

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

10:00 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: R. Mersereau (Chair), G. Young (Vice Chair), G. Holman (EP), B. Isitt (10:06 am)(EP), R. Martin (10:02 am)(EP), K. Kahakauwila (for J. Ranns)(EP), D. Screech, L. Seaton, M. Tait (EP), N. Taylor,

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; J. Leahy, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; B. Schultz, Manager Planning, Resource Management and Development, Regional Parks; T. Moss, Visitor Services & Community Devel Manager, Regional Parks; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

Guests: Director R. Windsor (EP)

Regrets: Directors J. Ranns, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex officio)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Screech provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor, .
That the agenda for the February 24, 2021 Regional Parks Committee meeting be approved with an amendment that Director Windsor be allowed to participate without vote.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [21-178](#) Minutes of the January 27, 2021 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Screech, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of January 27, 2021 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Mersereau thanked those wearing pink today. It is a good reminder to be

kind and respectful, and to show decorum for colleagues around the table.

5. Presentations/Delegations

[21-182](#)

Delegation - Yvonne Mendel; Representing South Island Mountain Bike Society: Re: Agenda Items 6.2. Capital Regional District Regional Parks - Revenue Generation Strategy - 2021-2024, and 6.3. Initial Engagement Reports for the Mount Work, East Sooke, Matheson Lake and Roche Cove Regional Parks Management Plans.

Yvonne Mendel spoke against Item 6.2. and in support of 6.3.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [21-144](#)

Regional Parks - Strategic Plan

L. Hutcheson spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- the possibility of a broad-based survey as part of the review
- work being done to obtain our primary objective of protecting green space
- coordinating with the Transportation Committee to connect the communities by way of the Rail Trails
- impacts to the park environments due to recreation activities

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

That staff report back on a plan to review and update the Regional Parks Strategic Plan.

CARRIED

6.2. [21-174](#)

Capital Regional District Regional Parks - Revenue Generation Strategy - 2021-2024

J. Leahy spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- holding public consultation before moving forward
- the percentage of parking fees and towing infractions kept by the contractor
- individual park spending and revenues
- the opportunity for formal coordination with BC Transit to better serve the parks
- parking fees resulting in increased street parking, potentially hampering emergency vehicles responding to calls in those areas
- fees creating a financial barrier to some members of the public
- current ratio of property tax revenue vs other revenue sources put toward operating costs

**MOVED by Director Young, SECONDED by Director Mersereau,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:**

1. That the Capital Regional District Regional Parks Revenue Generation Strategy 2021-2024 be approved with a gradual implementation of parking fee changes over three years, including the expansion of seasonal paid parking to nine additional regional parks in 2022;
2. That staff bring back an amendment to the Capital Regional District Parks Services and Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 3675 in 2021.

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Director Young,
That the motion be amended to strike from line 1 the words "with a gradual implementation of parking fee changes over three years, including the expansion of seasonal paid parking to nine additional regional parks in 2022" and adding the words "with 2021 implementation schedule and apply to the additional nine parks and no further increases until there has been further evaluation"

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Isitt, Kahakauwila, Martin, Screech, Tait, Taylor

MOVED by Director Young, SECONDED by Director Mersereau,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That the Capital Regional District Regional Parks Revenue Generation Strategy 2021-2024 be approved with a gradual implementation of parking fee changes over three years, including the expansion of seasonal paid parking to nine additional regional parks in 2022;
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DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Holman, Isitt, Kahakauwila, Martin, Screech, Tait, Taylor

MOVED by Director Isitt, SECONDED by Director Kahakauwila,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. Endorses the appropriateness of the property tax requisition as the primary revenue source for Regional Parks operating costs; and
2. Directs staff to report back during the Regional Parks Strategic Planning process on additional options for parking revenues in Regional Parks, with a view toward (a) maintaining accessibility for diverse parks users, and (b) ensuring fairness for users across the regional parks system.

CARRIED

6.3. [21-147](#)

Initial Engagement Reports for the Mount Work, East Sooke, Matheson Lake and Roche Cove Regional Parks Management Plans

B. Schultz spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued on the monitoring of ecological values in the parks.

MOVED by Director Screech, SECONDED by Director Seaton,
The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That this report be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no Notice(s) of Motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Motion to Close the Meeting

9.1. [21-179](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

**MOVED by Director Screech, SECONDED by Director Taylor,
1. That the meeting be closed for Land Acquisition in accordance with Section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter.
2. That such disclosures could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Regional District. [1 item]
CARRIED**

The Regional Parks Committee moved to the closed session at 12:26 pm.

10. Rise and Report

The Regional Parks Committee rose from the closed session at 12:46 pm without report.

11. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Young, SECONDED by Director Seaton,
That the February 24, 2021 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at 12:46 pm.
CARRIED**

Chair

Recorder