

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: J. Brownoff (Vice Chair), C. Coleman, S. Goodmanson (EP) (9:38 am), G. Holman (EP), L. Szpak, M. Tait, S. Tobias, K. Williams, R. Windsor, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex officio) (EP)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; J. Leahy, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; S. Orr, Senior Committee Clerk; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director C. McNeil-Smith

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

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Acting Chair Brownoff provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Tait, **SECONDED** by Director Coleman,
That the agenda for the April 26, 2023 Regional Parks Committee meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [23-305](#) Minutes of the March 22, 2023 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Williams, **SECONDED** by Director Szpak,
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of March 22, 2023 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Acting Chair Brownoff stated that a report will be brought to this committee regarding the April 12th discussions held at the Tsawout offices around the mosquito program at Island View Beach.

She further stated that if any directors should like to attend this afternoon's First Nations Relations Committee, staff will be making a presentation on their trip to the Central Coast, where they learned about the First Nations Guardian Watchmen program with BC Parks.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [23-327](#) Capital Regional District Regional Parks and Trails - 2022 Progress Report

L. Hutcheson introduced J. Leahy who presented Item 6.1. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- continuing our work with Tsawout First Nation and Central Saanich staff for Lochside Regional Trail improvements
- traffic concerns at Thetis Lake Regional Park
- the effect climate change has on the arboreal canopy closure
- managing the opposing goals of conservation and accessibility within the parks
- managing invasive species in regional parks
- staff providing a carbon sequestration report to this committee
- the status and funding sources of various regional trail projects
- providing the species-at-risk inventory report to region's municipalities
- the Accessibility Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference

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 Tait, **SECONDED** by Director Szpak,
That the April 26, 2023 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at 10:28 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER