

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, June 28, 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), G. Holman (EP), L. Szpak (9:36 am) (EP), M. Tait (9:31 am) (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; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; J. Leahy, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; E. Sinclair, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning; M. MacIntyre, Manager, Planning Resource Mgt and Dev, Regional Parks; E. Taylor, Planner, 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 9:30 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Windsor provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Williams, **SECONDED** by Director Coleman,
That the agenda for the June 28, 2023 Regional Parks Committee meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [23-412](#) Minutes of the May 24, 2023 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Coleman,
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of May 24, 2023 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Acting Chair Brownoff thanked the View Royal and Saanich Fire Departments for their quick work extinguishing the recent fires in regional parks.

5. Presentations/Delegations

- 5.1. [23-459](#) Delegation - Philip Symons; Representing Greater Victoria Acting Together: Re: Agenda Item 6.3. Consideration of Regional Parks Land for Foodlands Access Program

P. Symons spoke to Item 6.3.

- 5.2. [23-462](#) Delegation - Alastair Craighead; Resident of Victoria: Re: Agenda Item 6.1. First Nations Feedback on the Interim Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan 2022-2032

A. Craighead spoke to Item 6.1.

6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [23-453](#) First Nations Feedback on the Interim Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan 2022-2032

J. Leahy spoke to Item 6.1.

Director Plant joined the meeting in person at 9:43 am.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- updating the strategic plan as needed moving forward
- addressing the recreation component within the parks

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

That the Capital Regional District Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan 2022-2032 be approved.

CARRIED

- 6.2. [23-429](#) Ditch Maintenance for Mosquito Control - Island View Beach Regional Park

J. Leahy presented Item 6.2. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- arranging a meeting schedule to coordinate efforts between stakeholders
- clearing foliage to allow entry to problem areas
- the working group doing an annual check-in with this committee

6.3. [23-430](#) Consideration of Regional Parks Land for Foodlands Access Program

M. MacIntyre and E. Sinclair spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- cost recovery for this service
- the zoning status of the property
- including academic institutions in this process

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

**That conditional approval be given to use the Bear Hill site as a test location for
the Foodlands Access Program's new farmer incubator.**

CARRIED

6.4. [23-445](#) Island View Beach Regional Park Campground - Operating Season
Extension Pilot Project

M. MacIntyre spoke to Item 6.4.

Discussion ensued on promotional plans to advise the public of the extended
season.

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

1. That the 2023 operating season for the Island View Beach Regional Park
Campground be extended to the end of the Thanksgiving long weekend, October
9, 2023, as a pilot project; and
2. That CRD staff review the success of the pilot project and report back to the
Regional Parks Committee and Board in early 2024.

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 Williams, SECONDED by Director Coleman,
That the June 28, 2023 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at 10:40
am.**

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER