

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: C. McNeil-Smith (Chair), J. Brownoff (Vice Chair), C. Coleman, S. Goodmanson, G. Holman (EP), L. Szpak (9:55 am) (EP), M. Tait (9:32 am) (EP), S. Tobias, K. Williams, R. Windsor, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex officio)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; J. Leahy, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; M. Medland, Senior Financial Advisor, Financial Services; E. Sinclair, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning; M. MacIntyre, Manager, Planning, Resource Management and Development, Regional Parks; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

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

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Brownoff provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

Director Tait joined the meeting at 9:32 am.

MOVED by Director Coleman, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,
That the agenda for the September 27, 2023 Regional Parks Committee meeting
be approved.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [23-674](#) Minutes of the June 28, 2023 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Goodmanson,
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of June 28, 2023 be
adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair McNeil-Smith thanked the Regional Parks team for their numerous accomplishments this past year.

5. Presentations/Delegations

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Brownoff,
That late delegation R. Dupass, be permitted to speak.
CARRIED**

- 5.1. [23-703](#) Delegation - Anna Maria Laughlin; Resident of Saanich: Re: Agenda Item 6.2.: Regional Parks Service - 2024 Operating and Capital Budget and Item 6.3.: CRD Regional Parks & Trails - Non-Tax Revenue Options

A. Laughlin spoke to Item 6.2.

- 5.2. [23-705](#) Delegation - Chris LeTourneur; Resident of Saanich: Re: Agenda Item 6.2.: Regional Parks Service - 2024 Operating and Capital Budget

C. Letourneur spoke to Item 6.2.

The late delegation did not participate.

6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [23-666](#) Service Planning 2024 - Regional Parks Community Need Summary

L. Hutcheson spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- creating a natural asset management program
- clarification of the First Nations funding
- advancing recreation facility opportunities
- installing First Nations territory markers along regional trails
- informing the public of invasive species removal work completed

Director Szpak joined the meeting at 9:55 am.

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Tobias,
The Regional Parks Committee recommends the Committee of the Whole
recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
That Appendix A, Community Need Summary - Regional Parks, be approved as
presented and form the basis of the Provisional 2024-2028 Financial Plan.
CARRIED**

6.2. [23-673](#) Regional Parks Service - 2024 Operating and Capital Budget

L. Hutcheson and J. Leahy spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- future parking fee revenues being reflected in the final budget
- impacts to the budget by switching to electric fleet vehicles
- First Nations participation in this committee
- the impact to residents of the Beaver Lake area in relation to planned work site improvements
- staff contacting Saanich staff regarding an analysis of Beaver Lake Road

Director Tobias left the meeting at 10:51 am.

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Plant,
The Regional Parks Committee recommends the Committee of the Whole
recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
That Appendix A, Operating & Capital Budget - Regional Parks Service be
approved as presented and form the basis of the Provisional 2024-2028 Financial
Plan.**

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Holman

6.3. [23-671](#) CRD Regional Parks & Trails - Non-Tax Revenue Options

J. Leahy spoke to Item 6.3.

Referral Motion:

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Windsor,
That this item be referred to the Capital Regional District Board at the October 11,
2023 meeting.**

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 Windsor, SECONDED by Director Brownoff,
That the September 27, 2023 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at
11:14 am.**

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER