

## Meeting Minutes

### Regional Parks Committee

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Wednesday, April 19, 2017

10:00 AM

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

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**PRESENT:**

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

Staff: L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; M. Walton, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; C. Stewart, Planner, Regional Parks; B. Reems, Corporate Officer; P. Perna, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

ABSENT: Directors B. Desjardins, D. Howe, M. Tait

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Screech, SECONDED by Alternate Director Jensen,  
That the agenda for the April 19, 2017 Regional Parks Committee meeting be  
approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

#### 2. Adoption of Minutes

- 2.1. [17-325](#) Minutes of the February 15, 2017 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

**MOVED by Director Price, SECONDED by Director Screech,  
That the minutes of the February 15, 2017 Regional Parks Committee meeting be  
adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

#### 3. Chair's Remarks - None.

#### 4. Presentations/Delegations

- 4.1. [17-314](#) Delegation: Daniel Cammiade, The Vancouver Island Nature Trails Society  
Re: Agenda Item 10.1. Sooke Hills Wilderness Trail Proposal

D. Cammiade spoke in favour of the Sooke Hills Wilderness Trail Management Plan and the benefits of the trail.

- 4.2. [17-319](#) Delegation: Nicole Hoyer, Sooke Bike Club Re: Agenda Item 10.1. Sooke Hills Wilderness Trail Proposal

N. Hoyer spoke in favour of the Sooke Hills Wilderness Trail Management Plan.

- 4.3. [17-320](#) Delegation: Lister Farrar, Tripleshot Cycling Club Re: Agenda Item 10.1. Sooke Hills Wilderness Trail Proposal  
L. Farrar spoke regarding cycling in regional trails and the support for additional trails.
- 4.4. [17-331](#) Delegation: Michelle James, Back Country Horsemen BC (SVI Chapter), Sooke Saddle Club, Capital Region Equestrian (CRE), JDF Community Trail Society, Re: Agenda Item 7.1 Sooke Hills Wilderness Trail Proposal  
M. James spoke on behalf of the various equine committees who are in favour of the Sooke Hills Wilderness Trail Proposal. She stated that the program should be equitable and include equine access. She also spoke of grants available, in which their committees may be able to provide assistance.
- 4.5. [17-332](#) Delegation: Roger Wells, CR Dog Owners, Re: Agenda Item 5.4 Dogs in Regional Parks  
R. Wells spoke against the report on Dogs in Regional Parks.
- 4.6. [17-333](#) Delegation: Mrs. Brenda Axon, Capital Region Dog Owners Group, Re: Agenda Item 5.4 Dogs in Regional Parks  
B. Axon was not in attendance to speak.
- 4.7. [17-334](#) Delegation: Wayne Cox Re: Agenda Item 5.4 Dogs in Regional Parks  
W. Cox spoke against the report on Dogs in Regional Parks and advocated for "common sense" solutions.
- 4.8. [17-335](#) Delegation: George Kruzynski Re: Agenda Item 5.4 Dogs in Regional Parks  
G. Kruzynski spoke against the report on Dogs in Regional Parks. He highlighted hazards of areas where and when dogs are not safe on-leash and for those people who have to walk their dogs off-leash due to physical mobility.

## 5. Committee Business

- 5.1. [17-301](#) Appointments under Capital Regional District Bylaw No. 3682  
**MOVED** by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Isitt,  
**That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:**  
**That the CRD staff listed in Attachment 1 be appointed as "park officers" as described in the Regional Parks Bylaw Regulation No.1, 2010.**  
**CARRIED**

- 5.2. [17-262](#) Bylaw No. 4181 - Capital Regional District Parks Services and Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 2010, Amendment Bylaw No. 7, 2017
- MOVED** by Director Price, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,  
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:  
That Bylaw No. 4181, Capital Regional District Parks Services and Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 2010, Amendment Bylaw No. 7, 2017 be introduced and read a first time, read a second time, read a third time and adopted.  
**CARRIED**
- 5.3. [17-284](#) Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park Jurisdictions and Options regarding Motorized Vessels
- L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.
- Discussion ensued on the following:
- priority of ecological values and economic benefits
  - excluding specific engine types
  - noise issues
  - other types of power vessels and battery operated motors
- MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,  
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend that staff be directed to inquire with Transport Canada in regard to prohibition of 2-stroke and 4-stroke engines as well as personal watercraft and seadoos on Elk/Beaver Lake.  
**CARRIED**
- MOVED** by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Price,  
That the Regional Parks Committee receive the report for information  
**CARRIED**
- 5.4. [17-268](#) Dogs in Regional Parks
- Discussion ensued on the following:
- concerns regarding dog walkers with many off-leash dogs
  - regulations differentiating between commercial dog walkers and dog owners
  - the reasonable number of dogs per person that can be deemed as under control
  - addressing commercialization of dog walkers
  - advertising where dogs are allowed to be off-leash
  - dog excrement and excrement bags left behind
  - cost and implications for providing bags
  - dog breeds, training, owner responsibility, and uncertainties of a dog's temperament
- MOVED** by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,  
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:  
That staff be directed to investigate and report back on enforcement issues related to the number of dogs per person in parks and commercial dog walking operations.  
**CARRIED**  
**OPPOSED:** Alternate Director Jensen

## 6. Correspondence

- 6.1. [17-260](#) Correspondence: City of Colwood re Improvements on the Galloping Goose Trail in Colwood
- MOVED by Director Screech, SECONDED by Director Brownoff,  
That the correspondence dated 2017-02-15 from the City of Colwood be received for information.  
CARRIED**
- 6.2. [17-330](#) Correspondence: Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society re Sooke Wilderness Trail
- MOVED by Director Isitt, SECONDED by Alternate Director Jensen,  
That the correspondence dated 2017-04-14 from the Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society be received for information.  
CARRIED**

## 7. Motion with Notice

- 7.1. [17-308](#) Motion with Notice - Sooke Hills Wilderness Trail
- On the motion, Director Isitt provided an overview of the Sooke Hills Wilderness Trail and the possible trails and enhancements.
- L. Hutcheson advised that the work referred to in the motion is identified in the works plan for 2018 to 2019 and if the committee would like this work brought forward and completed on an accelerated basis, this would be required to go to the Board.
- Discussion ensued on the feasibility to bring this forward as a priority over all the other projects if this is already in the work plan.
- MOVED by Director Isitt, SECONDED by Alternate Director Jensen,  
That the Regional Parks Committee Recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:  
That staff be directed to report back on a priority basis with recommendations including a timeline, budget, and recommended alignment and design standard for completion of the Sooke Hills Wilderness Trail.**
- MOVED by Director Isitt, SECONDED by Director Young,  
That the main motion be amended to remove the wording "on a priority basis".  
DEFEATED  
OPPOSED: Directors: Brownoff, Price, Screech, Seaton, Jensen**
- MOVED by Director Jensen, SECONDED by Director Isitt,  
That the motion be further amended to add the wording at the end of the motion: "in accordance with the current service workplan."  
DEFEATED  
OPPOSED: Alternate Director Jensen and Directors: Brownoff, Price, Screech, Seaton**

**MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Jensen,  
That the Regional Parks Committee Recommend to the Capital Regional District  
Board:

That staff be directed to report back with recommendations including a timeline,  
budget, and recommended alignment and design standard for completion of the  
Sooke Hills Wilderness Trail.

**DEFEATED**

**OPPOSED:** Directors: Brownoff, Price, Screech, Hicks, Seaton, Jensen

**8. New Business - None.**

**9. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Director Price, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,  
That the April 19, 2017 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at  
11:26 am.

**CARRIED**

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Chair

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Recorder