

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: C. McNeil-Smith (Chair), C. Coleman, S. Goodmanson, G. Holman (EP),
L. Szpak, M. Tait, S. Tobias, K. Williams (EP), R. Windsor, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex officio)

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

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director J. Brownoff

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

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair McNeil-Smith provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Goodmanson, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,
That the agenda for the February 22, 2023 Regional Parks Committee meeting be
approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [23-140](#) Minutes of the June 22, 2022 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Tait, **SECONDED** by Director Tobias,
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of June 22, 2022 be
adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair McNeil-Smith noted that he is excited to be serving as chair to this
committee and he is looking forward to the work to be done this year.
The Chair also acknowledged the great work that staff continue to do in
providing residents with a remarkable regional parks and trails network.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [23-167](#) 2023 Regional Parks Committee Terms of Reference

L. Hutcheson presented Item 6.1. for information.

6.2. [23-141](#) Island View Beach Regional Park - Ditch Maintenance

M. MacIntyre presented Item 6.2. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- the different data captured in the two reports when referencing the condition of the ditch system being due to time of year
- the monitoring system in place to assess the situation
- whether the flapper gates are functioning properly
- the surrounding non-CRD lands contributing to the mosquito population
- putting into practice the recommendations from contractors
- commitment from staff to report back to this committee at the end of this summer
- public engagement regarding the mosquito abatement plan for Island View Beach Regional Park and its status

Motion Arising

MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Szpak,

The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the CRD Board:

That a comparison of ditch depth differences between the baseline data in 2012 and 2022 work be brought forward as soon as possible through the Regional Parks Committee.

CARRIED

Motion Arising

MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Tait,

The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the CRD Board:

To authorize, if possible, to capture aerial drone footage of the ditch system to capture the foliage patterns.

CARRIED

Motion Arising

MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Windsor,

The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the CRD Board:

That the CRD convene a meeting with participants (including the TSAWOUT, Central Saanich and FOIVB "Friends of Island View Beach") to discuss the mosquito abatement program at Island View Beach Regional Park and report back to the March or April Regional Parks Committee.

MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Windsor,

That the motion arising be amended to add the wording "present and" before the word "discuss".

CARRIED

MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Windsor,
That the motion arising be further amended to remove the wording "March or"
after the wording "report back to the".
CARRIED

The question was called on the main motion as amended.
The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the CRD Board:
That the CRD convene a meeting with participants (including the TSAWOUT,
Central Saanich and FOIVB "Friends of Island View Beach") to present and
discuss the mosquito abatement program at Island View Beach Regional Park
and report back to the April Regional Parks Committee.
CARRIED

Motion Arising
MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Szpak,
That the Central Saanich staff be invited by CRD staff to all meetings pertaining
to the update work being done by Greater Pacific & Aqua-Tex.
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 Coleman, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,
That the February 22, 2023 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at
10:56 am.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER