

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: J. Brownoff (Chair), S. Goodmanson (Vice Chair), J. Bateman (for M. Tait) (EP), C. Coleman, G. Holman (EP), S. Tobias (EP), Alt. M. Wagner, K. Williams, C. McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex officio) (EP)

Staff: L. Jones, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Environmental Services; M. MacIntyre, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; N. Cann, Manager, Visitor Experience & Stewardship, Regional Parks; N. Collison, Coordinator of Volunteers, Regional Parks; M. Miklea, Deputy Corporate Officer/Manager, Legislative Services; T. Pillipow, Senior Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors: M. Tait, R. Windsor

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 Coleman, **SECONDED** by Director Goodmanson,
That the agenda of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of May 27, 2026 be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [26-0509](#) Minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of April 22, 2026

MOVED by Director Williams, **SECONDED** by Director Goodmanson,
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of April 22, 2026 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1. Presentations

There were no presentations.

5.2. Delegations

- 5.2.1. [26-0626](#) Delegation - Allen Agopsowicz; Representing South Island Climbers' Association: Re: Agenda Item 6.1.: Regional Parks Volunteer Services Plan 2026-2031

A. Agopsowicz spoke to Item 6.1.

6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [26-0570](#) Regional Parks Volunteer Services Plan 2026-2031

L. Jones and N. Collison spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- ensuring there are equal opportunities for volunteering
- including consideration of growth capacity in the Strategic Plan
- clarification of the term 'virtual engagement'
- strategies to engage youth volunteers
- limitations of volunteer positions offered
- thanks to staff for the excellent work

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

That the Volunteer Services Plan 2026-2031 be approved as a strategic framework to guide the growth, diversification, and modernization of the Regional Parks Volunteer Program, supporting stewardship objectives while informing future operational and staffing decisions.

CARRIED

- 6.2. [26-0572](#) CRD Regional Parks 2025 Visitor Monitoring Program Update

L. Jones and N. Cann presented Item 6.2. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- methods used to determine public interest in various park programs
- factors that influenced a 20% increase of trail users in 2023
- mitigating the impact that increased use has on regional parks and trails

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Williams, SECONDED by Director Coleman,
That the Regional Parks Committee meeting of May 27, 2026 be adjourned at
10:23 am.
CARRIED**

CHAIR

RECORDER