

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

10:00 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: B. Isitt (Chair), D. Screech (Vice Chair), F. Haynes, J. Loveday, C. McNeil-Smith, J. Brownoff (for R. Mersereau), J. Ranns, L. Szpak (for L. Seaton), M. Tait, G. Young,

Staff: L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; J. Leahy, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; T. Moss, Visitor Services & Community Development Manager, Regional Parks; B. Schultz, Manager Planning, Resource Management and Development, Regional Parks; E. Gorman, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

Regrets: Director Martin and Board Chair Plant (ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Isitt provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Loveday, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,
The the agenda be amended to permit one (1) delegate to speak, Daniel Smith of the South Island Mountain Bike Society: Re: Item 6.3.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Tait, **SECONDED** by Director Loveday,
That the agenda for the February 26, 2020 Regional Parks Committee meeting be approved, as amended.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [20-154](#) Minutes of the January 22, 2020 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Haynes, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of January 22, 2020 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

The Chair had no remarks.

5. Presentations/Delegations

- 5.1. Delegation - Daniel Smith; Resident of Victoria: Re: Agenda Item 6.3.:
Regional Parks - Visitor Use Surveys - 2018 and 2019
Daniel Smith spoke to Item 6.3. in favour of the Mountain Bike Trail System.

6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [20-053](#) Response to Notice of Motion: Dog Management Policy Applied to CRD
Regional Parks and Trails within the District of Sooke

J. Leahy spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- enforcement and education in the community
- consideration of an 'under-command' option on the Galloping Goose from KM 49 during the off-season
- number of tickets issued
- challenge of policies tailored to urban areas being enforced in rural areas
- impact to wildlife if there is off-leash trail use during the off-season
- aligning the motion with the campgrounds opening weekend

MOVED by Director Tait, **SECONDED** by Director Loveday,
The Regional Parks Committee receives this report for information.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Tait, **SECONDED** by Director Ranns,
Request staff to report back on providing a 'dog-under-command' option for the Galloping Goose Trail from KM 49 to the CRD watershed, except between June 1 and Sept 15 between 9 am and 9 pm.

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,
That the motion arising be amended so that the words "including data on tickets issued in 2018 and 2019" be added after the words "...between 9 am and 9 pm."
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Young,
That the motion arising be further amended so that the words "and also including options for streamlined engagement including cyclists, Sooke residents and other trail users" be added after the words "...tickets issued in 2018 and 2019."
CARRIED

The question was called on the motion arising, as amended:

MOVED by Director Tait, **SECONDED** by Director Ranns,
Request staff to report back on providing a 'dog-under-command' option for the Galloping Goose Trail from KM 49 to the CRD watershed, except between June 1 and Sept 15 between 9 am and 9 pm, including data on tickets issued in 2018 and 2019 and also including options for streamlined engagement including cyclists, Sooke residents and other trail users.
CARRIED

- 6.2. [20-153](#) Regional Parks - Sustainable Service Delivery

L Hutcheson spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- projections on usage for existing parks
- accommodation of new builds within the 5 year capital plan
- degradation on regional trails due to recent rainfall
- consistent parking fees at regional parks
- legacy program: donations to install benches and picnic tables
- resurfacing of roads and parking lots
- management planning of the parks
- accessibility for all members of the public

**MOVED by Director Haynes, SECONDED by Director Screech,
The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District
Board:**

**That Regional Parks sustainable service delivery report be received for
information.**

CARRIED

Director Loveday left the meeting at 11:07 am.

6.3. [20-149](#)

Regional Parks - Visitor Use Surveys - 2018 and 2019

T. Moss presented Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- bylaw enforcement within parks
- accessibility/mobility challenges within parks
- resident survey capturing those who do not use the parks
- weather conditions on the days the survey was conducted
- working with transit to get people to the parks

**MOVED by Alternate Director Szpak, SECONDED by Director Tait,
The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District
Board:**

That this report be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Notice(s) of Motion

7.1.

Director Haynes: CRD Parks Acquisition Fund Notice of Motion

That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the CRD Board:

**That staff report back on options to improve the capacity of the CRD Parks
Acquisition Fund for example starting in 2021 by \$2.00 per year to reach \$40.00
from its current \$20.00.**

8. New Business

There was no New Business.

9. Motion to Close the Meeting

9.1. [20-179](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Young,
That the meeting be closed for Land Acquisition in accordance with section 90 (1)
(e) of the Community Charter.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Young,
That the Board considers that disclosures could reasonably be expected to harm
the interests of the Regional District
CARRIED

The meeting was closed at 11:34 am and rose without report at 11:43 am.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Alternate Director Szpak, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,
That the February 26, 2020 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at
11:43 am.
CARRIED

Chair

Recorder