisdictional issues that impact the wellbeing of the region's residents.
3. Exploring more comprehensive regional coordination of emergency services, including an assessment of regional hazards, risks and vulnerabilities

**And Whereas tree canopy death, wildfire risk, flood mitigation and carbon sequestration are pressing issues in the CRD.**

**And Whereas UBCM's Community Resiliency Investment Program (2020 Intake) offers 100 % funding of \$100,000.00 per each participating local government and First Nation to mitigate wildfire risk and allows flexibility for fuel and vegetation management across all land designations, including First Nations land and private land.**

**Therefore Be It Resolved that CRD staff be directed to apply for UBCM's Community Resiliency Investment Program Grant (2020 Intake) as a regional project on behalf of interested local member governments and First Nations to address tree canopy death with respect to fire risk, flood mitigation, and carbon sequestration.**

**And further that:**

1. The CRD convene a meeting of interested parties to develop the scope and parameters for the grant application submission and that;
2. The CRD draws upon professionals working within related fields to help inform and guide the development of the scope for the application.

**CARRIED**

**5. Committee Business, continued**

**MOVED by Director Seaton, SECONDED by Director Helps, That Committee Business items 5.1. and 5.2. be deferred to the Special Parks and Environment Committee meeting on March 6, 2019 at 1:30 pm.**

**CARRIED**

5.1. [19-191](#) Landfill Gas Utilization - Alternatives

5.2. [19-192](#) Organics Processing - Regional Capacity

**8. New Business**

There was no new business.

**9. Motion to Close the Meeting**

The agenda for the Closed Session of the Parks and Environment Committee was deferred to the Closed Session of the Special Parks and Environment Committee meeting on March 6, 2019 at 1:35 pm.

**10. Adjournment**

**MOVED by Director Seaton, SECONDED by Director Helps,  
That the February 27, 2019 Parks and Environment Committee meeting be  
adjourned at 12:59 pm.  
CARRIED**

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Chair

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Recorder