

ELK/BEAVER LAKE RECREATIONAL USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, December 2, @ 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Cedar Meeting Room, 490 Atkins Avenue, Regional Parks Headquarters

AGENDA

1. Territorial Acknowledgement
2. Welcome and Introduction
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes – December 8, 2020
5. Review of 2022 Proposed Events and Restrictions on Elk Lake
6. New Business
 - a) Clarification on Transport Canada Permit Process
 - b) In Lake Remediation Update
 - c) Membership Update
7. Adjournment

Note: Please RSVP Jeanette Mollin at 250.360.3341 or e-mail jmollin@crd.bc.ca regarding your attendance at the meeting.

Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Group

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Microsoft Teams Meeting

M I N U T E S

Present: Tracey Moss, Regional Parks (Chair); Alistair Crawford, Transport Canada; Sandra Bolton, Transport Canada; Bryan Stevenson, Motorized Recreational Use; Scott Silvestri, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations; Adam Parfitt, Victoria Rowing Society; Paul Regensburg, Member of the General Public; Sergeant Sherry Walsh, Saanich Police; Sergeant Brad Brajcich, Saanich Police; Jeff Leahy, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; Marc Solomon, Regional Parks; Jeanette Mollin, Regional Parks (Recorder)

Regrets: Haig-Brown Fly Fishers Association; Golden Rods and Reels

The meeting was called to order at 2pm

1. Welcome and Introduction

A round table of introductions took place for the benefit of the new member. Alistair announced that he has moved to the Thompson/Okanagan and introduced Sandra Bolton as his replacement. Sandra provided a brief introduction.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the December 8, 2020 Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Group meeting were approved.

3. Approval of Minutes – December 5, 2019

The minutes of the Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Group meeting of December 5, 2019 were adopted as circulated.

4. Review of 2021 Proposed Events and Restrictions on Elk Lake

A review of the schedule took place. Tracey confirmed that there are no permitted events going forward at this time as we are following the direction of the PHO, it is a wait and see approach at the moment. Adam explained how the rowing community are working around the current restrictions. Event applications could be shelf ready in hopes that the order lifts as not to create of backlog in the review and approval process.

5. New Business

- a) Terms of Reference – Tracey mentioned that the Terms of Reference (TOR) had expired October 2020 and it is time for an update. She pointed out that as a long

standing group the goal is to have it be compliant with other CRD Advisory Committees and Groups, and that we are currently working with Legislative Services to achieve this. The group discussed the suggested changes to the TOR which included: membership of the group (reduce member of public and add member of paddle sport community) and updating the wording around the Transport Canada process. Discussion ensued on the composition of the group. Paul recommended that a swimming representative remain on the group due to the large number of swimmers and swim-related events at Elk/Beaver Lake, whereas the paddleboard activity on the lake was not frequent. There was support for this recommendation from the Committee Members.

ACTION: Send final TOR to the group before it goes to the Regional Parks Committee.

- b) Aeration System Update/Funding Announcement – Jeff mentioned the province may help fund the aeration system. There is a meeting planned to discuss the provincial funding in the next few weeks but the funding for CRD is in place. Will provide an update after the meeting. There is no current timeframe for installation but the goal is as soon as possible.

ACTION: Follow up with the Group after the meeting with the Province regarding the Aeration System Funding

- c) Revenue Strategy – Paid Parking – Tracey mentioned that staff was asked by the Regional Parks Committee to come back with recommendations on how to increase non-tax base funding for regional parks and trails. A review of other cost recovery and revenue generation mechanisms was done and the strategy was drafted. The strategy looked at a phased approach to revenue generation. The first piece of the strategy was to make sure our fees were reflective of fair market value. The second piece is to look at expanding paid parking in other regional parks and the third piece is to undertake a larger study and create a business plan around service plus opportunities. The Revenue Strategy was presented to the Regional Parks Committee in November 2020. The Committee asked staff to amend the strategy to show options for the slower implementation of increased fees, look at faster timeline for the implementation of paid parking in more parks and work with the District of Central Saanich for paid parking at Island View Beach Regional Park. Adam is concerned about implementing paid parking at Elk/Beaver Lake and the impact to the rowing community. Bryan is concerned about the possible installation of paid parking at the boat launch and suggested better signage as this could present an issue if no one is policing the lot. Members inquired if there was an opportunity to comment on the report. Jeff mentioned that it could be possible through a survey but staff have to wait and see what happens at the Committee after the revised report goes forward. Tracey did mention that the report did include stakeholder engagement. Jeff provided comments on the pressures on regional parks and trails due to increased visitation over the entire system.

ACTION: Send Revenue Strategy Staff Report and Attachments to the Group. Let Group know when the Strategy goes back to the Committee and when they can provide input.

- d) Next Generation Expression of Interest – Jeff mentioned that Rowing BC is seeking a permanent home for a BC Next Generation Performance Centre. Interested communities must submit an Expression of Interest to Rowing BC by January 11, 2021. Jeff wanted to know who the contacts were that would be putting together a bid for the rowing community so that he could communicate with them. Adam indicated that he would survey the members and ask them to reach out to Regional Parks for a letter of support.

ACTION: Adam to survey Rowing BC Members and ask them to reach out to Regional Parks for a letter of support.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

Summary of Events on Elk/Beaver Lake – 2022

These events are Transport Canada approved and dates are subject to change.

Organization	Name of Event	Location	Dates/ Times	Part. / Spect.	Restriction
University of Victoria	Elk Lake Spring Regatta	Elk Lake	March 5/6 8am-4pm	500/250	Under 10 hp on course or on warm-up and cool down pattern outlined
Ironman Canada Inc	Ironman Victoria 70.3	Elk Lake	May 29,	2000/800	No vessels permitted on the east end of Elk Lake during a swimming event
Victoria City Rowing Club	Challenge West	Elk Lake	July 8/9/10 7am-6pm	600/600	Under 10 hp on course or on warm-up and cool down pattern outlined
Pinnacle Fitness	Victoria Half Iron Triathlon	Elk Lake	July 17		
Victoria City Rowing Club	BC Champs	Elk Lake	July 23/24/25 6am-7pm	600/800	Under 10 hp on course or on warm-up and cool down pattern outlined
Dynamic Race Events	Elk Lake Triathlon	Elk Lake	July 31		
BC Games 55+ Society	BC Games 55+	Elk Lake	Sept 13-17		
University of Victoria	Western Canadian Championships	Elk Lake	October 8 8am-5pm	250/50	Under 10 hp on course or on warm-up and cool down pattern outlined
Greater Victoria Youth Rowing Society	October Sprints	Elk Lake	Oct 14/15/16 8am-5pm	400/400	Under 10 hp on course or on warm-up and cool down pattern outlined
Greater Victoria Youth Rowing Society	LVISSAA City Champs	Elk Lake	Nov 4/5/6 8am-4pm	400/400	Under 10 hp on course or on warm-up and cool down pattern outlined