

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Committee

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: D. Murdock (Chair), L. Szpak (Vice Chair), P. Brent (EP), S. Brice, J. Caradonna, Z. de Vries, B. Desjardins (EP), S. Goodmanson, D. Kobayashi, C. McNeil-Smith, M. Tait (EP), D. Thompson, 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; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; J. Leahy, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; S. May, Senior Manager, Facilities Management and Engineering Services; J. Hicks, Senior Transportation Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning; M. MacIntyre, Manager, Planning, Resource Management & Development, Regional Parks; S. Forbes, Program Coordinator, Regional Parks; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Szpak provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director McNeil-Smith,
That the agenda for the July 19, 2023 Transportation Committee meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [23-370](#) Minutes of the May 17, 2023 Transportation Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Kobayashi, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting of May 17, 2023 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Murdock spoke of his visit with the University of Victoria students and members of Tsawout First Nation who were working at Agate Park. It has

reinforced the importance of working together with the peoples who have stewarded these lands in order to forge a future of mutual prosperity, and one of shared decision making to ensure that these lands can be enjoyed for generations to come.

The Chair also noted that he is very much looking forward to the decisions to be made today.

5. Presentations/Delegations

- 5.1. [23-523](#) Delegation - Corey Burger; Representing Capital Bike: Re: Agenda Item 6.1: Regional Trails Widening and Lighting Project - Funding Options
C. Burger spoke to Item 6.1.

6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [23-492](#) Regional Trails Widening and Lighting Project - Funding Options
L. Hutcheson spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- constraints that affect the project's timeline
- the ownership, heritage conservation, and life status of each of the three trestles
- potential funding opportunities
- analyzing the types of usage on these trail sections in order to prioritize work
- collaborating with municipalities to coordinate work on these trail sections
- the CRD paying for upgrades on infrastructure they do not own
- concern about the level of debt being incurred

**MOVED by Director Thompson, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
The Transportation Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District
Board:**

1. That the Regional Trails Widening and Lighting Project be accelerated by the inclusion of the Project in the 2024-2028 Financial Plan and that project funds be secured by way of debt; and
2. That staff continue to develop partnerships, pursue grant opportunities and report back to the Regional Parks Committee at the September 27, 2023 meeting with options to generate additional funds through non-tax revenue.

CARRIED

Motion Arising:

MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Thompson,

1. That the CRD Chair and CRD Staff work with the Province including a letter to the Minister of Transportation to secure opportunities for supporting the work identified in the Trails Widening and Lighting Project; and
2. That going forward the project be referred to as the regional trestle renewal, trails widening and lighting project.

Director Goodmanson left the meeting at 11:05 am.

MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Thompson,

That the motion arising be amended to include as part three "Staff to enquire with the Province about the possibility of transferring the trails rights-of-way and assets to the CRD."

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Brent, Brice, de Vries, Desjardins, Kobayashi, McNeil-Smith, Murdock, Plant, Szpak, Tait

The question was called on the Motion Arising:

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2. That going forward the project be referred to as the regional trestle renewal, trails widening and lighting project.

CARRIED

6.2. [23-520](#) Final Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan - 2022-2032

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That this item be referred to the next meeting of the Transportation Committee.
CARRIED

6.3. [23-408](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

The following minutes were received for information:

- a) Traffic Safety Commission minutes of April 11, 2023
- b) Traffic Safety Commission minutes of May 9, 2023
- c) Traffic Safety Commission minutes of June 13, 2023
- d) Transportation Working Group minutes of June 26, 2023

7. Notice(s) of Motion

7.1. [23-529](#) Motion with Notice: Transferring of Regional Trails to CRD (Director Caradonna)

Director Caradonna provided the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the next meeting of the Transportation Committee.

"The Transportation Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That staff inquire with the Province on the possibility of transferring the trails rights-of-way and assets to the CRD."

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director de Vries, **SECONDED** by Director Thompson,
That the July 19, 2023 Transportation Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:21 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER