



Capital Regional District

625 Fisgard St.,
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Notice of Meeting and Meeting Agenda Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

9:30 AM

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

Budget

J. Brownoff (Chair), L. Szpak (Vice Chair), C. Coleman, S. Goodmanson, G. Holman,
M. Tait, S. Tobias, K. Williams, R. Windsor, C. McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex officio)

The Capital Regional District strives to be a place where inclusion is paramount and all people are treated with dignity. We pledge to make our meetings a place where all feel welcome and respected.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [25-0853](#) Minutes of the Regional Parks Committee Meeting of June 25, 2025

Recommendation: That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of June 25, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

Attachments: [Minutes - June 25, 2025](#)

4. Chair's Remarks

5. Presentations/Delegations

The public are welcome to attend CRD meetings in-person.

Delegations will have the option to participate electronically. Please complete the online application at www.crd.ca/address no later than 4:30 pm two days before the meeting and staff will respond with details.

Alternatively, you may email your comments on an agenda item to the CRD Board at crdboard@crd.bc.ca.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [25-0990](#) Regional Parks Service - 2026 Operating and Capital Budget

Recommendation: The Regional Parks Committee recommends the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
That Appendix A, Operating & Capital Budget - Regional Parks Service, be approved as presented and form the basis of the Provisional 2026-2030 Financial Plan.

Attachments: [Staff Report: Reg Parks Service–2026 Operating & Capital Budget](#)
[Appendix A: CRD 2026 Budget – Regional Parks](#)
[Presentation: 2026 – 2030 Financial Plan](#)

6.2. [25-0711](#) Regional Trestles Renewal - Trails Widening and Lighting Project Update

Recommendation: [At the July 9, 2025 CRD Board meeting, the Board approved the recommendation from the Transportation Committee which included forwarding this report to the Regional Parks Committee for information.]

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

Attachments: [Staff Report: Trestles Renewal – Trails & Lighting](#)
[Appendix A: Swan Lake Trestle Options Summary](#)
[Appendix B: 2026 Construction Project Area Map](#)
[Appendix C: Pedestrian/Cyclist Detour – Section A Phase 1](#)
[Appendix D: Pedestrian/Cyclist Detour – Section C Phase 1](#)
[Appendix E: Overall Project Design & Construction Timeline](#)

7. Notice(s) of Motion**7.1. [25-0810](#) Motion with Notice: Reduced CRD Parking Fees for Low Income Visitors (Director Holman)**

Recommendation: The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
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.

7.2. [25-0988](#) Motion with Notice: Off-Leash Dogs in the Governor General Area at Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park (Director Plant)

Recommendation: [At the September 16, 2025 CRD Board meeting, the following notice of motion was read into the record by Director Plant and referred by the CRD Chair to the next meeting of the Regional Parks Committee for discussion.

WHEREAS Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park is a well-used recreation area that serves a wide variety of residents across the Capital Region, including many dog owners; and

WHEREAS demand for dedicated off-leash dog park areas continues to grow across the region, reflecting the increasing number of residents with dogs and the importance of providing safe, designated spaces that balance recreation with environmental and community considerations; and

WHEREAS the area adjacent to Elk Lake Road known as the Governor General area in Saanich may provide an opportunity for better accommodating off-leash dogs that could relieve pressure on existing multi-use park trails and enhance the overall visitor experience;

Therefore be it resolved:]

The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
That CRD Parks staff be directed to review and report back on potential options for better accommodating off-leash dogs in the Governor General Area at Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park along Elk Lake Road in Saanich, including site suitability, impacts to park use, environmental considerations, community input, and estimated costs.

8. New Business

9. Motion to Close the Meeting

9.1. [25-0854](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

Recommendation: That the meeting be closed for intergovernmental negotiations in accordance with Section 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter. [2 Items]

10. Adjournment

The next meeting is November 26, 2025.

To ensure quorum, please advise Tamara Pillipow (tpillipow@crd.bc.ca) if you or your alternate cannot attend.