

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: C. McNeil-Smith (Chair), J. Brownoff (Vice Chair) (EP), S. Goodmanson (EP), G. Holman (EP), L. Szpak, M. Tait (9:35 am), S. Tobias (EP), K. Williams, R. Windsor, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex officio)

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 Management and Development, Regional Parks; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director C. Coleman

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

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director McNeil-Smith provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Williams,
That the agenda for the November 22, 2023 Regional Parks Committee meeting
be approved.
CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [23-888](#) Minutes of the September 27, 2023 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Williams,
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of September 27,
2023 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair McNeil-Smith noted that this is the last meeting of 2023, and thanked committee members and staff for all their great work.

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1. Presentations

5.1.1. [23-912](#) Presentation: Neil Arason, Island Health; Re: Water Safety in CRD Lakes

N. Arason presented on Water Safety in CRD Lakes.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- partnering with Island Health and School Districts to evaluate programs that could be offered at regional parks
- the challenges to lifeguarding at lakes with numerous access points

5.2. Delegations

5.2.1. [23-913](#) Delegation - Rob Thomas; Representing South Island Disc Golf Society: Re: Agenda Item 6.1.: Regional Parks - Interim Management Guidelines

R. Thomas spoke to Item 6.1.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [23-898](#) Regional Parks - Interim Management Guidelines

J. Leahy presented Item 6.1. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- prioritization of work identified within the Regional Parks system
- modifying the Interim Management Guidelines process to be more comprehensive
- consideration of disc golf at the Royal Oak property

Motion Arising

MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Tait,

The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

Request staff to prioritize the development of the Interim Management Guidelines for Royal Oak Golf Course ahead of Wrigglesworth Lake and Mountain Forest.

CARRIED

6.2. [23-870](#) Pay Parking at Thetis Lake and Sooke Potholes Regional Parks

L. Hutcheson spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the policy around pay parking at regional parks
- staff providing a supplementary report to this item indicating the proposed parking rates
- directing parking revenues to support bylaw enforcement in these parks

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

That pay parking continue at Thetis Lake and Sooke Potholes regional parks, with a gradual rate adjustment to fair market value starting in 2025 over three years and the introduction of a short-term rate.

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Szpak,
That the main motion be amended by removing the word “continue”; replacing the word “with” with the word “receive”, and adding the words “, and to continue” after “2025”; and adding “,” after the wording “over three years”.**

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Tait, Tobias

The question was called on the main motion as amended:

The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That pay parking at Thetis Lake and Sooke Potholes regional parks, receive a gradual rate adjustment to fair market value starting in 2025, and to continue over three years, and the introduction of a short-term rate.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Tait, Tobias

6.3. [23-896](#) Regional Parks and Trails Resident Survey - Update

M. MacIntyre presented Item 6.3. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding clarification of the survey process.

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

8. New Business

Motion Arising

MOVED by Director Brownoff, SECONDED by Director Windsor,

The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional Board:

That staff work with partners including Island Health to review and update data and reports and provide a report back on opportunities on water safety at CRD Parks.

CARRIED

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,
That the November 22, 2023 Regional Parks Committee be adjourned at 11:20
am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER