

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT:

Directors: D. Screech (Chair), B. Isitt (Vice Chair), J. Brownoff, M. Hicks (9:38), C. Plant, L. Seaton, M. Tait (9:38), C. Thornton-Joe (for M. Alto), K. Williams
Staff: L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; M. MacIntyre, Acting Manager, Regional Parks; B. Hudson, Manager, Planning, Resource Management, and Development; E. Gorman, Deputy Corporate Officer; P. Perna, Committee Clerk (Recorder)
Others: Director Howe and Alternate Director Lougher-Goodey

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Brownoff, SECONDED by Director Plant,
That the agenda for the September 19, 2018 Regional Parks Committee meeting
be approved as circulated.
CARRIED**

2. Adoption of Minutes

- 2.1. [18-492](#) Minutes of the July 18, 2018 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

**MOVED by Director Seaton, SECONDED by Director Plant,
That the minutes of the July 18, 2018 Regional Parks Committee meeting be
adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair remarked on the following:
- the cancellation of the Request for Proposals for the Todd Creek Trestle repairs due to the quotes being too high
- concerns along with strong support expressed at the E & N Rail Trail open house

4. Presentations/Delegations

- 4.1. [18-513](#) Delegation: Robert McConnell, Victoria Golden Rods & Reels, Re: Item 5.3. Rowing Canada Aviron National Training Centre

Robert McConnell spoke in concern for the proposal of a national training centre on Elk/Beaver Lake.

- 4.2. [18-514](#) Delegation: James Keogh and Brenda Taylor, Victoria Rowing Society,
Re: Item 5.3. Rowing Canada Aviron National Training Centre
- James Keogh spoke in favour of the National Training Centre at Elk/Beaver Lake and of the rowing community.

5. Committee Business

- 5.1. [18-478](#) Matthews Point Regional Park Management Plan
- B. Hudson provided an overview of the report and the draft management plan.

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Williams,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the Matthews Point Regional Park Management Plan be approved.
CARRIED**

- 5.2. [18-479](#) Saint John Point Regional Park and Mount Parke Regional Park Management Plans
- B. Hudson provided an overview of the report.

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Williams,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
That a management plan process be initiated for Saint John Point and Mount Parke regional parks and that the management plans for the 2 parks be developed concurrently, as per the project scope in Attachment 2 and the engagement process shown in Attachment 3.
CARRIED**

- 5.3. [18-490](#) Rowing Canada Aviron National Training Centre
- L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Williams,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the Board Chair write a letter of support in principle for the Victoria City Rowing Club's bid to become the home base for the national rowing centre.
CARRIED**

6. Correspondence

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Seaton,
That correspondence items 6.1, 6.2, and 6.3 be received for information.**

**MOVED by Director Tait, SECONDED by Director Hicks,
That the main motion be amended to discuss and receive item 6.3 separately.
CARRIED**

The question was called on the main motion as amended.

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,
That correspondence items 6.1 and 6.2 be received for information.
CARRIED

6.1. [18-475](#) Correspondence: District of North Saanich Re: Horth Hill Regional Park

6.2. [18-476](#) Correspondence: CRD Response to District of North Saanich Re: Horth Hill Regional Park

6.3. [18-477](#) Correspondence: District of Sooke Re: Dogs

Director Tait spoke to the correspondence.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- dogs off-leash on gravel roads and trails
- flexibility in rules
- providing an educational approach
- the concerns for cyclists speeding through trails and not advising they are passing
- who is at fault if an incident occurs between cyclists and dogs

MOVED by Director Tait, **SECONDED** by Director Hicks,
That the Regional Parks Committee receive this correspondence and recommend to the Capital Regional District Board that:

WHEREAS the Capital Regional District implemented and commenced enforcement of the Regional Trails Management Plan provision of dogs on-leash in March 2018;

AND WHEREAS the most recent public consultation for dogs in parks specific to the Sooke Potholes and Kapoor Regional Park was undertaken in Sooke in 2006 and 2009;

THAT Council request the Capital Regional District reconsider adding a provision to the Regional Trails Management Plan to permit dogs off-leash on the Sea-to-Sea Park Trails, Galloping Goose Trail, and the trails and surrounding area along the Sooke River Potholes, between kilometre 49 and the CRD Watershed (approximately kilometre 57) **EXCEPT** between June 1 and September 15 between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm.

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Directors Alto, Brownoff, Isitt, Plant, Screech, Seaton, Williams, and Alternate Director Thornton-Joe

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,
That the correspondence from the District of Sooke be referred to staff for consideration when preparing the policy for Regional Parks with regards to dogs on or off leash in regional trails.

CARRIED

7. New Business - None.

8. Motion to Close the Meeting

8.1. [18-505](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,
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.

CARRIED

The Committee moved to the closed session at 10:24 am.

The Committee rose from the closed session at 10:44 am without report.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,
That the September 19, 2018 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at
10:44 am.

CARRIED

Chair

Recorder