

## Meeting Minutes

### Regional Parks Committee

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Wednesday, June 25, 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), C. Coleman, G. Holman (EP), M. Tait (EP), K. Williams, C. McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex officio)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Jones, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Environmental Services; K. Morley, Corporate Officer/General Manager, Corporate Services; V. Somosan, Acting Chief Financial Officer (EP); G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; M. MacIntyre, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; S. May, Senior Manager, Facilities Management and Engineering Services; N. Cann, Manager, Visitor Experience & Stewardship; C. Vernon, Manager, First Nations Relations; C. Murray, Project Engineer; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors S. Goodmanson, S. Tobias, R. Windsor

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

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Williams provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED** by Director Harder, **SECONDED** by Director Coleman,  
That the agenda for the Regional Parks Committee meeting of June 25, 2025 be  
approved.  
**CARRIED**

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

##### 3.1. [25-0587](#) Minutes of the Regional Parks Committee Meeting of April 23, 2025

**MOVED** by Director Coleman, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,  
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of April 23, 2025 be  
adopted as circulated.  
**CARRIED**

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

#### 5. Presentations/Delegations

##### 5.1. Presentations

There were no presentations.

##### 5.2. Delegations

- 5.2.1. [25-0788](#) Delegation - Mick Collins; Representing the Victoria Golden Rods and Reels Fishing and Social Club: Re: Agenda Item 6.2.: Elk Lake Oxygenation System Update

M. Collins spoke to Item 6.2.

#### 6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [25-0621](#) 2025 Summer Outreach and Education Overview

N. Cann presented Item 6.1. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- determining the program participant target goals
- the challenges faced when trying increase staffing in May
- increased staff hours to represent the growth in park visitors

- 6.2. [25-0771](#) Elk Lake Oxygenation System Update

C. Murray presented Item 6.2. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- communication channels to promote public awareness
- that the Elk Lake system will have little impact on Beaver Lake
- engagement with partner agencies regarding the equipment used
- the environmental initiatives in place to measure various stressors

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

7.1. [25-0639](#) Motion with Notice: CRD Parks Parking Policy

K. Morley spoke to Item 7.1.

**MOVED by Director Williams, SECONDED by Director Harder,  
The Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to the Regional Parks  
Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:  
That staff report back on the implications of CRD Parks waiving parking fees for  
people with disabilities where they require an extra accessible vehicle, similar to  
BC Parks parking policy.  
CARRIED**

7.2. [25-0809](#) Notice of Motion: Reduced CRD Parking Fees for Low Income Visitors  
(Director Holman)

Director Holman proposed the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the  
next Regional Parks Committee meeting:

"That parking fees at selected regional parks, with provision for reduced fees for  
low income visitors, be considered as part of the 2026 budget process."

## 8. New Business

There was no new business.

## 9. Motion to Close the Meeting

9.1. [25-0767](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

**MOVED by Director Coleman, SECONDED by Director Harder,  
That the meeting be closed for intergovernmental negotiations in accordance  
with Section 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter.  
CARRIED**

The Regional Parks Committee moved into closed session at 10:14 am.

The Regional Parks Committee rose from closed session at 10:51 am without  
report.

## 10. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Coleman, SECONDED by Director Williams,  
That the Regional Parks Committee meeting of June 25, 2025 be adjourned at  
10:51 am.  
CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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RECORDER