

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regional Parks Committee**

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Wednesday, October 21, 2015

9:30 AM

6th Floor Boardroom

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**PRESENT:**

**DIRECTORS:** S. Brice (Chair), M. Lougher-Goodey (for Steve Price (Vice-Chair)), M. Hicks, J. Loveday (for B. Isitt), M. Tait, J. Rogers (for D. Screech), K. Williams, N. Jensen (Board Chair, ex-officio)

**STAFF:** R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; M. Walton, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; M. MacIntyre, Regional Parks Manager of Operations; C. Stewart, Planner, Regional Parks; K. St. Claire, Manager, Visitor Services and Community Development, Regional Parks; P. Perna, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

**ABSENT:** Director L. Seaton

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Chair Brice requested that prior to the approval of the agenda, the minutes be amended under Item 6.2, Recreational Values of Regional Trails, that the section state, "Staff prepared a report on the recreational values of regional trails, which was presented by M. Walton. There was discussion by the committee on the recreational value of regional trails and the importance of maintaining the duality of the trails in the future, serving both recreational and transportation interests."

And further amend in the last sentence of this item, "Staff advised that the draft Regional Trails Management Plan will come back...".

**MOVED** by Director Williams, **SECONDED** by Director Hicks,  
That the Agenda for the October 21, 2015 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adopted as amended to include amendments to the minutes of the September 16, 2015 Regional Parks Committee meeting and to include the Supplementary Agenda.

**CARRIED**

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

**2.1. 15-1114** Minutes of the September 16, 2015 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

**MOVED** by Alternate Director Lougher-Goodey, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,  
That the minutes of the September 16, 2015 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

### 3. Chair's Remarks

Chair Brice reported that she and Board Chair Jensen attended the annual Regional Parks Volunteer Recognition event held at Olympic View Golf Course. She noted that some have been volunteering for 25 years.

### 4. Presentations/Delegations

- 4.1. 15-1130** Mr. Ian D. Bruce, Peninsula Streams Society Re: Elk/Beaver Lake Stewardship Initiative
- Mr. Bruce, Executive Coordinator, Peninsula Streams Society, spoke about the following:
- \* the hazards of the weeds and algae blooms
  - \* what may become of the lake if nothing is done
  - \* partnering with the CRD to assist with the lake and collaborative funding opportunities
  - \* support of the staff recommendation for a weed harvester
  - \* support hiring a coordinator
  - \* an Elk/Beaver Lake roundtable
- 4.2. 15-1156** Ms. Brenda Taylor, Victoria Rowing Society Re: Agenda Items 5.2 and 5.3
- Ms. Taylor, Facilities Manager, Victoria Rowing Society, and Club Manager, Victoria Rowing Club, spoke in support of the staff recommendation and in hiring a consultant. She also urged the CRD to allocate additional funds next year and in future years to ensure that whatever plans made this year can be put into action.
- 4.3. 15-1157** Mr. Robert McConnell, Victoria Rods and Reels Society, Re: Agenda Items 5.2 and 5.3
- Mr. McConnell, President, Victoria Golden Rods and Reels Society, spoke in support of the staff recommendation and the following:
- \* contributions the Society has made towards the well-being and upkeep of Elk/Beaver Lake
  - \* past recommendations from the Provincial Ministry of Environment
  - \* commitment required to fix the issues on the lake
  - \* need the weed harvester in place by next spring
  - \* quote from staff for implementation of a full lake management process

### 5. Committee Business

- 5.1. 15-1116** Regional Trails Management Plan
- L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the Draft Regional Trails Management Plan.

Discussion ensued on following:

- \* the need for safety and cooperation between pedestrians and cyclists
- \* staff monitoring the trail for hazards and enforcement
- \* flexibility for residents when adding trails

**MOVED by Alternate Director Rogers, SECONDED by Alternate Director Lougher-Goodey,**

**That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:**

**That the Draft Regional Trails Management Plan be received for information and be referred to the municipalities, electoral areas, First Nations and the public for review and comment, following the public participation process in Attachment 2.**

**CARRIED**

**5.2. 15-1118 Lake Weed Harvesting at Elk/Beaver Lake**

Chair Brice noted that this report particularly addresses the purchase of the weed harvester for Elk/Beaver Lake.

Discussion ensued on obtaining costs for an aerator and the value and need for hiring a coordinator for Elk/Beaver Lake.

**MOVED by Alternate Director Lougher-Goodey, SECONDED by Director Tait, That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:**

**That staff be directed to purchase an aquatic weed harvester according to Capital Regional District procurement policy, and fund the purchase from the Regional Parks Equipment Replacement Fund.**

**CARRIED**

**MOVED by Director Williams, SECONDED by Alternate Director Rogers, That staff provide information to the Regional Parks Committee on obtaining a coordinator for Elk/Beaver Lake.**

**CARRIED**

**5.3. 15-1119 Service Plans Review Process**

L. Hutcheson introduced the service plans and M. Walton provided detailed information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- \* 2016 and 2017 openings of the Sea to Sea Green Blue Belt
- \* trail signage, building standards, and classifications
- \* conflicts between motorized and non-motorized users
- \* enforcement capacity for 2017 - 2019

By consensus, the Regional Parks Committee approved the Service Plans.

**5.4. 15-1120 Regional Canada Goose Management Strategy**

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- \* process for other wildlife management issues
- \* effectiveness and cost for a goose cull
- \* focus on resolving the issue of goose feces and equipment needed
- \* geese on the lakes also a contributing factor
- \* goose population and habitat
- \* egg laying and addling

**MOVED by Alternate Director Lougher-Goodey, SECONDED by Director Williams,  
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District  
Board:**

**That the Regional Canada Goose Management Strategy report be received for  
information.**

**CARRIED**

**5.5. 15-1126 E&N Rail Trail-Humpback Connector Project Update**

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- \* varying levels of use on the trail
- \* communication to update the public of the trail's existence
- \* putting in counters to record usage
- \* holding ribbon cutting ceremonies for openings

**MOVED by Director Williams, SECONDED by Alternate Director Lougher-Goodey,  
That the Regional Parks Committee receive the E&N Rail Trail-Humpback  
Connector Project update report for information.**

**CARRIED**

**5.6. 15-1121 Regional Parks 2014 Annual Report**

M. Walton provided an overview and highlights of the annual report.

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

**That the Regional Parks 2014 Annual Report be received for information.**

**CARRIED**

**6. Correspondence**

**6.1. 15-1158 Correspondence dated October 18, 2015 from The Friends of Island View  
Beach Re: Super El Nino - Contingency Plan for Emergency Sea Wall  
Repair at Island View Beach**

**MOVED by Alternate Director Lougher-Goodey, SECONDED by Alternate Director  
Rogers,**

**That the correspondence dated October 18, 2015 from The Friends of Island View  
Beach regarding Super El Nino - Contingency Plan for Emergency Sea Wall  
Repair at Island View Beach be received for information.**

**CARRIED**

**7. New Business**

None.

**8. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Alternate Director Rogers, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,  
That the October 21, 2015 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at  
11:04 am.  
**CARRIED**

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Chair

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Recorder