

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Committee

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: D. Screech (Chair), J. Loveday (Vice Chair), J. Bateman (for M. Tait) (EP), P. Brent (EP), S. Brice (EP), B. Desjardins (EP), Z. de Vries (for R. Mersereau) (EP), K. Harper (for F. Haynes), B. Isitt (EP), C. McNeil-Smith, R. Martin (EP), L. Seaton (EP), N. Taylor, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex officio)

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; J. Leahy, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; E. Sinclair, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning; J. Hicks, Senior Transportation Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning; M. MacIntyre, Manager of Parks Operations, Regional Parks; E. Taylor, Planner, Regional Parks; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors: F. Haynes, R. Mersereau, M. Tait

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

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Screech provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Taylor, **SECONDED** by Director Loveday,
That the agenda for the June 15, 2022 Transportation Committee meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [22-401](#) Minutes of the April 20, 2022 Transportation Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Taylor, **SECONDED** by Director Loveday,
That the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting of April 20, 2022 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

The Chair spoke of the importance of the discussions to be had around the E&N Railway.

5. Presentations/Delegations

- 5.1. [22-406](#) Delegation - Corey Burger; Representing Capital Bike: Re: Agenda Items 6.3.: Regional Trails - Widening & Lighting Project and 6.4.: Temporary Closures of Regional Trails

C. Burger spoke to Items 6.3. & 6.4.

6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [22-388](#) Renewed Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan

J. Leahy spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- future plans for shared micromobility
- budget implications arising from any delay
- the importance of completing an impact assessment before creating new trails
- management of trails where they intersect with municipal roads
- the quickly evolving trail use necessitating a more fulsome plan
- protecting our relationship with the local First Nations

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director McNeil-Smith,
The Transportation Committee recommends to the Regional Parks Committee:
That the Capital Regional District Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan
2022-2032 be approved on an interim basis for one year while engagement with
First Nations continues.**

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Isitt

Motion Arising:

**MOVED by Alternate Director de Vries, SECONDED by Director Taylor,
That bike parking and e-bike charging stations be added to priority action 4-2e.**

CARRIED

6.2. [22-393](#) Island Rail Corridor (E&N Corridor) Advocacy

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- next steps
- the importance of board approved advocacy to the federal government
- the land-use component of the Island Corridor Foundation's business case

Motion Arising:

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,

The Transportation Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the Capital Regional District Board escalate advocacy for restoration and resumption of rail operations on the E&N Corridor and requests that the Chair communicates with Provincial, Federal, First Nations, and other regional elected officials on behalf of the Board.

CARRIED

Motion Arising:

MOVED by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Director Isitt,

That the Transportation Committee request staff provide the Board with steps to be taken and timelines for heightened, urgent advocacy in support of protecting the corridor particularly with the Federal government given the court deadline of March 2023.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: McNeil-Smith, Plant

6.3. [22-350](#) Regional Trails - Widening & Lighting Policies

This Item was postponed until the August 3, 2022 Transportation Committee meeting.

6.4. [22-347](#) Temporary Closures of Regional Trails

This Item was postponed until the August 3, 2022 Transportation Committee meeting.

6.5. [22-396](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

There was no recommendation. The minutes were for information only.

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 Taylor, **SECONDED** by Director McNeil-Smith,
That the June 15, 2022 Transportation Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:15
am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER