

Meeting Minutes

Parks and Environment Committee

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

10:00 AM

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

PRESENT:

Directors: B. Isitt (Chair), D. Screech (Vice Chair), L. Helps, G. Holman, M. Hicks, B. Maberley (for D. Howe), L. Seaton, M. Tait (10:04), N. Taylor, G. Young, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; J. Leahy, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; T. Watkins, Manager, Solid Waste Operations; B. Schultz, Manager Planning, Resource Management and Development, Regional Parks; S. Henderson, Manager, Real Estate; E. Gorman, Deputy Corporate Officer; S. Closson, Committee Clerk (Training); P. Perna, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

Others: Alternate Director J. Bateman

REGRETS: Directors Ranns and Windsor

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 March 27, 2019 Parks and Environment Committee
meeting be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1. [19-333](#) Minutes for Adoption

MOVED by Director Taylor, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,
That the minutes of the February 27, 2019 Parks and Environment Committee
meeting and the March 6, 2019 Special Parks and Environment Committee
meeting be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

The Chair recessed the meeting at 10:02 am to swear in Alternate Director Bateman for Director Tait.

Director Tait arrived at 10:04 am.

The meeting reconvened at 10:05 am.

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair had no remarks.

4. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

5. Committee Business

5.1. [19-317](#) Land Acquisition Fund Priorities Survey

J. Leahy provided an overview of the report and spoke to a presentation regarding an online survey for Land Acquisition funding.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- continued funding to ensure parks and infrastructures are maintained
- the feasibility to use parklands for the foodland strategy
- the Board's legal authority to increase levies and perform maintenance
- criteria to address needs and demands
- working with other conservation agencies

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

1. That staff bring back criteria for future land acquisitions that reflect regional park significance, representing the diverse geography and environments within the context of the entire region;
2. That staff report back to committee on the status of the Landscape Evaluation Project; and
3. That staff report back on options during the 2020 budget process for service level adjustments to sustain the Regional Parks service.

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,
That the motion be amended in number 1. to add the words "and criteria to address unique and isolated opportunities within the urban environments of the region that have exceptional significance to the public".

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,
That the proposed amendment be amended to remove "and isolated" and "within the urban environments".

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Tait, Hicks, Holman, Maberley, Seaton, and Screech

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,
That the proposed amendment be amended to add "and report back on options for criteria" before "...to address unique..."

MOVED by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,
That the question be called on the amendment to the amendment.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,
That the proposed amendment be amended to add "and report back on options for criteria" before "...to address unique..."

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Tait, Helps, Hicks, Holman, Mabberley, Seaton, and Screech

The question was called on the amendment.

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,
That the motion be amended in number 1. to add the words "and criteria to address unique and isolated opportunities within the urban environments of the region that have exceptional significance to the public".

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Tait, Helps, Hicks, Holman, Mabberley, Young, Seaton, and Screech

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,
That the main motion be amended to add number 4. "Direct staff to report back on considering opportunities to partner with other organizations to leverage funding and increase acquisitions. In these circumstances ensure CRD interests are met through covenants and joint ownership opportunities."

CARRIED

The question was called on the main motion as amended.

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

1. That staff bring back criteria for future land acquisitions that reflect regional park significance, representing the diverse geography and environments within the context of the entire region;
2. That staff report back to committee on the status of the Landscape Evaluation Project; and
3. That staff report back on options during the 2020 budget process for service level adjustments to sustain the Regional Parks service.
4. Direct staff to report back on considering opportunities to partner with other organizations to leverage funding and increase acquisitions. In these circumstances ensure CRD interests are met through covenants and joint ownership opportunities.

CARRIED

5.2. [19-316](#) Pike Lake and Kapoor Land Acquisitions

Discussion ensued on the following:

- adjusting the drinking water protection zone to allow for improved public access on the Kapoor parcel of land
- the official opening of the Sea the Sea Regional Park

MOVED by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,
That the Parks & Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That this report be received for information.

