

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Regional Parks Committee held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 in the 28th Floor Committee Room, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair, Councillor Heather Deal, Vancouver
Vice Chair, Councillor Bob Long, Langley Township
Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Richmond
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Burnaby
Councillor Janis Elkerton, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Bruce Hayne, Surrey (arrived at 9:00 a.m.)
Councillor Craig Hodge, Coquitlam
Mayor Lois Jackson, Delta
Councillor Gayle Martin, Langley City (arrived at 9:04 a.m.)
Mayor John McEwen, Anmore
Councillor Lisa Muri, North Vancouver District
Councillor Maureen Nicholson, Bowen Island
Councillor Darrell Penner, Port Coquitlam

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Tyler Shymkiw, Maple Ridge

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 May 9, 2018 Regular Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for May 9, 2018, as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 April 18, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held April 18, 2018, as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

9:00 a.m. Councillor Hayne arrived at the meeting.

3.1 David Hocking and Bob Turner, Defend Island Forests Steering Committee

David Hocking and Bob Turner, Defend Island Forests Steering Committee, spoke to members regarding the expansion of Crippen Regional Park to include Mount Gardner and Mount Collins blocks, highlighting the implications of proposed industrial logging of Bowen Island's crown lands on the ecosystem and the potential to expand the existing trail system.

9:04 a.m. Councillor Martin arrived at the meeting.

In response to questions, members were informed of First Nations land claims, provincial logging designation, and role of the Islands Trust.

Presentation material titled "Acquiring Bowen Crown Lands to Expand Crippen Park: A Unique Opportunity, An Urgent Issue" is retained with the May 9, 2018 Regional Parks Committee agenda.

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

No items presented.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 Aldergrove Regional Park (Langley – West) Management Plan Update - Phase 1

Report dated April 25, 2018 from Wendy DaDalt, Division Manager, and Lydia Mynott, Park Planner, East Area, Regional Parks, Parks, Planning and Environment, informing the MVRD Board of planned improvements at Aldergrove Regional Park.

Members were provided a presentation on previously completed and currently underway park improvement projects, highlighting the Nature Discovery Area and Trail and the regional trail connection with the South Langley Regional Trail.

Presentation material titled "Aldergrove – Management Plan Implementation" is retained with the May 9, 2018 Regional Parks Committee agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated April 25, 2018, titled "Aldergrove Regional Park (Langley - West) Management Plan Update - Phase 1".

CARRIED

5.2 Regional Parks 2017 Annual Visitor Use and Program Statistics

Report dated April 10, 2018 from Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Engineering Services, Regional Parks, Parks, Planning and Environment, providing the MVRD Board with the 2017 annual statistics for regional parks visitor use, services and volunteering.

Members were provided a presentation on the 2017 annual visitor use and program statistics, highlighting the 50th anniversary of the Regional Parks system, comparison of park visits in 2016 to 2017, and interpretative events hosted by Metro Vancouver staff and volunteers.

In response to questions, members were informed of visitor tracking methodology and visitor forecasting, and discussed implications of increased numbers of visitors and a potential trail difficulty rating system.

Presentation material titled "Visits, Visitor Services & Volunteers by the Numbers - 2017" is retained with the May 9, 2018 Regional Parks Committee agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated April 10, 2018, titled "Regional Parks 2017 Annual Visitor Use and Program Statistics".

CARRIED

5.3 Manager's Report – Regional Parks

Report dated May 2, 2018 from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, Parks, Planning and Environment, updating the Regional Parks Committee on the status of the 2018 Regional Parks Committee Work Plan, highlighting the opening of the Grouse Grind and planned trail maintenance, the annual regional parks Celebrating Partners event and the Kanaka Creek Regional Parks Goodbye Chums event.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated May 2, 2018, titled "Manager's Report – Regional Parks".

CARRIED

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the following Information Item:

6.1 Regional Parks Events – June 2018

CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

No items presented.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

The Regional Parks Committee was requested to consider adding Sections 90(1) (g) and (i) at this point.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Parks Committee close its regular meeting scheduled for May 9, 2018, pursuant to the *Community Charter* provisions, Section 90 (1) (e), (g) and (i) 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:

- (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;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the regional district; and
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.”

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Parks Committee adjourn its regular meeting of May 9, 2018.

CARRIED

(Time: 10:08 a.m.)

Genevieve Lanz,
Legislative Services Coordinator

Heather Deal, Chair

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