

**REPORT TO TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023**

SUBJECT **Final Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan – 2022-2032**

ISSUE SUMMARY

To present the final Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan – 2022-2032.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of July 12, 2023, the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board approved the final CRD Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan – 2022-2032 (Appendix A). Background information is found in the staff report presented at the June 28, 2023 Regional Parks Committee meeting (Appendix B). At that meeting, it was decided to add the words “biodiversity” and “science” to the mission statement, and staff revised the plan accordingly.

CONCLUSION

The CRD Board approved the Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan – 2022-2032 in July 2022 on an interim basis for one year while engagement with First Nations continued. Nineteen First Nations were invited to engage on the Interim Strategic Plan and are invited to continue being involved during implementation. Edits to the Strategic Plan drew on input received from First Nations in the region between August 2022 and April 2023. Additional edits were made to correct errors and grammar, to clarify the scope of ‘compatible outdoor recreation’, and to reclassify Brooks Point Regional Park as a Conservation Area. The Strategic Plan includes 13 strategic priorities and 57 sub-actions to guide the CRD in achieving its vision for regional parks and trails over the next ten years. Board approval of the CRD Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan 2022-32 occurred on July 12, 2023, accomplishing a key initiative in the CRD Corporate Plan 2023-26.

RECOMMENDATION

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

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ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A: Final Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan – 2022-2032
- Appendix B: Staff Report to CRD Regional Parks Committee – First Nations Feedback on the Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan – 2022-2032 – June 28, 2023