

Meeting Minutes
Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

9:30 AM

6th Floor Boardroom

PRESENT: DIRECTORS: M. Hicks (Chair), D. Screech (Vice-Chair), B. Isitt, N. Jensen, R. Kasper, S. Price, L. Seaton, K. Williams, B. Desjardins (Board Chair, ex-officio)
STAFF: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; M. MacIntyre, Regional Parks Manager of Operations; B. Reems, Corporate Officer, P. Perna, Committee Clerk (Recorder)
ABSENT: DIRECTORS: J. Brownoff and R. Windsor

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

1. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Price, SECONDED by Director Screech,
That the agenda for the January 20, 2016 Regional Parks Committee meeting be approved with the Supplementary Agenda.
CARRIED**

2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1. 16-83 Minutes of the October 21, 2015 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

**MOVED by Director Seaton, SECONDED by Director Kasper,
That the minutes of the October 21, 2015 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

3. Chair's Remarks

Chair Hicks remarked on 2016 initiatives as follows:

- * Initiate the sale of the Jordan River lands deemed surplus to the Parks
- * Strengthen our partnership with T'Sou-ke Nation in operating the Sooke Potholes Campground
- * Initiate development of trails and facilities in the Sea to Sea Green/Blue Belt
- * Complete the engineering planning design of the Trans Canada Trail
- * Initiate construction of the E & N Rail Trail Humpback connector between Maple Bank Road and Halliwal Road
- * Complete the Salt Spring Island and Southern Gulf Islands Trail Management Plan
- * Complete the Island View Beach Regional Park Plan
- * Complete the Regional Trail Management Plan
- * Purchase and operate the new weed harvester to restore Elk Beaver Lake
- * Implement the acquisition strategy

4. Presentations/Delegations

- 4.1. 16-103** Mr. Jason Austin, Friends of Island View Beach, Re: Agenda Item 5.3 Island View Beach
- Mr. Jason Austin spoke in concern that the environmental assessment and reports do not provide factual information and, therefore, the public cannot make a proper decision. He requested that the process be paused in order to check the data.
- 4.2. 16-104** Mr. Jim Laite, Friends of Island View Beach, Re: Agenda Item 5.3 Island View Beach
- Mr. Jim Laite seconded what Mr. Austin had to say and expressed concern that the data has been repressed and not available to the public. He requested that there be a contingency plan to protect the park from becoming a lagoon by increasing the berms and he also requested clarification on the ownership and maintenance responsibilities on the boat ramp.

5. Committee Business

- 5.1. 16-87** 2016 CRD Board Standing Committee Terms of Reference and Work Programs
- L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report and explained the items listed in the Dashboard of Priorities.
- Discussion ensued on the following:
- * Right-of-Ways
 - * Planning for longer term land acquisitions
 - * The Trans Canada Trail work to begin
 - * The usage and next phase of the E & N Rail Trail
 - * Purchasing the weed harvester and addressing the issues at Elk/Beaver Lake
 - * Prioritizing items to put a downward pressure on the budget
- MOVED by Director Screech, SECONDED by Director Isitt,**
- 1. That the terms of reference for the 2016 Regional Parks Committee as attached in Appendix A be approved; and**
 - 2. That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:**
- That the Committee priorities and work program as outlined in the Priorities Dashboard, be confirmed.**
- CARRIED**
- 5.2. 16-82** Split of the Trans Canada Trail Relocation Fund with the Cowichan Valley Regional District
- L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.
- Discussion ensued on the following:
- * Use of the trail and possible grants available
 - * The 2016 work plan

* Use of the E & N Rail Trail to connect with the Trans Canada Trail

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

**That the Trans Canada Trail Relocation Fund be shared between the Capital
Regional District and the Cowichan Regional District in a 60% (CRD) - 40% (CVRD)
split and that interest accrued and monies used to-date be included in the
calculation of funding available to each Regional District and the necessary
agreement with the CVRD be entered into.**

CARRIED

5.3. 16-91 Island View Beach Regional Park Management Planning Public
Participation Process - Results of Step 3

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

* Ensuring the delegations' concerns are checked and feedback is provided to
them

* Looking at coordinating efforts to repair and maintain the boat ramp

* Attendance at the public information sessions with a diversity of comments
from the public

* Creation of dog parks with on or off leash areas and specific dog areas during
the summer

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

**That the Results of Step 3 of the public participation process to prepare a
management plan for Island View Beach Regional Park be received for
information.**

CARRIED

6. Correspondence

Correspondence items 6.1 and 6.2 were considered together.

6.1. 16-84 Correspondence: District of Central Saanich Re: Island View Beach
Regional Park Boat Ramp

It was clarified that the boat ramp is not on the property within Island View
Beach Regional Park and discussion ensued on replacement versus repairs to
the boat ramp.

**MOVED by Director Price, SECONDED by Director Screech,
That staff discuss with Central Saanich and other interested parties on options to
replace the Island View Beach Regional Park boat ramp and provide a report to
the Regional Parks Committee.**

CARRIED

**MOVED by Director Williams, Seconded by Director Screech,
That correspondence items 6.1 and 6.2 be received for information.**

CARRIED

- 6.2. 16-85 Correspondence: District of Central Saanich Re: Island View Beach Regional Park

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Motion to Close the Meeting

- 8.1. 16-95 Motion to Close the Meeting

**MOVED by Director Williams, SECONDED by Director Kasper,
That the meeting be closed in accordance with the Community Charter Part 4,
Division 3, 90 (1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or
improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be
expected to harm the interests of the regional district.
CARRIED**

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Williams, SECONDED by Director Screech,
That the January 20, 2016 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at
11:11 am.
CARRIED**

Next Meeting: February 17, 2016

Chair

Recorder