



## Notice of Meeting and Meeting Agenda Regional Parks Committee

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Wednesday, July 22, 2020

10:00 AM

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

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B. Isitt (Chair), D. Screech (Vice Chair), F. Haynes, J. Loveday, C. McNeil-Smith, R. Martin,  
R. Mersereau, J. Ranns, L. Seaton, M. Tait, G. Young, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex-officio)

### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

### 2. Approval of Agenda

### 3. Adoption of Minutes

#### 3.1. [20-398](#) Minutes of the February 26, 2020 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

**Recommendation:** That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of February 26, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

**Attachments:** [Minutes - February 26, 2020](#)

### 4. Chair's Remarks

### 5. Presentations/Delegations

#### 5.1. [20-443](#) Delegation - Garreth Ashley; Representing the Guardians of Mid Island Estuaries Society: Re: Agenda Item 6.1.: Non-Migratory Canada Goose Management

### 6. Committee Business

#### 6.1. [20-433](#) Non-Migratory Canada Goose Management

**Recommendation:** That the Regional Parks Committee receive this report for information.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report: Non-Migratory Canada Goose Management](#)  
[Appendix A: Town of View Royal - Correspondence](#)  
[Appendix B: District of Central Saanich - Correspondence](#)

### 7. Notice(s) of Motion

### 8. New Business

### 9. Motion to Close the Meeting

**9.1.      [20-438](#)      Motion to Close the Meeting**

- Recommendation:**
1. That the meeting be closed for Land Acquisition under s. 90 (1)(e) of the Community Charter; and
  2. That such disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Regional District [2 items].

**10. Adjournment**

Next Meeting: September 30, 2020

To ensure quorum, please advise Sherri Closson ([sclosson@crd.bc.ca](mailto:sclosson@crd.bc.ca)) if you or your alternate cannot attend.

## Meeting Minutes

### Regional Parks Committee

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Wednesday, February 26, 2020

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#### PRESENT

Directors: B. Isitt (Chair), D. Screech (Vice Chair), F. Haynes, J. Loveday, C. McNeil-Smith, J. Brownoff (for R. Mersereau), J. Ranns, L. Szpak (for L. Seaton), M. Tait, G. Young,

Staff: L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; J. Leahy, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; T. Moss, Visitor Services & Community Development Manager, Regional Parks; B. Schultz, Manager Planning, Resource Management and Development, Regional Parks; E. Gorman, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

Regrets: Director Martin and Board Chair Plant (ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am.

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Isitt provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED** by Director Loveday, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,  
That the agenda be amended to permit one (1) delegate to speak, Daniel Smith of the South Island Mountain Bike Society: Re: Item 6.3.  
**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director Tait, **SECONDED** by Director Loveday,  
That the agenda for the February 26, 2020 Regional Parks Committee meeting be approved, as amended.  
**CARRIED**

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

##### 3.1. [20-154](#) Minutes of the January 22, 2020 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

**MOVED** by Director Haynes, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,  
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of January 22, 2020 be adopted as circulated.  
**CARRIED**

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

The Chair had no remarks.

## 5. Presentations/Delegations

- 5.1. Delegation - Daniel Smith; Resident of Victoria: Re: Agenda Item 6.3.:  
Regional Parks - Visitor Use Surveys - 2018 and 2019  
Daniel Smith spoke to Item 6.3. in favour of the Mountain Bike Trail System.

## 6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [20-053](#) Response to Notice of Motion: Dog Management Policy Applied to CRD  
Regional Parks and Trails within the District of Sooke

J. Leahy spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- enforcement and education in the community
- consideration of an 'under-command' option on the Galloping Goose from KM 49 during the off-season
- number of tickets issued
- challenge of policies tailored to urban areas being enforced in rural areas
- impact to wildlife if there is off-leash trail use during the off-season
- aligning the motion with the campgrounds opening weekend

**MOVED** by Director Tait, **SECONDED** by Director Loveday,  
The Regional Parks Committee receives this report for information.  
**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director Tait, **SECONDED** by Director Ranns,  
Request staff to report back on providing a 'dog-under-command' option for the Galloping Goose Trail from KM 49 to the CRD watershed, except between June 1 and Sept 15 between 9 am and 9 pm.

**MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,  
That the motion arising be amended so that the words "including data on tickets issued in 2018 and 2019" be added after the words "...between 9 am and 9 pm."  
**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Young,  
That the motion arising be further amended so that the words "and also including options for streamlined engagement including cyclists, Sooke residents and other trail users" be added after the words "...tickets issued in 2018 and 2019."  
**CARRIED**

The question was called on the motion arising, as amended:

**MOVED** by Director Tait, **SECONDED** by Director Ranns,  
Request staff to report back on providing a 'dog-under-command' option for the Galloping Goose Trail from KM 49 to the CRD watershed, except between June 1 and Sept 15 between 9 am and 9 pm, including data on tickets issued in 2018 and 2019 and also including options for streamlined engagement including cyclists, Sooke residents and other trail users.  
**CARRIED**

- 6.2. [20-153](#) Regional Parks - Sustainable Service Delivery

L Hutcheson spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- projections on usage for existing parks
- accommodation of new builds within the 5 year capital plan
- degradation on regional trails due to recent rainfall
- consistent parking fees at regional parks
- legacy program: donations to install benches and picnic tables
- resurfacing of roads and parking lots
- management planning of the parks
- accessibility for all members of the public

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

**That Regional Parks sustainable service delivery report be received for  
information.**

**CARRIED**

**Director Loveday left the meeting at 11:07 am.**

**6.3.     [20-149](#)**

**Regional Parks - Visitor Use Surveys - 2018 and 2019**

T. Moss presented Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- bylaw enforcement within parks
- accessibility/mobility challenges within parks
- resident survey capturing those who do not use the parks
- weather conditions on the days the survey was conducted
- working with transit to get people to the parks

**MOVED by Alternate Director Szpak, SECONDED by Director Tait,  
The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District  
Board:**

**That this report be received for information.**

**CARRIED**

**7. Notice(s) of Motion**

**7.1.**

**Director Haynes: CRD Parks Acquisition Fund Notice of Motion**

**That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the CRD Board:**

**That staff report back on options to improve the capacity of the CRD Parks  
Acquisition Fund for example starting in 2021 by \$2.00 per year to reach \$40.00  
from its current \$20.00.**

**8. New Business**

There was no New Business.

**9. Motion to Close the Meeting**

**9.1.     [20-179](#)**

Motion to Close the Meeting

**MOVED** by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Young,  
That the meeting be closed for Land Acquisition in accordance with section 90 (1)  
(e) of the Community Charter.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Young,  
That the Board considers that disclosures could reasonably be expected to harm  
the interests of the Regional District

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed at 11:34 am and rose without report at 11:43 am.

**10. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Alternate Director Szpak, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,  
That the February 26, 2020 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at  
11:43 am.

**CARRIED**

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Chair

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Recorder



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## REPORT TO REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020

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### **SUBJECT**     Non-Migratory Canada Goose Management

### **ISSUE SUMMARY**

To provide information on the efficacy of advocacy or enhanced service levels for non-migratory Canada Goose Management in the Capital Regional District (CRD).

### **BACKGROUND**

Non-migratory Canada geese were introduced from Eastern Canada in the 1960s and 1970s for wildlife viewing and hunting. They have been an ongoing concern in the capital region since approximately 1985. Large populations of non-migratory geese contribute to health, economic, and environmental issues affecting municipalities, parks, farmers, businesses, health agencies and airport authorities, to name a few.

In 2010, the CRD, provincial agencies, participating municipalities and stakeholders partnered to fund a project to collect extensive data on the goose population abundance and distribution, seasonal habitat use by geese and agriculture impacts in the capital region. The resulting Regional Canada Goose Management Strategy outlined a long-term, multi-faceted approach for the management of non-migratory Canada geese in the capital region and included a technical report completed by EBB Environmental Consulting that examined population data and historical impacts in the CRD. The strategy's goals were to: (1) reduce impacts on agricultural crops from Canada goose populations in the capital region to a level that prevents conflict between geese and human activities; (2) develop a knowledge base for the CRD, First Nations, farmers and local governments; and (3) reduce goose impacts on parks and recreational areas.

The CRD Board endorsed the strategy in December 2012, which was supported by local governments, provincial wildlife authorities, Canadian Wildlife Service farmers, and other stakeholders. The Board directed staff to continue to partner with interested municipalities and stakeholders to ensure effective implementation and coordination.

