

## Meeting Minutes

### Regional Parks Committee

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Wednesday, April 23, 2025

9:30 AM

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

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#### PRESENT

Directors: J. Brownoff (Chair), C. Harder (Vice Chair), J. Bateman (for M. Tait) (EP), C. Coleman, S. Goodmanson, G. Holman (EP), S. Riddell (for R. Windsor), S. Tobias (EP), K. Williams

Staff: L. Jones, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Environmental Services; M. MacIntyre, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; S. May, Senior Manager, Facilities Management and Engineering Services; N. Cann, Manager, Visitor Experience & Stewardship; J. Mooney, Manager, Park Operations, Regional Parks; A. Pickrell, Senior Parks & Trails Planner; R. Ince, Outdoor Recreation Specialist, Regional Parks; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors C. McNeil-Smith, M. Tait, R. Windsor

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

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Coleman provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Goodmanson, SECONDED by Director Williams,  
That the agenda for the Regional Parks Committee meeting of April 23, 2025 be  
approved.  
CARRIED**

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

##### 3.1. [25-0354](#) Minutes of the February 26, 2025 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

**MOVED by Director Coleman, SECONDED by Director Williams,  
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of February 26, 2025  
be adopted as circulated  
CARRIED**

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

## 5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

## 6. Committee Business

### 6.1. [25-0351](#) Island View Beach Regional Park - Accessibility Improvements

N. Cann spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the life span of Mobi-mats in salt water versus fresh water
- appreciation of staff engagement with community stakeholders
- including this initiative on the Island View Beach Regional Park webpage

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

**That CRD Regional Parks staff continue to collaborate with the District of Central  
Saanich and Tsawout First Nation, through the Island View Beach Working  
Group, to identify opportunities for partnership, on new initiatives to improve  
meaningful accessibility at Island View Beach Regional Park.**

**CARRIED**

### 6.2. [25-0447](#) 2024 Regional Parks & Trails Strategic Plan Progress Report

M. MacIntyre presented Item 6.2. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- park volunteer recruitment and retention efforts
- including year-over-year metrics in future reports
- learnings gained from the resident surveys
- the method of measuring regional trail and park usage
- estimating carbon sequestration from the parks
- potentially including a regional target for greenspace protection  
in the climate action strategy
- parks staff meeting with municipal park managers on a regular basis

## 7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

## 8. New Business

### 8.1. [25-0493](#) Staff Appreciation

Director Goodmanson stated his appreciation of past staff in their forethought regarding land use planning which has enabled fallow land to be transformed into neighbourhood parks in developing communities.

**9. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Director Coleman, **SECONDED** by Director Goodman,son,  
That the Regional Parks Committee meeting of April 23, 2025 be adjourned at  
10:18 am.

**CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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RECORDER