

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT

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

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Jones, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Environmental Services; M. MacIntyre, Acting Senior Manager, Regional Parks; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Director M. Tait

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Szpak provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [24-429](#) Minutes of the March 27, 2024 Regional Parks Meeting

MOVED by Director Coleman, **SECONDED** by Director Goodmanson,
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of March 27, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

5. Presentations/Delegations

MOVED by Director Goodman, SECONDED by Director Tobias,
That two (2) late delegations, Jeff Miller and Mollie Cameron, be permitted to speak.

CARRIED

5.1. Presentations

There were no presentations.

5.2. Delegations

- 5.2.1. 24-437** Delegation - J. Miller; Resident of View Royal: Re: Item 7.1.: Notice of Motion: Policy to Limit Bear Attractants (Director Tobias)

J. Miller spoke to Item 7.1.

- 5.2.2. 24-438** Delegation - M. Cameron; Resident of Sooke: Re: Item 7.1.: Notice of Motion: Policy to Limit Bear Attractants (Director Tobias)

M. Cameron spoke to Item 7.1.

6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [24-420](#)** Regional Parks and Trails - 2023 Strategic Plan Progress Report

M. MacIntyre presented Item 6.1. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- conservation of future old growth forests within the parks
- riparian areas regulations to minimize environmental impact
- the priority list of the park management plans
- a progress update on the Royal Oak Golf Course property

6.2. [24-404](#) Regional Parks and Trails - Compliance and Enforcement Program

M. MacIntyre presented Item 6.2. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- consideration and implications of creating a program similar to the First Nations Guardians Network
- strategic placement of waste receptacles within the parks to reduce littering
- an update on illegal activities within regional parks

Director Plant left the meeting at 10:27 am.

Motion Arising:

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Tobias,
The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the CRD Board:**

That staff to bring a report and recommendation to the Regional Parks Committee on formalizing an indigenous guardian program in parks at the governance level.

CARRIED

Discussion ensued requesting the report include financial implications associated with a potential program.

7. Notice(s) of Motion**7.1. [24-368](#) Motion with Notice: Policy to Limit Bear Attractants (Director Tobias)**

Discussion ensued regarding:

- collaborating with other stakeholders
- consideration of Provincial legislation and/or policy
- determining the internal service authority

Director Plant rejoined the meeting at 10:44 am.

Director Holman left the meeting at 10:50 am.

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

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

CARRIED

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Coleman, SECONDED by Director Tobias,
That the April 24, 2024 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at 10:54 am.**

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER