

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

10:00 AM

6th Floor Boardroom

PRESENT:

Directors: M. Hicks (Chair), D. Screech (Vice Chair), J. Brownoff, B. Isitt (10:03), N. Jensen, S. Price, L. Seaton, M. Tait, K. Williams, R. Windsor, B. Desjardins (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; M. Walton, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; B. Hudson, Manager, Planning, Resource Management, and Development; Todd Golumbia, Environmental Conservations Specialist; Lynn Wilson, Park Planner; B. Reems, Corporate Officer; P. Perna, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

ABSENT: Director L. Seaton

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Price, SECONDED by Director Screech,
That the agenda for the November 16, 2016 Regional Parks Committee meeting
be approved as amended to add two delegations under Item 7.1.
CARRIED**

2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1. [16-1099](#) Minutes of the October 19, 2016 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

**MOVED by Director Price, SECONDED by Director Tait,
That the minutes of the October 19, 2016 Regional Parks Committee meeting be
adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair remarked on his positive experience with Chairing the Regional Parks Committee meetings.

B. Isitt arrived at 10:03 am.

4. Presentations/Delegations

4.1. [16-1114](#) Delegations: Re: Island View Beach

Individual Speakers in Order as Follows:

1) Mr. Ben van Drimmelen

- 2) Ms. JoAnne Nelson, Capital Region Equestrians
- 3) Ms. Ann Nightingale, Rocky Point Bird Observatory
- 4) Mr. Michael Simmons
- 5) Mr. Jason Austin
- 6) Mr. Ted Murray
- 7) Mr. Jim Laite, Kite Surfers
- 8) Mr. Wayne Cox
- 9) Mrs. Brenda Axon
- 10) Ms. Jackie Goodwin
- 11) Dr. Barbara Powell
- 12) Mr. George Kruzynski
- 13) Mr. Ralph DeLissle, Friends of Island View Beach
- 14) Ms. Karen Harris
- 15) Mr. John Kade

Mr. van Drimmelen spoke in regards to the public negativity on the Capital Regional District reports, staff, and the consultation process. He was in support of the Island View Beach Park Management Plan

Ms. Nelson spoke in strong support of the Island View Beach Park Management Plan.

Ms. Nightingale used a PowerPoint presentation to highlight birds affected by the Island View Beach Park Management Plan.

Mr. Simmons spoke about dogs and dog management in the Island View Beach Park Management Plan. He spoke in regards to the disturbance dogs cause, on and off leash, to the species at Island View Beach and spoke against the plan.

Mr. Austin spoke against the Island View Beach Park Management Plan.

Mr. Murray spoke against the Island View Beach Park Management Plan.

Mr. Laite spoke regarding kite surfing at Island View Beach. He was against a fence or structure as this will hinder kite surfing and access by recreation users.

Mr. Cox spoke of two issues: climate change and sea level rise and mosquitoes, which he felt has not been satisfactorily addressed in the Island View Beach Park Management Plan.

Mrs. Axon spoke in regards to dogs and fencing at the beach. She was against the fencing and spoke of the hazards, potential destruction, and unsightliness of fencing. She requested the committee not approve the Island View Beach Park Management Plan.

Ms. Goodwin thanked staff for their consideration of the public's requests; however, she feels the plan is still incomplete.

Dr. Powell advised she was presenting the committee with a petition against the

Island View Beach Park Management Plan and spoke against the plan.

Mr. Kruzynski spoke to a PowerPoint presentation and expressed concerns with the Island View Beach Park Management Plan.

Ms. Karen Harris requested to move ahead of Mr. DeLissle, which was approved by the Chair. She read a letter from Mr. Tom Mitchell regarding Island View Beach and also spoke about obedience at the park.

Mr. DeLissle spoke in regards to the activities he has participated in at Island View Beach and spoke against the Island View Beach Park Management Plan.

Mr. Kade addressed keeping the park protected, in good condition, and spoke in favour of implementing the Island View Beach Park Management Plan.

The delegation handouts and signed petitions were provided to the Corporate Officer and are on file at Legislative and Information Services.

5. Committee Business

5.1. [16-1081](#) Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan

M. Walton provided an overview of the report.

B. Hudson spoke to a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the mapped areas and usage in those areas. He advised there is no fence proposed for the length of the shoreline, but signs will be posted for public education.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- * the fencing along the berm trail and concern with fencing directly along the ocean
- * on and off leash areas for dogs and dog management
- * provision of a stop over for birds during their migration and ensuring their safety from off leash dogs

M. Tait left the meeting at 11:24 am

- * annual review of the Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan
- * means for the public to provide their concerns
- * ensuring the berm is maintained and protected from salt water and sea level rise
- * farming concerns and ensuring the Capital Regional District still intends to address mosquitos
- * addressing commercial dog walkers

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

That the 2016 Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan be approved.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Directors: Screech, Isitt

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Jensen,
That the recommendation be amended to add the following:
That a feedback mechanism be designed and that it informs an annual report to
the Regional Parks Committee for review.

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Jensen,
That the amendment to the recommendation be amended as follows:
That staff report back within twelve months on the progress of implementation
and any issues that have arisen.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Directors: Hicks, Screech, Brownoff, Isitt, Jensen, Price, Williams,
Windsor

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Jensen,
That the first amendment to the recommendation be withdrawn.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,
That under Section 3.6 Park Management Objectives and Policies, Sub Section
3.6.4.4. Coastal Berm, the second bullet be replaced with the following:
"Maintain, repair, and upgrade the berm, ditches, and drainage gates to protect
the park from salt water flooding and sea level rise."

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Directors: Screech, Brownoff, Isitt, Jensen, Price, Williams, Windsor

5.2. [16-1047](#) Proposed 2017 Lake Use Event Schedule for Elk/Beaver Lake

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

That the proposed 2017 event schedule for Elk/Beaver Lake be endorsed and
forwarded to Transport Canada for review and approval.

CARRIED

5.3. [16-1051](#) Swan Lake Trestle - Lochside Regional Trail

N. Jensen left at 12:09 pm.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- * heritage structure grant funding
- * putting asphalt in areas to ensure against settling, potholes, and upheavals of
the ground
- * structure of the wood and the trestles
- * use of pressure treated wood

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

CARRIED

6. New Business - None

7. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Price, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,
That the November 16, 2016 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at
12:12 pm.
CARRIED

Chair

Recorder