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**REPORT TO REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

SUBJECT **Proposed 2018 Lake Use Event Schedule for Elk/Beaver Lake**

ISSUE

To consider endorsement of the 2018 Lake Use Event Schedule for Elk/Beaver Lake.

BACKGROUND

The Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park Management Plan (Bylaw No. 2001 and amendment Bylaw No. 2303) states under section 3.3.8 (Power Driven Vessels on Elk/Beaver Lake) that:

CRD Parks will coordinate a process to define temporary boating restrictions on Elk/Beaver Lake for regattas, boat races, fishing derbies and other community events.

For 2018, Regional Parks received applications for 12 events taking place over 25 days; this includes 10 boating events scheduled over 18 days and 2 triathlons over 7 days.

The attached 2018 schedule was reviewed at the Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Group meeting held on October 17, 2017. It was submitted to Capital Regional District (CRD) Regional Parks staff and recommended for approval.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the CRD Board:

That the proposed 2018 event schedule for Elk/Beaver Lake be endorsed and forwarded to Transport Canada for review and approval.

Alternative 2

That the proposed 2018 event schedule for Elk/Beaver Lake not be endorsed and returned to the Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Group for further consideration.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A delay in approval will result in events being rescheduled and/or cancelled.

CONCLUSION

The proposed 2018 schedule of events requires endorsement by the Regional Parks Committee and by the CRD Board before it is forwarded to Transport Canada for review and approval.

RECOMMENDATION

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

That the proposed 2018 event schedule for Elk/Beaver Lake be endorsed and forwarded to Transport Canada for review and approval.

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Attachment: Attachment 1 – Summary of Events on Elk/Beaver Lake – 2018