

## Meeting Minutes

### Regional Parks Committee

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Wednesday, May 24, 2023

9:30 AM

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

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#### PRESENT

Directors: C. McNeil-Smith (Chair), J. Brownoff (Vice Chair), G. Holman (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; J. Leahy, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; M. MacIntyre, Manager, Planning Resource Mgt and Dev, Regional Parks; J. Mooney, Manager, Park Operations, Regional Parks; T. Moss, Manager, Visitor Services & Community Dev, Regional Parks; C. Vernon, Manager, First Nations Relations; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director C. Coleman, S. Goodmanson, L. Szpak, M. Tait

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

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Williams provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Brownoff,  
That the agenda for the May 24, 2023 Regional Parks Committee meeting be  
approved.  
CARRIED**

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

##### 3.1. [23-372](#) Minutes of the April 26, 2023 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

**MOVED by Director Brownoff, SECONDED by Director Windsor,  
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of April 26, 2023 be  
adopted as circulated.  
CARRIED**

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

Chair McNeil-Smith noted how exciting it is to have all 33 CRD regional parks officially recognized in the Canadian Protected and Conserved Area Database.

## 5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

## 6. Committee Business

### 6.1. [23-366](#) Capital Regional District Regional Parks Dam Safety - Critical Infrastructure

M. MacIntrye presented Item 6.1. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the options being considered for dams nearing their end of life
- the consideration of environmental benefits during upgrades
- funding sources
- assessments of dams for potential decommissioning

### 6.2. [23-367](#) CRD Regional Parks Division - 2023 Operational Update

J. Mooney presented Item 6.2. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- temporary-use permits for camping at Island View Beach
- Lochside Trail improvements due to increased use
- jurisdiction and options to improve the Island View boat launch

#### **Motion Arising**

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

**That staff report at the July Capital Regional District Board meeting on adding a pilot to extend the Island View Beach camping season beyond the current end of season on Labour Day.**

**CARRIED**

#### **Motion Arising**

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

**That staff bring forward an information report, when available, on all historical and current information on the issue of the Island View Beach boat launch.**

**CARRIED**

Discussion ensued regarding:

- funding options to support regional trail operations
- staff meeting with the Minister of Transportation regarding the Salt Spring Island Salish Sea Trail
- the length of term of the regional trails license agreement renewals

**Director Plant left the meeting at 10:20 am.**

**6.3.**     [23-363](#)     Presentation: A Journey to Reconciliation: Learning from the Central Coast

J. Leahy and C. Vernon presented Item 6.3.: A Journey to Reconciliation: Learning from the Central Coast for information.

Discussion ensued regarding potential legislative obstacles to co-managing the regional parks with local First Nations.

**7. Notice(s) of Motion**

**7.1.**     [23-368](#)     Motion with Notice: Island View Beach Mosquito Management (Director Windsor)

**MOVED** by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Tobias,  
**WHEREAS**, the Island View Beach region is within the Tsawout First Nation, Capital Regional District, and District of Central Saanich jurisdictions; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Island View Beach region has drainage and pest mosquito issues across the three jurisdictions;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that staff be directed to report back on creating an engineering working group with Tsawout First Nation, CRD and Central Saanich to conduct a holistic assessment of the drainage of the Island View Beach area this year so that improvements to the drainage system can be made to address the pest mosquito issues.

**CARRIED**

Discussion ensued regarding the existing working group.

**8. New Business**

There was no new business.

**9. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Tobias,  
That the May 24, 2023 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at 10:55 am.

**CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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RECORDER