

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Regional Parks Committee held at 9:02 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 in the 28<sup>th</sup> Floor Committee Room, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair, Councillor Heather Deal, Vancouver  
Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Richmond  
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Burnaby  
Councillor Janis Elkerton, Pitt Meadows  
Councillor Bruce Hayne, Surrey (arrived at 9:08 a.m.)  
Councillor Craig Hodge, Coquitlam  
Councillor Gayle Martin, Langley City (arrived at 9:17 a.m.)  
Mayor John McEwen, Anmore  
Councillor Lisa Muri, North Vancouver District  
Councillor Maureen Nicholson, Bowen Island  
Councillor Darrell Penner, Port Coquitlam  
Councillor Tyler Shymkiw, Maple Ridge

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Vice Chair, Councillor Bob Long, Langley Township  
Mayor Lois Jackson, Delta

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mike Redpath, Regional Parks Director  
Carol Mason, Chief Administrative Officer  
Genevieve Lanz, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1.1 June 13, 2018 Regular Meeting Agenda**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for June 13, 2018, as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**2.1 May 9, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held May 9, 2018, as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3. DELEGATIONS**

No items presented.

**4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

No items presented.

**5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF**

**5.1 Update of the Metro Vancouver Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory (SEI)**

Report dated May 25, 2018 from Josephine Clark, Regional Planner, Parks, Planning and Environment, providing the Regional Planning Committee with the results of the first 5-year update of the Metro Vancouver Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory.

Members were provided a presentation on the Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory, highlighting ecosystem quality assessment, regional ecosystem loss and restoration, and implications of ecosystem loss on habitat and land connectivity.

9:08 a.m. Councillor Hayne arrived at the meeting.

9:17 a.m. Councillor Martin arrived at the meeting.

Members discussed the utilization of data to prevent ecosystem loss and potential linkage to the provincial species at risk program.

**Request of Staff**

Staff was requested to provide members with the sensitive ecosystem map and a link to the related presentation.

Members commented on the connectivity between sensitive ecosystems and mapping of water quality within the region.

**Request of Staff**

Staff was requested to provide members with a presentation on connectivity between sensitive ecosystems and mapping of water quality at a future Regional Parks Committee meeting.

Presentation material titled “Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory 5-Year Update 2009-2014” is retained with the June 13, 2018 Regional Parks Committee agenda.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated May 25, 2018, titled “Update of the Metro Vancouver Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory (SEI)”.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Regional Parks Land Acquisition 2050**

Report dated May 10, 2018 from Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Engineering Services, and Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, Parks, Planning and Environment, seeking MVRD Board consideration of the *Regional Parks Land Acquisition 2050* strategy.

Members were provided a presentation on the *Regional Parks Land Acquisition Strategy*, highlighting land acquisition strategies, key actions of implementation, and challenges associated with population growth, park visitation and rise of regional land prices.

Members discussed potential partnership opportunities with municipalities and other stakeholder groups and metrics for performance measurement.

Presentation material titled “Regional Parks Land Acquisition 2050” is retained with the June 13, 2018 Regional Parks Committee agenda.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board adopt the *Regional Parks Land Acquisition 2050* strategy, as presented in the report dated May 10, 2018, titled “Regional Parks Land Acquisition 2050”.

**CARRIED**

**5.3 Grouse Mountain Regional Park –Management Plan Framework and Public Engagement Process**

Report dated May 15, 2018 from Jeff Fitzpatrick, Division Manager, West Area, Regional Parks, Parks, Planning and Environment, seeking MVRD Board endorsement of the *Grouse Mountain Regional Park Management Plan Framework*.

Members were provided a presentation on the Grouse Mountain Regional Park management plan and public engagement process, highlighting identified user priorities, vision statement, and next steps for phased implementation.

Members commented on potential safety precautions and signage for regional park trails.

Discussion ensued on the annual capital costs for Grouse Grind trail maintenance and improvements, and the allocation of revenue share from Grouse Mountain Resorts.

**Request of Staff**

Staff was requested to bring forward a report to a future meeting of the Regional Parks Committee with information on the agreement as related to revenue allocation from Grouse Mountain Resort.

Presentation material titled “Grouse Mountain Regional Park Management Plan Framework and Public Engagement” is retained with the June 13, 2018 Regional Parks Committee agenda.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board approve the scope of the proposed *Grouse Mountain Regional Park Management Plan Framework* and authorize staff to proceed with the engagement process as presented in the report dated May 15, 2018, titled “Grouse Mountain Regional Park – Management Plan Framework and Public Engagement Process – Public Engagement Process”.

**CARRIED**

**5.4 Manager’s Report – Regional Parks**

Report dated June 6, 2018 from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, Parks, Planning and Environment, providing the Regional Parks Committee with an update on the 2018 Committee Workplan, highlighting the impacts of the flooding on Metro Vancouver Regional Parks and the receipt of a \$20,000 grant for the enhancement of a coho salmon habitat in Kanaka Creek Regional Park.

Members commented on the availability of alternate dates for the Regional Parks Committee tour.

**Request of Staff:**

Staff was requested to canvass members for an alternate date for the Regional Parks Committee tour.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated June 6, 2018, titled “Manager’s Report – Regional Parks”.

**CARRIED**

**6 INFORMATION ITEMS**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information that following Information Items:

- 6.1 Regional Parks Upcoming Events – July 2018
- 6.2 External Agency Status Reports received by the MVRD Board May 25, 2018:
  - Pacific Parklands Foundation
  - Delta Heritage Airpark Management Committee
  - Experience the Fraser

**CARRIED**

**7 OTHER BUSINESS**

No items presented.

**8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS**

No items presented.

**9 RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Regional Parks Committee close its regular meeting scheduled for June 13, 2018, pursuant to the *Community Charter* provisions, Section 90 (1)(d),(e), (i) and 90 (2)(b) as follows:

- “90 (1) A part of the meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:
  - (d) the security of the property of the regional district.
  - (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the board or committee considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district;
  - (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and
- 90 (2) A part of a meeting must be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:
  - (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the regional district and a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.”

**CARRIED**

**10 ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Regional Parks Committee adjourn its regular meeting of June 13, 2018.

**CARRIED**

(Time: 10:30 a.m.)

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Genevieve Lanz,  
Legislative Services Coordinator

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Heather Deal, Chair