

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

10:00 AM

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

Special Meeting

PRESENT

Directors: B. Isitt (Chair), D. Screech (Vice Chair), F. Haynes, J. Loveday (10:09 am), C. McNeil-Smith (EP), R. Mersereau, L. Seaton, M. Tait, G. Young, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; J. Leahy, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; S. Henderson, Manager, Real Estate; B. Schultz, Manager Planning, Resource Management and Development, Regional Parks; M. Lagoa, Acting Deputy Corporate Officer; S. Closson, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP – Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors R. Martin, J. Ranns

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

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Isitt provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Seaton, SECONDED by Director Haynes,
That the agenda for the September 30, 2020 Regional Parks Committee meeting
be approved.
CARRIED**

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair noted that the meeting fell on Orange Shirt Day and the importance of acknowledging past harm but to look forward to working and building more respectful relationships with First Nations and in this area where the CRD has already made good progress.

4. Presentations/Delegations

- 4.1. [20-595](#) Delegation - Mick Collins; Representing the Victoria Golden Rods and Reels Fishing and Social Club: Re: Agenda Item 5.2.: Elk/Beaver Lake Remediation Project

M. Collins spoke in favour of the Elk/Beaver Lake Remediation Project.

- 4.2. [20-594](#) Delegation - Jamie Disbrow; Representing the Beaver Elk Environmental Stewards Society: Re: Agenda Item 5.2.: Elk/Beaver Lake Remediation Project

J. Disbrow spoke in favour of the Elk/Beaver Lake Remediation Project.

5. Committee Business

- 5.1. [20-566](#) 2019-2022 Parks & Natural Resource Management Service Planning

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the 2019-2022 Parks & Natural Resource Management Service Planning.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- funding formula for acquisitions
- future consideration for park acquisitions
- Land Acquisition Fund criteria
- infrastructure renewal gap
- operational and maintenance costs
- grant renewal programs
- invasive plant species
- tax implications
- alternate revenue sources

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Loveday,
That an alternate recommendation replace no. 2 of the original recommendation:

2. That the Land Acquisition Fund be increased by \$1 per average residential household assessment each year until 2025, beginning in 2021, and that staff report back on options to ensure adequate operational and capital funds are available annually to support growth in park assets.

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Loveday,
That the amendment be further amended to replace "\$1" with "\$2" and to replace "2025" with "2030" as follows:

2. That the Land Acquisition Fund be increased by \$2 per average residential household assessment each year until 2030, beginning in 2021, and that staff report back on options to ensure adequate operational and capital funds are available annually to support growth in park assets.

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Haynes, McNeil-Smith, Screech, Seaton, Tait, Young

Director McNeil-Smith requested the amendment be split into the following recommendations and the request was granted by the Chair:

2. That the Land Acquisition Fund be increased by \$1 per average residential household assessment each year until 2025, beginning in 2021, and;
3. That staff report back on options to ensure adequate operational and capital funds are available annually to support growth in park assets.

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Loveday,

2. That the Land Acquisition Fund be increased by \$1 per average residential

household assessment each year until 2025, beginning in 2021.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: McNeil-Smith, Seaton, Tait, Young

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Loveday,

3. That staff report back on options to ensure adequate operational and capital funds are available annually to support growth in park assets.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,

That this matter be referred to the Board.

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Haynes, Isitt, Loveday, McNeil-Smith, Mersereau, Plant, Screech, Seaton, Tait, Young

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Haynes,

That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the Board Chair advocate to the provincial and federal governments asking them to participate in further parkland acquisition in the Capital Region.

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Loveday,

That the arising motion be postponed to the next Regional Parks Committee meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,

The question was called on the main motion:

The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That Appendix A, Community Need Summary - Parks & Natural Resource Management be approved as presented and advanced to the October 28, 2020 provisional budget review process.

CARRIED

5.2. [20-571](#)

Elk/Beaver Lake Remediation Project

J. Leahy spoke to the Elk/Beaver Lake Remediation Project.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- agricultural land use practices
- water quality identification
- environmental stewardship
- possible timeline for system installation

MOVED by Director Tait, **SECONDED** by Director Mersereau,

The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That this report be received for information; and
2. That staff be directed to implement actions within the Elk/Beaver Lake Watershed Management Plan, as opportunities allow.

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Loveday,

That the motion be amended to add the words "...taking into consideration approaches and actions recommended by community stakeholders." after the

words "...as opportunities allow."

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: McNeil-Smith, Plant, Screech, Seaton, Tait, Young

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

- 1. That this report be received for information; and**
- 2. That staff be directed to implement actions within the Elk/Beaver Lake Watershed Management Plan, as opportunities allow.**

CARRIED

6. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no Notice(s) of Motion.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Motion to Close the Meeting

8.1. [20-585](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

**MOVED by Director Loveday, SECONDED by Director Mersereau,
That the meeting be closed for Land Acquisition in accordance with Section 90(1)
(e) of the Community Charter.**

CARRIED

**MOVED by Director Loveday, SECONDED by Director Mersereau,
That such disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the
Regional District.**

CARRIED

The meeting went into closed session at 11:52 am and rose without report at 12:19 pm.

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Seaton, SECONDED by Director Loveday,
That the September 30, 2020 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at
12:19 pm.**

CARRIED

Chair

Recorder