The CRD coordinated the Regional Goose Management Working Group through 2015, culminating in a pilot population reduction program in June of the same year. Since 2015, the working group has continued to meet without the CRD providing a coordinating role. The group participates on the Vancouver Island Regional Canada Goose Working Group, a group of Vancouver Island local governments affected by Canada goose conflicts. CRD staff continue to attend the Regional Canada Goose Working Group in support of the Regional Food and Agriculture Strategy initiatives.

In July 2019, staff provided an update on the Regional Canada Goose Management Strategy to the CRD Board. In response to the update the Board approved:

*That the Board advocate to senior levels of government for resources (e.g., policy, programs, research and grant funding) to maintain and enhance the scope and scale of non-migratory Canada goose management in the region and report back in one year on the efficacy of the advocacy or enhanced service levels.*

In August of 2019, Chair Plant, on behalf of the CRD, sent a letter to Minister McKenna requesting the federal government increase the resources to maintain and enhance the scope and scale of non-migratory Canada goose management in the region. A response has not been received; however, federal and provincial representatives are participating on the Vancouver Island Regional Canada Goose Working Group and staff continue to represent the CRD interests and direction from the Board at this table.

Correspondence from the Town of View Royal (Appendix A) and the District of Central Saanich (Appendix B) earlier this year requests that the CRD play a more active role in coordinating a goose management strategy and goose egg addling across the Region.

### **CONCLUSION**

The CRD coordinated the Regional Goose Management Working Group through 2015, culminating in a pilot population reduction program in June of the same year. Since 2015, the working group has continued to meet and participate on the Vancouver Island Regional Canada Goose Working Group. CRD staff continue to participate on the Regional Canada Goose Working Group and the Vancouver Island Regional Canada Goose Working Group.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Regional Parks Committee receive this report for information.

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| Submitted by: | Jeff Leahy, RPF, Senior Manager, Regional Parks                            |
| Concurrence:  | Larisa Hutcheson, P. Eng., General Manager, Parks & Environmental Services |
| Concurrence:  | Robert Lapham, MCIP, RPP, Chief Administrative Officer                     |

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix A: Town of View Royal Correspondence (February 10, 2020)  
Appendix B: District of Central Saanich Correspondence (April 23, 2020)





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### CRD EXECUTIVE OFFICE

*Received*

**FEB 18 2020**

February 10, 2020

Capital Regional District Board  
625 Fisgard Street  
PO Box 1000  
Victoria, BC V8W 2S6

Dear Chair Plant and Directors:

#### **RE: Regional Canada Goose Management Strategy**

At its February 4, 2020 meeting, View Royal Council discussed correspondence provided by a resident describing the proliferation of non-migratory Canadian Geese in the Portage Inlet and the impacts they are causing. The dialogue covered topics such as the damage to sensitive ecosystems caused by foraging, trampling and feces as well as the potential impacts to native species of waterfowl in the migratory bird sanctuary that blankets much of our region.

View Royal Council is aware that the Capital Regional District undertook a Regional Canada Goose Management Strategy in 2012. Given the seemingly large and growing number of non-migratory Canadian geese, View Royal Council is asking if the management program developed through this CRD Strategy can be revisited and subsequently implemented by the Capital Regional District to reduce and mitigate the impacts at this time.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

David Screech  
Mayor





April 23, 2020

File No. 0400-60/20

Capital Regional District  
625 Fisgard Street, PO Box 1000  
Victoria, BC V8W 2S6

Attention: Kristen Morley, Corporate Officer

Dear Ms. Morley,

**Re: Egg Addling for Goose Management**

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At their April 20, 2020 Regular Meeting, the Municipal Council of the District of Central Saanich passed the motion that the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board consider the following resolution:

*That staff prepare a request for proposals to provide a sustained region-wide coordinated goose egg addling service within the Capital Regional District.*

Goose egg-addling is part of a multi pronged approach to goose management; and other regional districts have shown success with such an approach to goose management. Some organizations (ie, individual local government, DND and Water District) within the CRD have already been conducting egg adding programs on lands within their control.

Thank you for considering Council's request.

Sincerely,

Liz Cornwell,  
Corporate Officer