

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

10:00 AM

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

PRESENT:

Directors: D. Screech (Vice Chair), J. Brownoff, B. Isitt (10:04), M. Lougher-Goodey, J. Loveday (for G. Young) L. Seaton, R. Windsor, S. Price (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; K. St. Claire, Manager, Visitor Services and Community Development, Regional Parks; K. Morley, Acting Senior Manager Corporate Services; E. Gorman, Acting Corporate Officer; P. Perna, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

REGRETS:

Directors: Hicks (Chair), Howe, Jensen, and Tait

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

1. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Alternate Director Loveday, SECONDED by Board Chair Price,
That the agenda for the November 15, 2017 Regional Parks Committee meeting
be approved as amended to add delegation item 4.1.
CARRIED**

2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1. [17-856](#) Minutes of the October 18, 2017 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

**MOVED by Board Chair Price, SECONDED by Director Brownoff,
That the minutes of the October 18, 2017 Regional Parks Committee meeting be
adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

3. Chair's Remarks - None.

4. Presentations/Delegations

4.1. 17-864 Delegation: Tamara Pierson Re: Commercial Dog Walkers

T. Pierson spoke to commercial dog walking.

5. Committee Business

5.1. [17-831](#) Consultation for Future Uses of the Land Acquisition Fund

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- concern regarding online surveys and ensuring monitoring of IP addresses
- parkland areas still to be acquired

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

That the attached consultation plan and schedule for the land acquisition fund be approved.

CARRIED

5.2. [17-827](#) Dog Regulations and Permits

M. Walton provided an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- limits on the number of dogs
- enforcement, education, and awareness of the regulations
- research performed on the number of dogs per household per municipality
- commercial dog walker requirements and their insurance requirements
- impacts on parks
- clarification of dogs deemed "under control"

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

1. That the maximum number of dogs allowed per person is three, either on or off-leash, and amendments to that effect, with a proposed effective date of May 1, 2018, be included in updates to Regional Parks Bylaw No. 3682, Section 8, Animals in Regional Parks, and brought before the Committee in March 2018 for consideration;

2. That the maximum number of dogs allowed per commercial dog walker is eight, either on or off-leash, that commercial dog-walking operations be required to obtain a permit and pay the annual commercial service fee of \$320 and that staff work with commercial dog-walking operations to develop permit conditions such as areas to use, times of day and codes of conduct; and

3. That the Capital Regional District Regional Parks Services and Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 3675 be amended to add a new category for commercial dog-walking operations, with an effective date of May 1, 2018, and brought before the Committee in March 2018 for consideration.

CARRIED

5.3. [17-823](#) Dog Waste in Regional Parks

M. Walton provided an overview of the report.

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

1. That no dog-waste bags be supplied in regional parks or trails. (The one

existing dog-waste bag dispenser at the Governor General Field in Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park would be removed after public notice is given.)
 2. That compliance with the existing Regional Parks' bylaw be encouraged through increased education of dog owners by providing information on social media, on the CRD website and on park signage, and additional bylaw enforcement efforts focused on dog owners as proposed in the Regional Parks 2018 budget; and
 3. That staff be directed to report back to the Committee with amendments to update current dog regulations and to increase the fine for "dog faeces not removed."
CARRIED

5.4. [17-822](#) Proposed 2018 Lake Use Event Schedule for Elk/Beaver Lake

MOVED by Director Seaton, **SECONDED** by Director Windsor,
 That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
 That the proposed 2018 event schedule for Elk/Beaver Lake be endorsed and forwarded to Transport Canada for review and approval.
CARRIED

6. New Business - None.

7. Motion to Close the Meeting

7.1. [17-855](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Director Seaton, **SECONDED** by Director Windsor,
 Motion to close the meeting in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, 90(1) (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a regional service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district if they were held in public.
CARRIED

The Committee moved to the closed session at 10:35 am.
 The Committee rose from the closed session at 10:46 am without report.

8. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Isitt,
 That the November 15, 2017 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at 10:46 am.
CARRIED

 Chair

 Recorder