

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

10:00 AM

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

PRESENT:

Directors: M. Hicks (Chair), D. Screech (Vice Chair), J. Brownoff, B. Isitt (10:13), S. Price, L. Seaton, M. Tait, R. Windsor, G. Young, B. Desjardins (Board Chair, ex-officio)
Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; M. Walton, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; G. Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection; B. Hudson, Manager, Planning, Resource Management, and Development; C. Stewart, Planner, Regional Parks; L. Wilson, Planner, Regional Parks; E. Gorman, Deputy Corporate Officer (Recorder)

REGRETS: Directors D. Howe and N. Jensen

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

1. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Tait,
That the agenda for the June 21, 2017 Regional Parks Committee meeting be
approved as circulated.
CARRIED**

2. Adoption of Minutes

- 2.1. [17-509](#) Minutes of the May 17, 2017 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

**MOVED by Director Seaton, SECONDED by Director Windsor,
That the minutes of the May 17, 2017 Regional Parks Committee meeting be
adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair remarked on the opening of the Great Trail on Friday June 23, 2017. He advised that the Great Trail is part of the Sooke Hills Wilderness Park, which is part of the 24,000 kilometre trail network across Canada. The Chair also remarked on the Island View Beach Park Management Plan and hopes the plan can be presented to the Capital Regional District Board for approval.

4. Presentations/Delegations

- 4.1. [17-515](#) Delegation: Claire and Delphine Bouchard Re: Agenda Item 5.1. Draft Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan

C. Bouchard spoke on concerns about the management of dogs in parks, the impacts of off-leash dogs to other park users, the rights of non-dog owners, and the disregard given by dog owners.

4.2. [17-516](#)

Delegation: Michael Simmons Re: Agenda Item 5.1. Draft Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan

M. Simmons spoke to a presentation, which is on file at the Legislative and Corporate Services department. He spoke of concerns about the management of the beach for migratory birds and off-leash dogs.

4.3. [17-517](#)

Delegation: Wayne Cox Re: Agenda Item 5.1. Draft Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan

W. Cox spoke in regards to the Coastal Loop Trail, mosquito control, invasive species, provision of pet waste bags, and additional garbage cans.

4.4. [17-518](#)

Delegation: Karen Harris Re: Agenda Item 5.1. Draft Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan

T. Cooper spoke in regards to the natural environment zone, the plan being non-evidence based, and in concern for invasive species overcoming the back area of the park.

4.5. [17-519](#)

Delegation: Jason Austin Re: Agenda Item 5.1. Draft Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan

J. Austin spoke to public access and restrictions, the coastal boundary, mosquito control, ditch maintenance, provision of dog waste bag dispensers, additional garbage cans, and fencing in the north east corner of the park.

4.6. [17-520](#)

Delegation: Kevin McLaughlin Re: Agenda Item 5.1. Draft Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan

K. McLaughlin was not present.

4.7. [17-521](#)

Delegation: Brenda Axon Re: Agenda Item 5.1. Draft Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan

B. Axon spoke to concerns of limited dog access and limited areas for off-leash dogs, lack of evidence of ground nesting birds to place restrictions on dogs, mowing for public access, ditch maintenance, mosquito control, provision of dog waste bags, additional garbage cans, and resolving issues before approving the plan.

4.8. [17-522](#)

Delegation: Mick Collins Re: Agenda Item 5.3. Elk/Beaver Lake Initiative Update

M. Collins, spoke to environmental issues, aeration, oxygenation, and cost-sharing opportunities with the Capital Regional District in Elk/Beaver Lake.

5. Committee Business

5.1. [17-502](#) 2017 Draft Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan

L. Hutcheson and B. Hudson spoke to the report and the presentation.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- the direction from Tsawout First Nation in regards to fencing and reducing trespassing
- mowing and ditching maintenance for mosquito control and improved access
- the need and cost for providing dog waste bag dispensers for all regional parks and adding this to the service planning to consider the budget impacts
- impacts of garbage can locations, which contain dog waste
- impacts of climate and natural weather systems on the proposed fence

Moved by Director Windsor, Seconded by Director Price,

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

That overtures are made to the District of Central Saanich that there is interest in having an off-leash dog area in the District of Central Saanich Park as well as an area for kite surfers outside of the fenced area.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Director Isitt

Moved by Director Windsor, Seconded by Director Price,

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

That the addition of doggie bag dispensers at the park be referred to staff to provide further information.

CARRIED

Moved by Director Windsor, Seconded by Director Isitt,

That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board to insert a bullet in 3.6.1.2 of the Draft Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan stating “that the Regional Parks Committee work with the Province and the Federal Government to protect brant and migratory shorebirds from recreational uses of the adjacent park.”

CARRIED

Moved by Director Windsor, Seconded by Director Tait,

That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board that both of the submissions from The Friends of Island View Beach and The Rocky Point Bird Observatory be attached as an appendix to the Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan for future reference.

CARRIED

Moved by Director Windsor, Seconded by Director Isitt,

That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board adding under 3.6.4 under bullet 3 the wording “under the current temporary use permit issued by the District of Central Saanich.”

Moved by Director Isitt, Seconded by Director Windsor

That the motion be amended to change the wording to “subject to the land use approval of the District of Central Saanich.”

CARRIED

Moved by Director Windsor, Seconded by Director Isitt,

That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board to add under 3.6.4 under bullet 3 the wording “subject to the land use approval of the District of Central Saanich.”

CARRIED

Moved by Director Windsor, Seconded by Director Screech,

That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board that the day-use area (Zone 1) have no dogs permitted year-round with the exception of service dogs.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Director Young

Moved by Director Windsor, Seconded by Director Screech,

That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board that under 3.6.4.6 Drainage in sub-bullet under bullet 1 “Maintain the existing drainage ditch...” that the sub-bullet be divided into two separate sub-bullets to:

- Maintain the existing drainage ditch system.
- Monitor its effectiveness in reducing mosquito habitat and its effect on the coastal wetland ecosystem.

CARRIED

Moved by Director Isitt, Seconded by Director Windsor,

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

That the Island View Beach Regional Parks Management Plan be approved with the following amendments:

- insert a bullet in 3.6.1.2 of the Draft Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan stating “that the Regional Parks Committee work with the Province and the Federal Government to protect brant and migratory shorebirds from recreational uses of the adjacent park.”
- that both of the submissions from The Friends of Island View Beach and The Rocky Point Bird Observatory be attached as an appendix to the Island View Beach Regional Park Management Plan for future reference.
- adding under 3.6.4 under bullet 3 the wording “subject to the land use approval of the District of Central Saanich.
- that the day-use area (Zone 1) have no dogs permitted year-round with the exception of service dogs.
- that under 3.6.4.6 Drainage in sub-bullet under bullet 1 “Maintain the existing drainage ditch...” that the sub-bullet be divided into two separate sub-bullets to:
- Maintain the existing drainage ditch system.
- Monitor its effectiveness in reducing mosquito habitat and its effect on the coastal wetland ecosystem.

CARRIED

5.2. [17-484](#)

Draft Regional Trails Plan for the Gulf Islands

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- use of road right-of-ways
- working with adjacent land owners to accommodate trails
- budget implementation at various phases
- when grant funding can be sought
- providing the Regional Parks Committee with a progress report and implementation update at twelve months from adoption of the plan

Chair Hicks left the meeting at 11:25. Vice Chair Screech assumed the Chair and called the question on the motion.

**MOVED by Director Seaton, SECONDED by Director Screech,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:**

That the draft Regional Trails Plan for the Gulf Islands be made available for public review and comment.

CARRIED

5.3. [17-491](#)

Elk/Beaver Lake Initiative Update

G. Harris provided an overview of the report.

Chair Hicks returned to the Chair at 11:27.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- the transition of lakes to bogs and whether Beaver Lake is changing to a bog
- adjusting expectations of long term ecological changes
- the progress and success of the lake aerator in the City of Langford
- natural assets and economic development as a result of rowers, fishers, etc.
- different specific design systems for each of Elk Lake and Beaver Lake
- steps for education and requirements for fertilizer application to reduce impacts of farmland fertilizer entering the lakes
- providing aeration for Beaver Lake only
- road runoff from Patricia Bay Highway and discussions with Ministry of Transportation
- District of Saanich infrastructure for stormwater management

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

That staff be directed to include up to \$40,000 in the 2018 Regional Parks service plan to install and operate an oxygenation system for Beaver Lake, and develop a business case for a high-efficiency hypolimnetic oxygenation system for Elk Lake.

6. Correspondence

6.1. [17-261](#)

Correspondence: Capital Region Equestrians Re: Island View Beach

**MOVED by Director Brownoff, SECONDED by Director Seaton,
That the Regional Parks Committee receive this correspondence for information.
CARRIED**

7. New Business - None.

8. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Seaton, **SECONDED** by Director Windsor,
That the June 21, 2017 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at
11:42 am.
CARRIED

Chair

Recorder