

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT

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

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; S. Carby, Senior Manager, Protective Services; M. MacIntyre, Acting Senior Manager, Regional Parks; S. May, Senior Manager, Facilities Management and Engineering Services; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director B. Isitt

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Mersereau provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Young, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,
That the agenda for the February 23, 2022 Regional Parks Committee meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [22-141](#) Minutes of the January 26, 2022 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Tait, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of January 26, 2022 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Mersereau thanked the committee for the very thoughtful and thorough discussion at the last meeting.

The Chair encouraged Committee members to direct members of their community to getinvolved.crd.bc.ca to provide feedback on the Regional Parks Strategic Plan Update.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [22-149](#) 2022 Regional Parks Committee Terms of Reference - Revised

Discussion ensued on the fundamental changes to the Terms of Reference.

**MOVED by Director Seaton, SECONDED by Director Martin,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:**

That the Regional Parks Committee 2022 Terms of Reference, attached as Appendix A, be approved as amended.

CARRIED

6.2. [22-055](#) Elk/Beaver Lake Remediation - Project Update

S. May spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- funding levels from the Province and the implications to the budget
- the scientific findings of oxygen levels in both lakes
- the annual operating costs
- next steps once the oxygenation system is installed in Elk Lake
- the delays to project implementation deadline

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

That the CRD Regional Parks Elk/Beaver Lake Remediation Update be received for information.

CARRIED

6.3. [22-139](#) Conservation Strategy Framework Review

M. MacIntyre spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued on the timeline to develop a new Conservation Strategy.

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

**That the 2010 Framework for the Conservation Strategy for Capital Regional
District - Regional Parks: Providing strategic direction for parkland management
not be adopted on an interim basis, and a new conservation plan be developed
by staff for Board decision following the strategic plan update.**

CARRIED

6.4. [22-129](#) 2021 Regional Parks Compliance and Enforcement Program

M. MacIntyre spoke to Item 6.4.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- the reason for the low number of dog offences
- the types of campers who were issued camping infractions
- the situations that warrant issuing a parking ticket
- whether the volunteer compliance strategy is prompting long-term behavioral changes

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

**That the 2021 Regional Parks Compliance and Enforcement Program staff report
be received for information.**

CARRIED

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Screech, SECONDED by Director Martin,
That the February 23, 2022 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at
10:16 am.**

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER