

**REPORT TO PARKS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019**

SUBJECT **Mount Parke and Saint John Point Regional Parks Management Plans – Initial Public Participation Report**

ISSUE

To present the initial round of public engagement for the development of the management plans for Mount Parke and Saint John Point regional parks.

BACKGROUND

The Mount Parke and Saint John Point management planning project was initiated by the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board in September 2018.

An initial public participation process was established to gather input and suggestions for consideration in advance of drafting management plans for the parks. The process was conducted between October 1 and November 13, 2018. It included outreach to key First Nations, government agencies, stakeholders, the public, such as park neighbours, and the local organization that holds a conservation covenant on Saint John Point lands. More than 80 people engaged directly with the CRD in this initial public participation phase. To date, the four First Nations have not provided input through the initial phase of the management planning process. Staff will continue to follow up with First Nations representatives.

The Initial Public Participation Report summarizes the key input received (Attachment 1). In general, the goals suggested for each park focused largely on:

- protecting the environment and natural features of the park
- maintaining the existing trail system (Mount Parke) or developing an official trail system (Saint John Point)
- managing the existing facilities (Mount Parke) or developing basic facilities (Saint John Point)
- keeping the parks the way they are

CONCLUSION

Information received will be reviewed, considered and incorporated, as appropriate, in the drafting of the management plans. When draft plans are completed, a second round of public engagement will occur.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks & Environment Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That this report be received for information.

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Attachment: Attachment 1 – Mount Parke and Saint John Point Regional Parks Management Plans – Initial Public Participation Report