

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

9:00 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: C. McNeil-Smith (Chair), J. Brownoff (Vice Chair), J. Bateman (for M. Tait) (EP), C. Coleman, S. Goodmanson (EP), C. Harder (for L. Szpak), G. Holman (9:29 am) (EP), S. Tobias, K. Williams

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

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors C. Plant, L. Szpak, M. Tait, R. Windsor

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Brownoff provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Coleman,
That the agenda for the January 24, 2024 Regional Parks Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [24-007](#) Minutes of the November 22, 2023 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Tobias,
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of November 22, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair McNeil-Smith thanked staff for their work on the Regional Parks & Trails Residents Survey now underway. The Chair strongly encouraged invited residents to participate in this survey.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [24-022](#) 2024 Regional Parks Committee Terms of Reference

L. Hutcheson presented Item 6.1. for information.

6.2. [24-062](#) Island View Beach Regional Park Campground - Operating Season Extension Pilot

M. MacIntyre spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- consideration of extending the season further should this be successful
- the growth potential from extending the operating season
- opportunities for other revenue streams at the campground

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

That the operating season for the Island View Beach Regional Park campground be extended to the end of the Thanksgiving weekend each year.

CARRIED

6.3. [24-085](#) Regional Parks Internal Inclusion and Accessibility Audit

L. Hutcheson introduced T. Moss who presented Item 6.3. for information.

Director Holman joined the meeting electronically at 9:29 am.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the process in place to maintain the balance between accessibility and environmental stewardship
- partnering with people with lived experience during the planning stages of accessibility and programs within the parks
- staff reporting back to the committee on feedback from park users
- consideration of accessibility in regional back country parks
- engagement with other parks systems and local governments to provide consistency and share successes

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Coleman, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,
That the January 24, 2024 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at
9:47 am.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER