

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: C. McNeil-Smith (Chair), J. Brownoff (Vice Chair) (9:48 am) (EP), C. Coleman, S. Goodmanson, C. Harder (for L. Szpak), G. Holman, M. Tait (EP), K. Williams, R. Windsor, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex officio) (9:43 am) (EP)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; R. Smith, Acting General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Environmental Services; M. MacIntyre, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; S. May, Senior Manager, Facilities Management and Engineering Services; G. Tokgoz, Manager, Regional Trails and Trestles Renewal, Facilities Management and Engineering Services; M. Medland, Senior Financial Advisor, Financial Services; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors L. Szpak, S. Tobias

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 Coleman,
That the agenda for the September 25, 2024 Regional Parks Committee meeting
be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [24-743](#) Minutes of the July 24, 2024 Regional Parks Meeting

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

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair McNeil-Smith asked that the committee be mindful of the time while reviewing the Regional Parks Service - 2025 Operating and Capital Budget at today's meeting.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [24-868](#) Safety on Multi-Use Trails

G. Tokgoz spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- prioritization of sections of the trail system for improvement
- methods for residents to report bylaw or personal safety concerns on the trails
- collecting baseline data to measure and report on changes over time

Director Plant joined the meeting electronically at 9:43 am.

Director Brownoff joined the meeting electronically at 9:48 am.

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

- 1. That staff engage a consultant to develop a study to build on previous efforts and provide recommendations to further enhance safety on the CRD's multi-use trails in light of the evolving characteristics of trail users, including the increasing prevalence of motorized personal mobility devices, such as e-bikes.**
- 2. That staff report back to the Regional Parks Committee on the findings of the safety study through bi-annual Regional Trestle Renewal, Trail Widening and Lighting Project updates.**

CARRIED

6.2. [24-921](#) Regional Parks Service - 2025 Operating and Capital Budget

M. MacIntyre spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- clarification of internal allocations as it relates to park services
- the impact to requisitions if the transportation service is established
- dam infrastructure (licensed under the *Water Sustainability Act*) upgrades
- confirmation that land acquisition funding has transitioned from levy to debt financing
- significant drivers of increased operating costs
- potential capital grant opportunities
- the budget for government to government relations
- clarification as to why the parks service budget projections outpaces the total consolidated requisition
- 2025 provisions for regional trails on Salt Spring Island

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,
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 2025-2029 Financial
Plan.
CARRIED

7. Notice(s) of Motion

- 7.1. [24-757](#) Motion with Notice: Island View Beach Regional Park Boat Launch
(Director Windsor)

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline and potential additional resources
required to prepare this report.

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Goodmanson,
The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District
Board:
**Be it resolved that staff reexamine and report to the Regional Parks Committee
on the feasibility of reconstructing the marine access ramp at Island View Beach
regional park as a regional asset including all necessary steps (permits, etc) and
consulting Tsawout First Nation and other relevant stakeholders.**
CARRIED

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Coleman, **SECONDED** by Director Goodmanson,
That the September 25, 2024 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at
10:58 am.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER