

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

9:00 AM

6th Floor Boardroom

PRESENT:

Directors: M. Hicks (Chair), D. Screech (Vice Chair), J. Brownoff, B. Isitt, N. Jensen, S. Price, L. Seaton, M. Tait, K. Williams, R. Windsor

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; M. Walton, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; B. Hudson, Manager, Planning, Resource Management, and Development; C. Stewart, Planner, Regional Parks; B. Reems, Corporate Officer; P. Perna, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Seaton, SECONDED by Director Windsor,
That the agenda for the September 21, 2016 Regional Parks Committee meeting
be approved.
CARRIED**

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Isitt
That the agenda for the September 21, 2016 Regional Parks Committee meeting
be approved as amended to include a presentation from Ted Brookman, BC
Wildlife Federation as item 4.3.
CARRIED**

**MOVED by Director Jensen, SECONDED by Director Screech,
That the agenda for the September 21, 2016 Regional Parks Committee meeting
be approved as amended to include the supplementary agenda, which includes
delegation items 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 and correspondence item 7.1.
CARRIED**

2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1. [16-864](#) Minutes of the July 20, 2016 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Williams,
That the minutes of the July 20, 2016 Regional Parks Committee meeting be
adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair remarked on the master trails plan and Island View Beach coming forward. He also requested to move future meetings of the Regional Parks Committee to 10:00 am while there is construction work on the McKenzie Interchange pending there is no conflict with other meetings and staff requirements.

4. Presentations/Delegations

- 4.2. [16-946](#) Delegation - Sharon Glynn Re: Item 7.1 Correspondence - Request for Prohibition of "Personal Watercraft" (Jet Skis, Seadoos) on Elk and Beaver Lakes

S. Glynn advised that she has a petition signed by users of Elk and Beaver Lakes requesting the prohibition of the use of Jet Skis and Seadoos. She stated that they should be prohibited because they disturb other users of the lake due to noise levels, excessive speed and the wakes that they cause.

The signed petition was provided to the Corporate Officer and is on file at Legislative and Information Services.

- 4.1. [16-944](#) Delegation - Michael Simmons, Regional Canada Goose Management Strategy Working Group, Re: Item 6.1. Motion with Notice - Regional Goose Management

M. Simmons advised that he has been a member of the Regional Canada Goose Management Strategy Working Group since its conception in 2011. He spoke to a handout of the topics that the working group addresses and feels the working group needs to be coordinated and managed by the Capital Regional District.

The handout is on file at Legislative and Information Services.

- 4.3. **16-962** Delegation - Ted Brookman, BC Wildlife Federation, Re: Item 7.1 Correspondence - Request for Prohibition of "Personal Watercraft" (Jet Skis, Seadoos) on Elk and Beaver Lakes

T. Brookman, British Columbia Wildlife Federation, spoke regarding Elk/Beaver Lake and particularly on the Jet Skis and Seadoos. He suggested that all of the concerned user groups should have a meeting and discuss the issues to see if a compromise can be found.

5. Committee Business

- 5.1. [16-926](#) Reroute of a Section of Lochside Regional Trail

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued on the route through the Sidney Public Works yard and

route safety.

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

5.2. [16-927](#) Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park - Sewer and Facilities Upgrade Project

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

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

6. Motion with Notice

6.1. [16-878](#) Motion with Notice - Regional Goose Management - Director Windsor

L. Hutcheson advised that the Capital Regional District Board has decided to manage invasive species and other wildlife within the mandates of operational services. She advised that Regional Parks deals with goose management within parks and water services would do so within the watershed.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- * municipalities' change to their firearms bylaw and municipal responsibility for wildlife management
- * farmers ability to apply at Canadian Wildlife Services for a certificate to hire hunters to hunt ten geese per day per hunter during hunting season
- * addling of eggs
- * other species that are not only on the food supply list, but also a nuisance
- * Regional Parks staff participation in the working group as opposed to leading the working group

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

That the Capital Regional District commit to continuing with a regional working group until at least December 31, 2017 with the express goal of reducing the population of non-migratory (invasive) geese; and further that the Finance committee consider any additional human resources for the Parks department as required to support the CRD's continued involvement in the Regional Goose Management Working group.

**MOVED by Director Isitt, SECONDED by Director Windsor,
That the recommendation be amended to change the wording "commit to continuing with a regional working group" to
"commit to participating in a regional working group"
CARRIED**

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

That the Capital Regional District commit to participating in a regional working group until at least December 31, 2017 with the express goal of reducing the population of non-migratory (invasive) geese; and further that the Finance

committee consider any additional human resources for the Parks department as required to support the CRD's continued involvement in the Regional Goose Management Working group.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence

7.1. [16-947](#) Correspondence Dated September 2, 2016 from Sharon Glynn Re: Request for Prohibition of "Personal Watercraft" (Jet Skis, Seadoos) on Elk and Beaver Lakes

L. Hutcheson advised that the regulation of watercraft on Elk/Beaver Lake is actually the jurisdiction of Transport Canada and there is nothing in the Park Regulation Bylaw that speaks to watercraft. She advised that this may be something that the Capital Regional District Board may want to advocate to Transport Canada with regards to a prohibition, and that staff can bring back to the Regional Parks Committee at a future meeting.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- * impact of electric motors
- * Saanich Noise Bylaw 7059 and inclusion of Saanich staff in information gathering
- * discriminating between different types of motorized vessels
- * consideration of the pollution hazards of fossil fueled motorized vessels

**MOVED by Director Jensen, SECONDED by Director Tait,
That the correspondence be received for information.**

**MOVED by Director Isitt SECONDED by Director Screech
That the main motion be amended to include that the correspondence be referred to staff to provide a report to the Regional Parks Committee on options on motorized watercraft on Elk/Beaver Lake and other regional lakes in regional parks.**

CARRIED

**MOVED by Director Isitt SECONDED by Director Screech
That the correspondence be received and referred to staff to provide a report to the Regional Parks Committee on options on motorized watercraft on Elk/Beaver Lake and other regional lakes in regional parks.**

CARRIED

8. New Business - None

9. Motion to Close the Meeting

9.1. [16-940](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

**MOVED by Director Jensen, SECONDED by Director Seaton,
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 board considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district.**

CARRIED

The Committee moved to the closed session at 10:02 am.
The Committee rose from the closed session at 10:18 am without report.

10. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Screech, SECONDED by Director Windsor,
That the September 21, 2016 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at
10:18 am.
CARRIED**

Chair

Recorder