

## Meeting Minutes

### Regional Parks Committee

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Wednesday, June 22, 2022

9:30 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, D. Screech, L. Seaton (EP), M. Tait (9:39 am) (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. MacIntyre, Manager, Plan and Dev., Regional Parks; J. Mooney, Acting Manager, Park Operations, Regional Parks; T. Moss, Manager, Visitor Services & Community Dev., Regional Parks; E. Taylor, Planner, Regional Parks; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am.

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Isitt provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Isitt, SECONDED by Director Ranns,  
That the agenda for the June 22, 2022 Regional Parks Committee meeting be  
approved as amended to add delegation 5.2.  
CARRIED**

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [22-234](#) Minutes of the March 23, 2022 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

**MOVED by Director Isitt, SECONDED by Director Ranns,  
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of March 23, 2022 be  
adopted as circulated.  
CARRIED**

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Mersereau thanked staff for working diligently to bring the Strategic Plan to the committee on schedule.

#### 5. Presentations/Delegations

- 5.1. [22-425](#) Delegation - Daniel Cammiade; Representing Nature Trails Society: Re: Agenda Item 6.1.: Renewed Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan

D. Cammiade spoke to Item 6.1.

- 5.2. [22-433](#) Delegation - Yvonne Mendel; Representing South Island Mountain Biking Society: Re: Agenda Item 6.1.: Renewed Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan

Y. Mendel spoke to Item 6.1.

## 6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [22-409](#) Renewed Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan

L. Hutcheson spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- the advantages to the interim approval of this plan
- building an East-Westbound trail connector
- First Nations engagement
- the revised land acquisition strategy
- the trail standard for rural areas
- indicating specific user groups within the strategic plan
- completing a service level review of trails to inform the plan
- stating more specific actions around climate change
- the language used in classification of trails

**Director Tait left the meeting at 11:03 am.**

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

- 1. That the Capital Regional District Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan 2022-2032 be approved on an interim basis for one year while engagement with First Nations continues.**

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED: Isitt**

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

- 2. That bike parking and e-bike charging stations be added to priority action 4-2e.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion Arising:**

**MOVED by Director Isitt, SECONDED by Director Taylor,**

**The Regional Parks Committee direct staff to report back, as part of the review, on the advisability of including the following target in the plan:**

**"That the Capital Regional District work with indigenous, federal, provincial, and philanthropic partners to expand protected areas of the region to 25% of the region's land base by 2032."**

**CARRIED**

**Motion Arising:**

**MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Young,

That staff be directed to consider the expansion of camping opportunities as part of the development of the Outdoor Recreation Plan as well as the report back on the Regional Parks and Trail Plan.

**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 Ranns, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,

That the June 22, 2022 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:24 am.

**CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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RECORDER