

Meeting Minutes

Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Committee

Thursday, June 6, 2024

2 PM

Regional Parks Headquarters
490 Atkins Avenue
Victoria BC V9B 2Z8

Present: Tracey Moss, Regional Parks (Chair); Kyle Wiens, Transport Canada, Pat George, Haig Brown Fly Fishers; Adam Parfitt, Victoria Rowing Society; Sergeant Brad Brajcich, Saanich Police; Mick Collins Golden Rods and Reels, Jamie Disbrow, Member of the Public; Peter Fargey, Member of the Public; Pierre Malo, Motorized Recreational Use; Stuart Walsh, Regional Parks; Rachael Ince, Regional Parks; Jeanette Mollin, Regional Parks (Recorder)

Regrets: Melanie Parrott, Swimming,

The meeting was called to order at 2pm

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Moss provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Welcome and Introduction

A round table of introductions took place for the benefit of the new members.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by A Parfitt, SECONDED by B Brajcich

That the agenda for the June 6, 2024 Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes – December 1, 2023

MOVED by B Brajcich, SECONDED by A Parfitt

That the minutes of the Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Committee of December 1, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Brookleigh Boat Launch Signage

Mick mentioned that parking at the Brookleigh Boat Launch continues to be a problem as park visitors are using the parking area just to take a walk in the park. Chair Moss mentioned that there are no exclusive use parking lots and that some users come with small boats and kayaks on the top of their vehicles. Staff will review the signage for improvements.

The following suggestions were made:

- ask CRD Rangers to provide education
- reach out to District of Saanich to provide road parking
- have summer students provide awareness of where in the park to park

- provide parking permits in peak season for boat users
- use sandwich boards and more signage on parking lot usage

6. Fishing Dock Encounters

Mick mentioned that jet skis are coming too close to the fishing dock and causing too much wake, he suggested to install more buoys to stop them from coming too close to the dock. Chair Moss mentioned that the CRD is obtaining a legal opinion on who is responsible for installation and maintenance of the buoys on the lake.

7. Invasive Species Communication

Mick inquired if there could be some reinforcement around the importance of cleaning off your boat to stop the spread of invasive species and how the awareness can be increased. Chair Moss mentioned that the Park Rangers and Transport Canada can provide awareness and possibly a joint outreach around the clean, drain, dry campaign.

8. New Business:

a) Ironman Debrief

Chair Moss asked members if there was any comments or concerns around the Ironman Triathlon. Brad mentioned that there were a few complaints around noise and blocking of roadways but other than that the event went well.

b) Oxygenator

Stuart provided the members with a brief update on the oxygenator system. He mentioned that since it was installed last year there had been a few issues, but they are fixed and the system is working as it should. It will take time to see the improvements to the water quality. He pointed out that there were some reports around the bubbles but confirmed that it was normal.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by A Parfitt, SECONDED by P Malo

That the June 6, 2024 Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:55pm.

CARRIED