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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Regional Parks Committee
Held Wednesday, January 21, 2015, in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC**

Present: Directors: S. Price (Vice-Chair), M. Hicks, B. Isitt, D. Screech, L. Seaton, K. Williams, L. Wergeland (for S. Brice),
Staff: L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; M. Walton, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; M. Macintyre, Manager, Operations; K. St. Claire; Manager, Visitor Services; L. Wilson, Planner; S. Santarossa, Corporate Officer; P. Perna, Committee Clerk (recorder)

Absent: Directors: M. Tait

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Vice-Chair Price.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,
That the January 21, 2015 Regional Parks Committee agenda be approved as amended to include the supplementary agenda.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,
That the minutes of the November 19, 2014 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adopted as previously circulated.

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks:

Vice Chair Price spoke to a note from Susan Brice to the committee members and staff, who, due to a scheduling conflict, was unable to attend this first meeting of the Regional Parks Committee.

In her note, Chair Brice welcomed back the returning and new members of the Regional Parks Committee. The committee will continue to work on ongoing issues as well as the service plan key initiatives for 2015.

4. Presentations/Delegations:

- 1) Mr. Jason Austin, Friends of Island View Beach Re: Agenda Item 6, Island View Beach Regional Park Management Process

Mr. Austin ascertained that the 2013 Capital Regional District draft plan contained factual errors also in relation to the endangered species list, which included species he believes are not in the park. He stated that the report fails to address consequences of climate action and rising sea level. He recommended that the public meetings be postponed indefinitely and that a sub-committee be formed.

- 2) Dr. Barbara Powell Re: Agenda Item 6, Island View Beach Regional Park Management Process

Dr. Powell spoke about the following:

- the endangered species being at sea and not in the park; the report's list of endangered species are at sea nearby, but not in the park
- Advised of the types of birds, where they are, their habitats, why they are there, possible reasons why they are not there, and how to encourage them to come to the park

5. 2015 Regional Parks Committee – Terms of Reference and Orientation – 2015 Service Plan

L. Hutcheson spoke to the Terms of Reference for the Parks Committee and advised that the only change from last year is the new reflections from the procedural bylaw that allows directors, who have interest in an item on a different committee, to be able to attend and participate, but not vote, on the item.

M. Walton spoke to a PowerPoint presentation and gave an overview of Regional Parks.

Discussion ensued on the opening of the sea to sea green blue belt and ensuring discussions are done with First Nations regarding hunting rights, cultural expectations, and working in partnership with them as well as discussions around the watershed.

Discussion also ensued on the urgency of land acquisition, but the need to consider its affordability.

Staff was requested to provide an update on the Sooke potholes and TLC lands.

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,
That the 2015 Regional Parks Committee Terms of Reference be approved.

CARRIED

6. Overview of the Public Participation Process to Prepare the Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan

L Hutcheson advised that stage one of the management planning process as outlined to the committee last year has been launched.

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,
That the report regarding the overview of the public participation process to prepare the Island View Beach Regional Park management plan be received for information.

CARRIED

7. E & N Trail Project – Railway Crossing Improvements at Esquimalt Road and Burnett Road

Director Isitt declared a conflict of interest as he is a Director on the Island Corridor Foundation Board and left the meeting at 10:13 am.

L. Hutcheson advised of the Capital Regional District's obligation to work through Southern Railway of Vancouver Island (SVI) to procure railway crossing equipment and provided details on the tender opportunity and the sole source quote received.

MOVED by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,
That it be recommended to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the expenditure in the amount of \$834,589 to Southern Railway of Vancouver Island plus allocating an additional project contingency of \$166,918 for unanticipated conditions, for the railway crossing improvements at Esquimalt Road and Burnett Road be approved.

CARRIED

Director Isitt returned at 10:15 am.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Williams, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,
That the meeting be adjourned at 10:16 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER