

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

10:00 AM

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

PRESENT

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

Staff: L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; J. Leahy, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

Guest(s): Director R. Windsor

Regrets: Councillor J. Olsen

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

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Martin provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Screech, SECONDED by Director Seaton,
That the agenda for the October 27, 2021 Regional Parks Committee meeting be approved as amended to permit one (1) late delegation to speak, and that Director Windsor be allowed to participate without vote in the October 27, 2021 Regional Parks Committee Meeting.
CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [21-786](#) Minutes of the September 22, 2021 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

**MOVED by Director Seaton, SECONDED by Director Screech,
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of September 22, 2021 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Mersereau encouraged members to use their time in the Committee of the Whole to have a wholesome discussion on those topics that were referred from the last meeting of this committee.

5. Presentations/Delegations

- 5.1. Delegation - Rob Buchan; Resident of Central Saanich; Re: Agenda Item 6.4. CRD Regional Parks - Mosquito Population Management and Control Program

Rob Buchan spoke to Item 6.4.

6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [21-677](#) E&N Rail Trail - Humpback Connector

J. Leahy spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- that future plans take into consideration the Safe Routes to School program
- working with Langford staff with planning and implementation of trails
- building trails beyond our current needs
- available funds for trail maintenance

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

That this report be received for information.

CARRIED

- 6.2. [21-673](#) Ecological Values and Biodiversity in Regional Parks

J. Leahy spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- implications of adopting the conservation strategy on an interim basis
- clarification of the 2022 work plan

**MOVED by Director Isitt, SECONDED by Director Holman,
That the matter be referred to staff to report back to the Committee by January 2022 on the advisability of adopting the conservation strategy on an interim basis pending the updating of that strategy.**

CARRIED

6.3. [21-801](#) Regional Trails Management Plan - Implementation Update

J. Leahy spoke to item 6.3.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- working toward a more cohesive road crossing system across the region
- intervals at which toilet facilities are installed along the Galloping Goose
- a regional trail expansion policy for the Juan de Fuca area
- inclusion of electoral areas in the Southern Vancouver Island Transportation Strategy
- future plans taking into consideration lessons learned from previous rural builds

Director Ranns left the meeting at 10:56 am.

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

That this report be received for information.

CARRIED

**MOVED by Director Screech, SECONDED by Director Isitt,
That the Board refer strategic action 2 in the Regional Trails Management Plan to the Capital Regional District Transportation Working Group, as a priority for action in 2022 and to refer all outstanding actions from the plan that require local government coordination to the Working Group to consider in advancing regional transportation priorities.**

CARRIED

**MOVED by Director Isitt, SECONDED by Director Holman,
That the committee direct staff to report back in 2022 on options for evaluating the evolution of the regional trail network.**

CARRIED

6.4. [21-794](#) CRD Regional Parks - Mosquito Population Management and Control Program

J. Leahy spoke to Item 6.4.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- reserve funds that could be contributed to replacing the flapper gate
- the reason for conducting a feasibility study before replacing the flapper gate
- determining the source of this issue and where the costs should be borne
- the long term plans for this area, taking into consideration climate change
- other options being considered by the Tsawout Nation
- the timeline of this recommendation

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

1. That the Board authorize up to \$15,000 of funding toward a feasibility study for the replacement of the Tsawout flapper gate; and
2. That staff undertake a drainage study for the ditches in Island View Beach Regional Park, share the results with the District of Central Saanich and Tsawout First Nation, and report back.

CARRIED

7. Notice(s) of Motion

7.1. [21-755](#) Motion with Notice: Lighting and Trail Improvement/Widening Policy (Director Plant)

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Isitt,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Board:
That staff develop a Lighting and Trail Improvement/Widening Policy.**

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Screech,
That this item be referred to staff to report back on current endeavors and the advisability of such new policies.**

CARRIED

7.2. [21-756](#) Motion with Notice: Construction and Detour Policy (Director Plant)

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Isitt,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Board:
That staff develop a Construction and Detour Policy.**

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Screech,
That this item be referred to staff to report back on current endeavors and the advisability of such new policies.**

CARRIED

8. New Business

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,
That the October 27, 2021 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at
12:04 pm.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER