

Meeting Minutes
Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

9:30 AM

6th Floor Boardroom

PRESENT:

DIRECTORS: M. Hicks (Chair), D. Screech (Vice-Chair), J. Brownoff, B. Isitt, N. Jensen, R. Kasper (9:35), S. Price, L. Seaton, K. Williams, B. Desjardins (Board Chair, ex-officio)
STAFF: L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; M. Walton, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; M. MacIntyre, Regional Parks Manager of Operations; Carolyn Stewart, Planner, Regional Parks; B. Reems, Corporate Officer; P. Perna, Committee Clerk (recorder)

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

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Williams, **SECONDED** by Director Price,
That the agenda for the February 17, 2016 Regional Parks Committee meeting be approved as amended to move items 5.4 and 7.1 to follow item 5.2.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Williams
That the agenda for the February 17, 2016 Regional Parks Committee meeting be approved as amended to include an additional speaker regarding Item 4.1 and 7.1.
CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1. [16-237](#) Minutes of the January 20, 2016 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Price, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,
That the minutes of the January 20, 2016 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Williams, **SECONDED** by Board Chair Desjardins
That the minutes of the January 20, 2016 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adopted as amended to correct a typing error.
CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks

None.

4. Presentations/Delegations

- 4.1. [16-245](#) Delegation: Daniel Cammiade, The Southern Vancouver Island Nature Trails Society, Re: Item 7.1 - Regional Nature Trails Network
- Tim Huet and Daniel Cammiade, The Southern Vancouver Island Nature Trails Society, spoke to a PowerPoint Presentation and provided an overview of their society. They advised that they are not looking for any financial assistance, but are looking for authorization to provide needed work and to place signage in the trails.
- Mr. Lister Ferrer, was asked to speak at this point, but he declined stating he was here to answer questions if needed on this presentation or on the Notice of Motion Item 7.1.
- Director Kasper arrived at 9:35 am.
- 4.1.1 **16-263** Daniel Cammiade - PowerPoint Presentation - Southern Vancouver Island Nature Trails Society Additional Information Agenda Item 4.1
- 4.2. **16-264** Delegation: Tony Wass, Lochside Trail Riders, Re: Item 5.2 - Regional Trails Management Plan
- Mr. Tony Wass spoke regarding the Lochside Trail and requested a change in the wording of Alternative 1 in Staff Report 5.2 as follows: "That the regional parks committee receive this report for information and direct staff to investigate options for multi-use on the unpaved sections of the Lochside Trail between Centennial Trail and Island View Beach Road and report back on those options in the fall." He presented his concerns and requested that all sections of the trail that are rural, stay rural.
- 4.3. **16-265** Delegation: Brenda Axon Re: Item 5.1 - Island View Beach Regional Park Draft Management Plan
- Ms. Brenda Axon spoke against the Island View Beach Regional Park Draft Management Plan and advised of the hazards on the limitations for dogs at the park as well as the benefits for dogs and the public to have access to the park and the ocean.
- 4.4. **16-266** Delegation: Jim Laite Re: Item 5.1 - Island View Beach Regional Park Draft Management Plan
- Mr. Jim Laite spoke against the Island View Beach Regional Park Draft Management Plan and was concerned with the lack of open space in the park plan.
- 4.5. **16-267** Delegation: Karen Harris Re: Item 5.1 - Island View Beach Regional Park Draft Management Plan
- Ms. Karen Harris spoke about horses at Island View Beach and spoke against the Island View Beach Regional Park Draft Management Plan.

- 4.6. 16-268** Delegation: Dr. Barbara Powell, Friends of Island View Beach, Re: Item 5.1 - Island View Beach Regional Park Draft Management Plan
- Dr. Barbara Powell spoke against the Island View Beach Regional Park Draft Management Plan and lack of benefits in the plan. She stated that the plan is disproportionately allocated and feels it is impossible to implement.
- 4.7. 16-269** Delegation: Jason Austin Re: Item 5.1 - Island View Beach Regional Park Draft Management Plan
- Mr. Ted Murray, on behalf of Mr. Jason Austin, spoke against the Island View Beach Draft Management Plan and advised that this draft plan has not been factually or scientifically provided to the public and will provide less park access to the beach for the public.
- 4.8. 16-270** Delegation: Alison Robb Re: Item 5.1 - Island View Beach Regional Park Draft Management Plan
- Ms. Alison Robb was unable to attend to speak to the Committee.
- 4.9. 16-271** Delegation: Tom Michell Re: Item 5.1 - Island View Beach Regional Park Draft Management Plan
- Mr. Tom Michell was unable to attend to speak to the Committee.

