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## ELK/BEAVER LAKE RECREATIONAL USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, November 21, 2024 @ 2:00 – 4:00pm  
Regional Parks Headquarters (Mill Hill, 490 Atkins Avenue)  
Cedar Building Meeting Room

### AGENDA

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- 1. Territorial Acknowledgement .....D. Smith
- 2. Welcome and Introduction ..... All
- 3. Approval of Agenda ..... All
- 4. Approval of Minutes – June 6, 2024..... All
- 5. Review of 2025 Proposed Events and Restrictions on Elk Lake
- 6. Brookleigh Boat Launch Parking..... D. Smith for P. Malo
- 7. Buoys..... D. Smith for P. Malo
- 8. Lake Levels..... D. Smith for P. Malo
- 9. Event Parking at Eagle Beach .....A. Parfitt
- 10. Pay Parking vs Transit (Long Term) .....A. Parfitt
- 11. Water Quality .....A. Parfitt
- 12. New Business
- 13. Adjournment

**Meeting Minutes**

**Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Committee**

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2 PM

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Victoria BC V9B 2Z8

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**Present:** Tracey Moss, Regional Parks (Chair); Kyle Wiens, Transport Canada, Pat George, Haig Brown Fly Fishers; Adam Parfitt, Victoria Rowing Society; Sergeant Brad Brajcich, Saanich Police; Mick Collins Golden Rods and Reels, Jamie Disbrow, Member of the Public; Peter Fargey, Member of the Public; Pierre Malo, Motorized Recreational Use; Stuart Walsh, Regional Parks; Rachael Ince, Regional Parks; Jeanette Mollin, Regional Parks (Recorder)

**Regrets:** Melanie Parrott, Swimming,

The meeting was called to order at 2pm

**1. Territorial Acknowledgement**

Chair Moss provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

**2. Welcome and Introduction**

A round table of introductions took place for the benefit of the new members.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** by A Parfitt, **SECONDED** by B Brajcich

That the agenda for the June 6, 2024 Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Committee be approved.

**CARRIED**

**4. Approval of Minutes – December 1, 2023**

**MOVED** by B Brajcich, **SECONDED** by A Parfitt

That the minutes of the Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Committee of December 1, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**5. Brookleigh Boat Launch Signage**

Mick mentioned that parking at the Brookleigh Boat Launch continues to be a problem as park visitors are using the parking area just to take a walk in the park. Chair Moss mentioned that there are no exclusive use parking lots and that some users come with small boats and kayaks on the top of their vehicles. Staff will review the signage for improvements.

The following suggestions were made:

- ask CRD Rangers to provide education
- reach out to District of Saanich to provide road parking
- have summer students provide awareness of where in the park to park

- provide parking permits in peak season for boat users
- use sandwich boards and more signage on parking lot usage

## 6. Fishing Dock Encounters

Mick mentioned that jet skis are coming too close to the fishing dock and causing too much wake, he suggested to install more buoys to stop them from coming too close to the dock. Chair Moss mentioned that the CRD is obtaining a legal opinion on who is responsible for installation and maintenance of the buoys on the lake.

## 7. Invasive Species Communication

Mick inquired if there could be some reinforcement around the importance of cleaning off your boat to stop the spread of invasive species and how the awareness can be increased. Chair Moss mentioned that the Park Rangers and Transport Canada can provide awareness and possibly a joint outreach around the clean, drain, dry campaign.

## 8. New Business:

### a) Ironman Debrief

Chair Moss asked members if there was any comments or concerns around the Ironman Triathlon. Brad mentioned that there were a few complaints around noise and blocking of roadways but other than that the event went well.

### b) Oxygenator

Stuart provided the members with a brief update on the oxygenator system. He mentioned that since it was installed last year there had been a few issues, but they are fixed and the system is working as it should. It will take time to see the improvements to the water quality. He pointed out that there were some reports around the bubbles but confirmed that it was normal.

## 9. Adjournment

**MOVED** by A Parfitt, **SECONDED** by P Malo

That the June 6, 2024 Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:55pm.

**CARRIED**

## Summary of Events on Elk/Beaver Lake – 2025

**These events will go through a Transport Canada approval process and dates are subject to change.**

Organization	Name of Event	Location	Course Install/Removal Dates	Dates/Times	Part. / Spect.	Restriction
Victoria City Rowing Club	Elk Lake Spring Regatta	Elk Lake Eagle Beach	Installed – Feb 23 Removed – March 2	Feb 28/ March 1/2 8am-4pm	600/800	Under 10 hp on course or on warm-up and cool down pattern outlined
Ironman Canada Inc	Ironman Victoria 70.3	Elk Lake Hamsterly Beach	Installed – May 19 Removed – May 25	May 25 5am-5pm	2000/800	No vessels permitted on the east end of Elk Lake during a swimming event
*School District No. 93	School Triathlon	Elk Lake Hamsterly Beach	Installed – June 18 Removed – June 18	June 18 8am-4pm	75/20	No vessels permitted on the east end of Elk Lake during canoe event
Victoria City Rowing Club	Challenge West	Elk Lake Eagle Beach	Installed – June 29 Removed – July 6	July 4/5/6 6am-7pm	600/800	Under 10 hp on course or on warm-up and cool down pattern outlined
Platinum Racing	Victoria Half Iron Triathlon	Elk Lake Hamsterly Beach	Installed – July 11 Removed – July 13	July 13 5am-5pm	800/500	No vessels permitted on the east end of Elk Lake during a swimming event
*Across the Lake Swim	Across the Lake Swim	Elk Lake Hamsterly Beach	Installed – July 25 Removed – July 25	July 25 7 – 11am	200/100	No vessels permitted on the east end of Elk Lake during a swimming event
Dynamic Race Events	Elk Lake Triathlon	Elk Lake Hamsterly Beach	Installed – Aug 2 Removed – Aug 3	Aug 3 5amp5pm	700/400	No vessels permitted on the east end of Elk Lake during a swimming event
Greater Victoria Youth Rowing Society	October Sprints	Elk Lake Eagle Beach	Installed – Oct 15 Removed – Oct 19	Oct 18/19 8am-5pm	500/500	Under 10 hp on course or on warm-up and cool down pattern outlined
Greater Victoria Youth Rowing Society	LVISSAA City Champs	Elk Lake Eagle Beach	Installed – Oct 29 Removed – Nov 2	Nov 1/2 8am-5pm	500/500	Under 10 hp on course or on warm-up and cool down pattern outlined

**\*Yellow=NEW**