

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: C. McNeil-Smith (Chair), J. Brownoff (Vice Chair) (9:48 am) (EP), C. Coleman, S. Goodmanson, C. Harder (for L. Szpak), G. Holman, M. Tait (EP), K. Williams, R. Windsor, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex officio) (9:43 am) (EP)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; R. Smith, Acting General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Environmental Services; M. MacIntyre, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; S. May, Senior Manager, Facilities Management and Engineering Services; G. Tokgoz, Manager, Regional Trails and Trestles Renewal, Facilities Management and Engineering Services; M. Medland, Senior Financial Advisor, Financial Services; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors L. Szpak, S. Tobias

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Coleman provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Goodmanson, **SECONDED** by Director Coleman,
That the agenda for the September 25, 2024 Regional Parks Committee meeting
be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [24-743](#) Minutes of the July 24, 2024 Regional Parks Meeting

MOVED by Director Coleman, **SECONDED** by Director Goodmanson,
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of July 24, 2024 be
adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair McNeil-Smith asked that the committee be mindful of the time while reviewing the Regional Parks Service - 2025 Operating and Capital Budget at today's meeting.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [24-868](#) Safety on Multi-Use Trails

G. Tokgoz spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- prioritization of sections of the trail system for improvement
- methods for residents to report bylaw or personal safety concerns on the trails
- collecting baseline data to measure and report on changes over time

Director Plant joined the meeting electronically at 9:43 am.

Director Brownoff joined the meeting electronically at 9:48 am.

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

- 1. That staff engage a consultant to develop a study to build on previous efforts and provide recommendations to further enhance safety on the CRD's multi-use trails in light of the evolving characteristics of trail users, including the increasing prevalence of motorized personal mobility devices, such as e-bikes.**
- 2. That staff report back to the Regional Parks Committee on the findings of the safety study through bi-annual Regional Trestle Renewal, Trail Widening and Lighting Project updates.**

CARRIED

6.2. [24-921](#) Regional Parks Service - 2025 Operating and Capital Budget

M. MacIntyre spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- clarification of internal allocations as it relates to park services
- the impact to requisitions if the transportation service is established
- dam infrastructure (licensed under the *Water Sustainability Act*) upgrades
- confirmation that land acquisition funding has transitioned from levy to debt financing
- significant drivers of increased operating costs
- potential capital grant opportunities
- the budget for government to government relations
- clarification as to why the parks service budget projections outpaces the total consolidated requisition
- 2025 provisions for regional trails on Salt Spring Island

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,
The Regional Parks Committee recommends the Committee of the Whole
recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
That Appendix A, Operating & Capital Budget - Regional Parks Service be
approved as presented and form the basis of the Provisional 2025-2029 Financial
Plan.
CARRIED

7. Notice(s) of Motion

7.1. [24-757](#) Motion with Notice: Island View Beach Regional Park Boat Launch
(Director Windsor)

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline and potential additional resources
required to prepare this report.

MOVED by Director Windsor, **SECONDED** by Director Goodmanson,
The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District
Board:
Be it resolved that staff reexamine and report to the Regional Parks Committee
on the feasibility of reconstructing the marine access ramp at Island View Beach
regional park as a regional asset including all necessary steps (permits, etc) and
consulting Tsawout First Nation and other relevant stakeholders.
CARRIED

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Coleman, **SECONDED** by Director Goodmanson,
That the September 25, 2024 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at
10:58 am.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER