

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

10:00 AM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

PRESENT:

Directors: M. Hicks (Chair), D. Screech (Vice Chair), J. Brownoff, D. Howe, B. Isitt, N. Jensen, S. Price, L. Seaton, M. Tait, G. Young, 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; M. MacIntyre, Regional Parks Manager of Operations; C. Stewart, Planner, Regional Parks; B. Reems, Corporate Officer; P. Perna, Committee Clerk (Recorder)
ABSENT: Director R. Windsor

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Board Chair Desjardins,
That the agenda for the February 15, 2017 Regional Parks Committee meeting be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1. [17-138](#) Minutes of the January 18, 2017 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Price, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,
That the minutes of the January 18, 2017 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks - None.

4. Presentations/Delegations - None.

5. Committee Business

5.1. [17-123](#) Extension of the Regional Parks Land Acquisition Fund

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- discussions with the public on what they will support
- providing two different funds to separate acquisition from maintenance and

infrastructure

- the need for natural capital to be maintained and accounted for
- concern of not being able to use the parks if they are not open to the public

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

That staff be directed to report back to the Committee in 2017 with a consultation plan, to be incorporated into Regional Parks' service plan and budget for implementation in 2018, that explores and confirms the public's views on the land acquisition fund and sources of funding for the development and renewal of park infrastructure and enhancement of parks and trails.

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Young,
That the main motion be amended to end at "...that explores and confirms the public's views on the land acquisition fund."

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Directors Brownoff, Hicks, Howe, Jensen, Price, Screech, Seaton, and Board Chair Desjardins

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Young,
That the main motion be amended to change the wording of "...confirms the public's views on the land acquisition fund and sources of funding for the development and renewal of park infrastructure and enhancement of parks and trails." to "...confirms the public's view on the land acquisition fund and sources of funding for opening new parks."

MOVED by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Board Chair Desjardins,
That question be called to vote on the second amendment to the original motion.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Young,
That the main motion be amended to change the wording of "...confirms the public's views on the land acquisition fund and sources of funding for the development and renewal of park infrastructure and enhancement of parks and trails." to "...confirms the public's view on the land acquisition fund and sources of funding for opening new parks."

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Directors Brownoff, Hicks, Howe, Jensen, Price, Screech, Seaton, and Board Chair Desjardins

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

That staff be directed to report back to the Committee in 2017 with a consultation plan, to be incorporated into Regional Parks' service plan and budget for implementation in 2018, that explores and confirms the public's views on the land acquisition fund and sources of funding for the development and renewal of park infrastructure and enhancement of parks and trails.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Director Young

5.2. [17-119](#)

Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Group Terms of Reference

M. Walton provided an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued on the use of motorized vehicles and water vessels on Elk/Beaver Lake.

MOVED by Director Tait, SECONDED by Director Screech
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the revised Terms of Reference for the Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Group be approved.
CARRIED
OPPOSED: Director Isitt

5.3. [17-120](#) A Regional Trail Plan for the Southern Gulf Islands & Salt Spring Island

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Island Trust's role and how to best balance plans under their mandate to preserve and protect
- concerns on social implications with overprotection
- previous planning and the spine concept
- spine trails between the key destinations as opposed to the other trails that take people further through the islands

MOVED by Director Howe, SECONDED by Director Tait,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the project scope shown in Attachment 1 and the engagement process shown in Attachment 2 be approved.
CARRIED

5.4. [17-130](#) General Manager's Report

M. Walton spoke to a PowerPoint presentation on the Capital Regional District visitor services programs and community events. He advised on adding the Lochside Trail with the Great Trail and how to include the Southern Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Island with spur trails.

B. Desjardins left the meeting at 10:59 a.m. and returned at 11:01 a.m.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- spur trails and marketing them
- the sections of lochside within the District of Saanich in regards to jurisdictions and signage
- funding opportunities if enhancements are made
- presentations to tourism regarding the opening of the trail
- tying in the opening of the park with the Canada 150 celebration

MOVED by Director Brownoff, SECONDED by Director Price,
THAT the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the CRD Board:
That it approve the designation of the Lochside Regional Trail as part of an alternate route for The Great Trail.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Tait
That the Regional Parks Committee receive the General Manager's Report for information.
CARRIED

6. New Business - None.

7. Motion to Close the Meeting

7.1. [17-139](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Board Chair Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Director Howe,
That the meeting be closed in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, 90(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality 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 11:16 a.m.
The Committee rose from the closed session at 11:26 a.m. without report.

8. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Board Chair Desjardins,
That the February 15, 2017 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:26 a.m.
CARRIED

Chair

Recorder