5. Committee Business

- 5.1. [16-233](#)** Island View Beach Regional Park Draft Management Plan
- M. Walton provided details of the Island View Beach Regional Park Draft Management Plan and advised that the plan is scheduled to go out for two more opportunities for public comment. He provided clarification on the legal boundaries of the park; however, the beach will continue to have access because the that area is under a different jurisdiction.
- Discussion ensued on the following:
- * boat ramp issues and where they intend to work
 - * dog boundaries on and off leash
 - * placing and repairing berms
 - * types of visitor activities
- Chair Hicks left the meeting at 10:53 am and Vice Chair Screech assumed the chair. Chair Hicks returned to the Chair at 10:55 am.
- * classification of the park
 - * ecological aspects of the report
 - * hazards of mosquitoes and their affect on the farms and farmers
 - * equestrian use and no provision for horses in the plan
- Board Chair Desjardins left at 10:49 am and did not vote on this item.

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

That the Island View Beach draft Management Plan be received for information and that it be referred to the Municipality of Central Saanich, Tsawout First Nation, other levels of government, stakeholders and the public for review and comment.

CARRIED

5.2. [16-239](#) Regional Trails Management Plan

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- * issues of safety and horses on the trails
- * making sure the trails are the right size
- * paving on sections of the trail

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Screech,
That the Regional Parks Committee receive this report for information and direct staff to investigate options for continued equestrian use on the section of the Lochside Trail between Lochside Park and Island View Beach Road and report back on those options in the fall.**

**MOVED by Director Brownoff, SECONDED by Director Kasper,
That the main motion be amended to include the area of Blenkinsopp in the Regional Trails Management Plan
CARRIED**

**MOVED by Windsor, SECONDED by Director Screech
That the Regional Parks Committee receive this report for information and direct staff to investigate options for continued equestrian use on the section of the Lochside Trail between Lochside Park, Island View Beach Road, and Blenkinsopp and report back on those options in the fall.
CARRIED**

5.4. [16-192](#) Bike BC Grant Application

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report and advised that this grant opportunity is now available.

**MOVED by Director Screech, SECONDED by Director Windsor,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the Board approve submission of a 2016 grant application to Bike BC for the Hallowell Road to Maplebank Road Project Area of the E&N Rail Trail - Humpback Connector.
CARRIED**

7. Notice of Motion

7.1. [16-242](#) Notice of Motion: Director B. Isitt - Regional Nature Trails Network

**MOVED by Director Jensen, SECONDED by Director Isitt,
That the Regional Parks Committee directs staff to work with the Southern
Vancouver Island Nature Trails Society and other interested groups and report
back on options for pursuing the vision of an integrated trails network within the
Regional Parks system.
CARRIED**

5. Committee Business Continued

5.3. [16-202](#) Trans Canada Trail-Sooke Hills Wilderness Trail

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- * how cycling can take part in the trails
- * restricting staff to work with Southern Island Trails Society when there are a lot of other interested parties
- * ensuring respect of other municipalities' jurisdictions
- * some of the interfacing of trails that go near or through private properties
- * concern of having too many groups to work with
- * watershed protection

**MOVED by Director Isitt, SECONDED by Director Screech,
That the Regional Parks Committee receive this report for information.
CARRIED**

5.5. [16-188](#) Thetis Lake Pistol Range - Site Restoration and Park Use

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

**MOVED by Director Price, SECONDED by Director Brownoff,
That the Regional Parks Committee receive this report for information.
CARRIED**

5.6. [16-200](#) Planning for Regional Trails on the Southern Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Island

Director Screech left at 11:37 am.

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Kasper,
That the Regional Parks Committee receive this report for information and that it
be forwarded to the Capital Regional District Board for information.
CARRIED**

5.7. [16-234](#) Process for Identifying Lands to be Considered Through the Land Acquisition Program

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

**MOVED by Director Williams, SECONDED by Director Windsor,
That the Regional Parks Committee receive this report for information.
CARRIED**

6. Correspondence

6.1. [16-197](#) Correspondence: Union of BC Municipalities Re: Gas Tax Strategic Priorities Fund Application

Director Jensen left at 11:40 am.

8. New Business

None.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,
That the February 17, 2016 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at
11:41 am.
CARRIED

Chair

Recorder