

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: C. McNeil-Smith (Chair), J. Brownoff (Vice Chair), G. Holman (EP), 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; J. Leahy, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; M. MacIntyre, Manager, Planning Resource Mgt and Dev, Regional Parks; J. Mooney, Manager, Park Operations, Regional Parks; T. Moss, Manager, Visitor Services & Community Dev, Regional Parks; C. Vernon, Manager, First Nations Relations; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director C. Coleman, S. Goodmanson, L. Szpak, M. Tait

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Williams provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Brownoff,
That the agenda for the May 24, 2023 Regional Parks Committee meeting be
approved.
CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [23-372](#) Minutes of the April 26, 2023 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

**MOVED by Director Brownoff, SECONDED by Director Windsor,
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of April 26, 2023 be
adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair McNeil-Smith noted how exciting it is to have all 33 CRD regional parks officially recognized in the Canadian Protected and Conserved Area Database.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [23-366](#) Capital Regional District Regional Parks Dam Safety - Critical Infrastructure

M. MacIntyre presented Item 6.1. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the options being considered for dams nearing their end of life
- the consideration of environmental benefits during upgrades
- funding sources
- assessments of dams for potential decommissioning

6.2. [23-367](#) CRD Regional Parks Division - 2023 Operational Update

J. Mooney presented Item 6.2. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- temporary-use permits for camping at Island View Beach
- Lochside Trail improvements due to increased use
- jurisdiction and options to improve the Island View boat launch

Motion Arising

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,
The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the CRD Board:

That staff report at the July Capital Regional District Board meeting on adding a pilot to extend the Island View Beach camping season beyond the current end of season on Labour Day.

CARRIED

Motion Arising

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Plant;
The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the CRD Board:

That staff bring forward an information report, when available, on all historical and current information on the issue of the Island View Beach boat launch.

CARRIED

Discussion ensued regarding:

- funding options to support regional trail operations
- staff meeting with the Minister of Transportation regarding the Salt Spring Island Salish Sea Trail
- the length of term of the regional trails license agreement renewals

Director Plant left the meeting at 10:20 am.

6.3. [23-363](#) Presentation: A Journey to Reconciliation: Learning from the Central Coast

J. Leahy and C. Vernon presented Item 6.3.: A Journey to Reconciliation: Learning from the Central Coast for information.

Discussion ensued regarding potential legislative obstacles to co-managing the regional parks with local First Nations.

7. Notice(s) of Motion

7.1. [23-368](#) Motion with Notice: Island View Beach Mosquito Management (Director Windsor)

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Tobias,
WHEREAS, the Island View Beach region is within the Tsawout First Nation, Capital Regional District, and District of Central Saanich jurisdictions; and
WHEREAS, the Island View Beach region has drainage and pest mosquito issues across the three jurisdictions;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to report back on creating an engineering working group with Tsawout First Nation, CRD and Central Saanich to conduct a holistic assessment of the drainage of the Island View Beach area this year so that improvements to the drainage system can be made to address the pest mosquito issues.
CARRIED

Discussion ensued regarding the existing working group.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Tobias,
That the May 24, 2023 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at 10:55 am.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER