

Meeting Minutes Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

10:30 AM

6th Floor Boardroom

PRESENT:

Directors: M. Hicks (Chair), D. Screech (Vice Chair), J. Brownoff, B. Isitt, M. Lougher-Goodey (for S. Price), K. Williams

Staff: M. Walton, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; B. Hudson, Manager, Planning, Resource Management, and Development; C. Stewart, Planner, Regional Parks; K. St. Claire, Manager, Visitor Services and Community Development, Regional Parks; B. Reems, Corporate Officer; P. Perna, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

ABSENT: Directors: N. Jensen, R. Kasper, L. Seaton, and R. Windsor

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Alternate Director Lougher-Goodey, SECONDED by Director Williams, That the agenda for the July 20, 2016 Regional Parks Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1. [16-826](#) Minutes of the June 15, 2016 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Brownoff, SECONDED by Alternate Director Lougher-Goodey, That the minutes of the June 15, 2016 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair remarked that he and other Directors had just come from an event where the Provincial Government had made a public announcement regarding Bike BC Grant funding. He advised that \$1 million will be provided for the E & N Rail Trail, Maplebank Road to Hallowell Road, as well as further grant funding in other Capital Regional District areas including Langford, Saanich and Victoria.

4. Presentations/Delegations

None.

5. Committee Business

5.1. [16-822](#) Regional Trails Management Plan - Public Participation Report 2016

M. Walton provided an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- * liaising with Tourism Victoria
- * booths setup along the trail to obtain user and tourist input
- * feedback provided regarding horses, dogs, and cyclists

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

5.2. [16-823](#) 2016 Regional Parks and Trails Resident Survey

M. Walton provided an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- * the survey being sent to residences by mail and options for future surveys
- * an acceptable sample group size, which allows for confidence in the report and strong guidance for the years ahead
- * values related to economic impact and recognition of economic development
- * concern of one area receiving more surveys than another area
- * ways to apportion the surveys based on population and including tenants and homeowners
- * funding options to pay for the cost to perform and evaluate the survey

**MOVED by Alternate Director Lougher-Goodey, SECONDED by Director Williams,
That the Regional Parks Committee receive this report for information.
CARRIED**

5.3. [16-804](#) Regional Parks 2015 Annual Report

M. Walton provided an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- * visitation statistics
- * statistics on smaller areas
- * mobile counter units placed in specific locations to measure usage
- * which areas have increased or decreased visitation
- * cleaning schedules providing information on usage
- * using the input to see where maintenance budgets need increasing or decreasing

**MOVED by Alternate Director Lougher-Goodey, SECONDED by Director Screech
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District
Board:
That the Regional Parks 2015 Annual Report be received for information.
CARRIED**

5.4. [16-824](#) General Manager's Report

M. Walton spoke to a PowerPoint presentation on work that has been done in the Capital Regional District Regional Parks.

Discussion ensued on working with the Nature Trails Society and cooperation between them and CUPE.

MOVED by Director Screech, SECONDED by Alternate Director Lougher-Goodey, That the Regional Parks Committee receive the General Manager's report for information.

CARRIED

6. New Business

None.

7. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Screech, SECONDED by Alternate Director Lougher-Goodey, That the July 20, 2016 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:05 am.

CARRIED

Chair

Recorder