

## Meeting Minutes

### Regional Parks Committee

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Wednesday, January 18, 2017

10:00 AM

6th Floor Boardroom

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**PRESENT:**

Directors: M. Hicks (Chair), D. Screech (Vice Chair), V. Sanders (for J. Brownoff), D. Howe, B. Isitt, S. Price, L. Seaton, M. Tait, R. Windsor, G. Young, B. Desjardins (Board Chair, ex officio)  
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; S. Henderson, Manager, Real Estate; J. Frederick, Engineer 5, Environmental Engineering; B. Reems, Corporate Officer; P. Perna, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

ABSENT: Director N. Jensen

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Isitt,  
That the agenda for the January 18, 2017 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adopted as amended to move Item 5.4. before Item 5.1.  
CARRIED**

#### 2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1. [17-33](#) Minutes of the November 16, 2016 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

**MOVED by Director Seaton, SECONDED by Director Windsor,  
That the minutes of the November 16, 2016 Regional Parks Committee Meeting be adopted as circulated.  
CARRIED**

#### 3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone back for another year on the Regional Parks Committee and gave a special welcome to the new members of the Committee.

#### 4. Presentations/Delegations

4.1. [17-57](#) Delegation: JoAnne Nelson, Capital Regional Equestrians, Re: Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan

J. Nelson spoke to a PP Presentation on the Wetland Loop Trail at Island View Beach.

- 4.2. [17-58](#) Delegation: Michael Simmons, Rocky Point Bird Observatory, Re: Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan
- M. Simmons spoke on the process that was taken and on a possible approach for representatives of the main groups of Island View Beach Park users to be given time to meet and discuss what a plan for Island View Beach might look like. He advised that this has the support by the District of Central Saanich Council.
- 4.3. [17-59](#) Delegation: Brenda Axon, Capital Region Dog Owners' Group, Re: Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan
- B. Axon spoke in regards to dogs at Island View Beach and expressed concern of discrimination against dogs and dog owners.
- 4.4. [17-60](#) Delegation: W. Cox, Friends of Island View Beach, Re: Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan
- W. Cox spoke on how the plan should be reflected and should not be rushed just to be completed. He proposed that the Regional Parks Committee grant the user groups 60 days to provide written information on fundamentals and a compromise to the Regional Parks Management Plan.
- 4.5. [17-61](#) Delegation: Jason Austin, Re: Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan
- J. Austin chose not to speak, but advised he could answer any questions from the Committee.
- 4.6. [17-62](#) Delegation: Karen Harris, On Behalf of Herself, Dogs and Horses at Island View Beach, Re: Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan
- K. Harris chose not to speak.

## 5. Committee Business

- 5.4. [17-16](#) Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan
- L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.
- Discussion ensued on the following:
- a resolution from the District of Central Saanich regarding mosquitoes and unconditional control, and maintenance for the berm
  - provision of 60 days for the Friends of Island View Beach, Rocky Point Bird Observatory and other stake holder groups of Island View Beach to provide a written submission of possible changes and compromises to the Plan
  - staff roles and responsibilities is assisting with submissions
  - concerns regarding the berm and previous incidents of a breach in the berm, which was not repaired
  - the boat launch and parking
  - concern regarding trespass issues and violent destruction of T'sawout First Nation property

- estimated costs of a facilitator for the stakeholder group meetings

**MOVED** by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,  
That the Capital Regional District (CRD) ask five (5) stakeholder groups to appoint not more than two (2) representatives to a stakeholders table including the Rocky Point Bird Observatory, Friends of Island View Beach, T'sawout First Nation, dog owners and equestrians and that there be a maximum of ten (10) people from the groups with CRD staff present as a resource and that the session be facilitated by an outside facilitator.

**DEFEATED**

**IN FAVOUR:** Director Isitt

**MOVED** by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,  
**THAT** the recommendation be amended to include two (2) additional at large seats to the stakeholder table.

**DEFEATED**

**MOVED** by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Isitt,  
That the Friends of Island View Beach and Rocky Point Bird Observatory and other stakeholder groups be given 60 days to provide a written submission to the Capital Regional District on the Island View Beach Park Management Plan and that staff be available as a resource to assist with submissions.

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Director Windsor

**5.1.**     [17-49](#)

2017 Board Standing and Select Committees - Terms of Reference (Regional Parks)

Board Chair Desjardins left the meeting at 11:10 a.m. and did not vote on the recommendation.

**MOVED** by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,  
That the terms of reference for the 2017 Regional Parks Committee as attached in Appendix A be approved.

**CARRIED**

**5.2.**     [17-15](#)

Regional Parks and Regional Trails Naming Convention Policy

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

Board Chair Desjardins returned to the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Director Howe left the meeting at 11:13 a.m. and did not vote on the recommendation.

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

That the attached Regional Parks and Regional Trails Naming Convention Policy be approved as amended by staff to include a provision in section 5(C.) specifying that a commemorative or honourific name will not be used until a person has been deceased for a period of at least two years

**CARRIED**

**5.3.**     [17-18](#)

E&N Rail Trail Phase 1, Project Areas 7 & 9 - Maplebank to Songhees

Nation Boundary and Maplebank Rail Crossing Upgrade - Approval of Contract 16-1882 and Approval of Crossing Upgrade

Director Howe returned to the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Discussion ensued on the requirement to complete the upgrading and the facts that because the railway is an active railway, regulations mandate certain safety standards.

**MOVED by Director Seaton, SECONDED by Director Tait,**

**That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:**

1. That Contract 16 1882, E&N Rail Trail Project Area 7 & 9 Maplebank to Songhees Nation Boundary and Maplebank Rail Crossing Upgrade be awarded to Don Mann Excavating Ltd in the amount of \$783,960.54 (excluding GST) and that staff be authorized to allocate \$50,000 to a project contingency for costs related to change orders resulting from unanticipated conditions; and
2. That the CRD Board approve the expenditure in the amount of \$421,310 to Southern Railway of Vancouver Island plus allocate an additional project contingency of \$21,065.50 for unanticipated conditions, for the railway crossing improvements at Maplebank Road.

**CARRIED**

5.5. [17-17](#)

Opening the Sea to Sea and Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park Reserves

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report and advised that it is planned to have a more formal opening of Phase 1 in the Spring.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- public relations for the opening
- regulations and signage at the park
- accommodations for dogs off-leash
- park plan, bylaws, and regulations for dogs to be on-leash

**MOVED by Director Price, SECONDED by Director Screech,**

**That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:**

**That this report be received for information.**

**CARRIED**

6. New Business - None.

7. Motion to Close the Meeting

7.1. [17-54](#)

Motion to Close the Meeting

**MOVED by Director Price, SECONDED by Director Howe,**

**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; and 90(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to**

negotiations between the regional district and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

**CARRIED**

The Committee moved to the closed session at 11:37 a.m.

The Committee rose from the closed session at 12:15 p.m. without report.

## **8. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Howe,  
That the January 18, 2017 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at  
12:15 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Chair

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Recorder