CARRIED

5.3. [19-307](#) Climate Action Advocacy to Senior Levels of Government

Discussion ensued on the following:

- the BC Energy Plan to describe the energy efficiency of a home for potential buyers of homes
- advocacy around protecting land
- funding support for adaptation and mitigation due to climate change

Chair Isitt left the meeting at 11:38 am and Vice Chair Screech assumed the Chair.

Chair Isitt returned and reassumed the chair at 11:39 am

B. Maberley left the meeting at 11:47 am

MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Director Taylor,

That the Parks & Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

- 1. That the CRD Board Chair write a letter to the Premier of British Columbia in regard to provincial policies and programs and to the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change in regard to federal action, and that the CRD Board Chair send a motion to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) for consideration, as articulated in Part 1, #1-3, in Appendix A.**
- 2. That staff be directed to engage with their appropriate provincial and federal ministry counterparts to advance the programs and policies found in Part 2, #1-10, in Appendix A.**
- 3. That staff be directed to engage with their appropriate provincial and federal ministry counterparts to understand and advance long-term opportunities requiring legislative change, as articulated in Part 3, #1-3, in Appendix A.**

MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Director Holman,

That the main motion be amended to add item 4. "That staff be directed to bring a motion for the Board's consideration to be forwarded to AVICC that the motion generally follow the thrust of the Climate Emergency Declaration passed by the Board and call on the Provincial and Federal governments to give resources and authority to local government to take action on climate change."

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Tait, Plant, Helps, Hicks, Holman, Maberley, Taylor, Isitt, Young, Seaton, and Screech

MOVED by Director Isitt, SECONDED by Director Helps,

That the main motion be amended to add item 4. "Request that the Chair work with staff to prepare an amendment for consideration by AVICC relating to the Climate Emergency Declaration and bring the amendments forward to the April 10th Board meeting for consideration."

CARRIED

The question was called on the main motion as amended.

MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Director Taylor,

That the Parks & Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

- 1. That the CRD Board Chair write a letter to the Premier of British Columbia in regard to provincial policies and programs and to the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change in regard to federal action, and that the CRD Board Chair send a motion to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal**

Communities (AVICC) for consideration, as articulated in Part 1, #1-3, in Appendix A.

2. That staff be directed to engage with their appropriate provincial and federal ministry counterparts to advance the programs and policies found in Part 2, #1-10, in Appendix A.

3. That staff be directed to engage with their appropriate provincial and federal ministry counterparts to understand and advance long-term opportunities requiring legislative change, as articulated in Part 3, #1-3, in Appendix A.

4. Request that the Chair work with staff to prepare an amendment for consideration by AVICC relating to the Climate Emergency Declaration and bring the amendments forward to the April 10th Board meeting for consideration.

CARRIED

5.4. [19-315](#) Invasive Species Program Update

G. Harris provided an overview of the report.

MOVED by Director Tait, SECONDED by Director Taylor,

That the Parks & Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the CRD Board Chair write a letter to the Province of BC (Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development) requesting an update to the Weed Control Regulation, Schedule A: Regional Weeds List, to include regionally-specific species of concern.

CARRIED

5.5. [19-319](#) Recycling Market Update (Verbal Update)

T. Watkins provided a verbal report on the recycling market as follows:

- recycling markets are improving, but are still fragile
- all blue box materials are fully marketed and put to beneficial use
- materials that remain a challenge are glass, mixed paper, and books

MOVED by Board Chair Plant, SECONDED by Director Taylor,

That the verbal report be received for information.

CARRIED

6. New Business

There was no new business.

7. Motion to Close the Meeting

7.1. **19-343** Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Board Chair Plant, SECONDED by Director Taylor,

That the meeting be closed in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, Section 90 (1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Board considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Regional District.

CARRIED

The Committee moved to the closed session at 11:54 am.

The Committee rose from the closed session at 12:16 pm without report.

8. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Taylor, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,
That the March 27, 2019 Parks and Environment Committee meeting be
adjourned at 12:16 pm.
CARRIED

Chair

Recorder