

## Meeting Minutes

### Regional Parks Committee

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Wednesday, June 23, 2021

10:00 AM

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

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#### PRESENT

Directors: R. Mersereau (Chair), G. Young (Vice Chair), G. Holman (EP), B. Isitt, R. Martin (EP), J. Ranns (EP), D. Screech, L. Seaton, M. Tait (EP), N. Taylor, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex officio) (EP)

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; J. Leahy, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; S. Henderson, Manager, Real Estate; M. MacIntyre, Manager of Parks Operations, Regional Parks; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Councillor J. Olsen

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

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Screech provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED** by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,  
That the agenda for the June 23, 2021 Regional Parks Committee meeting be approved.  
**CARRIED**

Chair Mersereau advised the committee that Director Seaton will present a video on behalf of the City of Langford, under New Business.

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [21-516](#) Minutes of the April 28, 2021 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

**MOVED** by Director Taylor, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,  
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of April 28, 2021 be adopted as circulated.  
**CARRIED**

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Mersereau noted that Directors will be advised of any changes to the summer meeting schedule.

#### 5. Presentations/Delegations

- 5.1. [21-518](#) Delegation - Alastair Craighead; Resident of Victoria: Re: Agenda Item 7.1.: Motion with Notice: Ecological Values and Biodiversity in Park  
A. Craighead spoke in support of Item 7.1.
- 5.2. [21-519](#) Delegation - Nitya Harris; Resident of Langford: Re: Agenda Item 7.1.: Motion with Notice: Ecological Values and Biodiversity in Park  
N. Harris spoke in support of Item 7.1.
- 5.3. [21-520](#) Delegation - Shauna Doll; Representing Raincoast Conservation Foundation: Re: Agenda Item 7.1.: Motion with Notice: Ecological Values and Biodiversity in Park  
S. Doll spoke in support of Item 7.1.
- 5.4. [21-523](#) Delegation - Peter Gose; Resident of Highlands: Re: Agenda Item 7.1.: Motion with Notice: Ecological Values and Biodiversity in Park  
P. Gose spoke in support of Item 7.1.

#### 6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [21-502](#) Regional Parks - Service Level Review  
L. Hutcheson and J. Leahy spoke to Item 6.1.
- Discussion ensued on the following:
- the financing strategy
  - the impact of proposed budget changes to land acquisition opportunities
  - staffing levels for park maintenance
  - aligning the financing guidelines for consistency
  - information on financing guidelines to be presented to the Finance Committee on July 7, 2021
- MOVED by Director Isitt, SECONDED by Director Screech,  
The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:  
That staff be directed to report back to the Committee as part of the service planning process with a recommended financing option for future investments in land and major capital works that incorporates finance guidelines currently under development.  
CARRIED**

- 6.2. [21-501](#) Adoption of Bylaw No. 4431 (Amendment of CRD Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1, 2018) and Bylaw No. 4433 (Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 1857, Schedule 18)

L. Hutcheson introduced M. MacIntyre who spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the summary of amendments.

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

1. That Bylaw No. 4431, "Capital Regional District Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2021", be introduced, and read a first, second and third time;
2. That Bylaw Amendment No. 4431 be adopted;
3. That Bylaw Amendment No. 4433, "Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 70, 2021", be introduced, and read a first, second and third time; and
4. That Bylaw Amendment No. 4433 be adopted.

**MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,  
That the motion be amended to insert as motion number 2: "That staff examine the potential revision of the definition of the word 'hunt' to account for traditional use"

**MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Young  
That the amending motion be further amended to replace the wording "...the potential revision of the definition of the word 'hunt'..." with the words "a potential amendment...".

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Screech, Seaton

The question was called on the amended amendment,

2. That staff examine a potential amendment to account for traditional use.

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Screech, Seaton

The question was called on the main motion as amended,

1. That Bylaw No. 4431, "Capital Regional District Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2021", be introduced, and read a first, second and third time;
2. That staff examine a potential amendment to account for traditional use.
3. That Bylaw Amendment No. 4431 be adopted;
4. That Bylaw Amendment No. 4433, "Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 70, 2021", be introduced, and read a first, second and third time; and
5. That Bylaw Amendment No. 4433 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**6.3.**     [21-498](#)     Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference and Associated Bylaw

J. Leahy spoke to Item 6.3.

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

1. That the revised Terms of Reference for the Elk/Beaver Lake Advisory Committee be approved;
2. That Bylaw No. 4430, "Elk/Beaver Lake and Bear Hill Regional Park Management Plan Bylaw No. 1, 1992, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2021", be introduced, and read a first, second and third time; and
3. That Bylaw No. 4430 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## 7. Notice(s) of Motion

**7.1.**     [21-517](#)     Motion with Notice: Ecological Values and Biodiversity in Parks (Directors Isitt, Holman and Mersereau)

Director Isitt spoke to Item 7.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- the current work load of staff
- the need for balance between ecological protection and recreational use
- including potential ecological monitoring and protection efforts in the report
- ecological protection enhancement in the service level proposals

**Director Plant left the meeting at 11:52 am.**

**MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Holman,  
Whereas one of the two goals of regional parks is "protecting the region's extraordinary biodiversity in perpetuity" and whereas the existing Regional Parks Acquisition Strategy prioritizes acquisition of park land to protect ecological values:

Therefore be it resolved that staff be directed to report on how ecological values and biodiversity are protected and monitored in regional parks and on the CRD's staffing and resource capacity to evaluate the effectiveness of ecological protection in the regional parks system, including consideration of wildlife habitat and disturbance, biodiversity, impacts of new infrastructure, and the CRD's declared climate emergency.

**CARRIED**

## 8. New Business

Director Seaton provided a presentation on the Jordie Lunn Bike Park for the information of committee members.

## 9. Motion to Close the Meeting

9.1. [21-334](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

**MOVED** by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,

1. That the meeting be closed for Land Acquisition in accordance with Section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,

2. That such disclosures could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Regional District.

**CARRIED**

**10. Rise and Report**

The Regional Parks Committee rose from the closed session at 12:41 pm without report.

**11. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Director Seaton, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,

That the June 23, 2021 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at 12:41 pm.

**CARRIED**

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Chair

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Recorder