

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

9:00 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: C. McNeil-Smith (Chair), J. Brownoff (Vice Chair) (EP), C. Coleman, S. Goodmanson (9:03 am) (EP), L. Szpak, M. Tait (EP), S. Tobias (EP), K. Williams (EP), R. Windsor

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, Acting General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; M. MacIntyre, Acting Senior Manager, Regional Parks; E. Sinclair, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors G. Holman, C. Plant

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Windsor provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Coleman, **SECONDED** by Director Windsor,
That the agenda for the March 27, 2024 Regional Parks Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [24-300](#) Minutes of the January 24, 2024 Regional Parks Meeting

MOVED by Director Szpak, **SECONDED** by Director Coleman,
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of January 24, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Director Goodmanson joined the meeting electronically at 9:03 am.

4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [24-299](#) Regional Parks and Trails Planning Process Update

M. MacIntyre spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- consideration of climate change in the planning process
- triggers that would initiate a review of the strategic plan
- the process to determine priorities for regional park plans
- regional trails planning governance

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

**That the updated planning process be adopted and implemented to develop
future CRD regional park and trail plans.**

CARRIED

6.2. [24-320](#) Regional Parks and Trails Stewardship Plan

M. MacIntyre spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- ensuring trails are accessible year-round
- engaging neighbouring municipalities
- the outdoor recreation plan informing the stewardship plan

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

**That CRD staff begin First Nations engagement for the development of a Regional
Parks and Trails Stewardship Plan.**

CARRIED

7. Notice(s) of Motion

7.1. **24-357** Notice of Motion: Policy to Limit Bear Attractants (Director Tobias)

Director Tobias provided the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the next meeting of the Regional Parks Committee:

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

That the CRD Staff work with municipalities to develop a consistent policy to limit attractants to prevent bear - human interaction toward an outcome of co-existence particularly in those areas frequently visited by bears."

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Coleman, **SECONDED** by Director Szpak,
That the March 27, 2024 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at 9:26
am.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER