

**Meeting Minutes**

**Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Committee**

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Thursday, November 21, 2024

2 PM

Regional Parks Headquarters  
490 Atkins Avenue  
Victoria BC V9B 2Z8

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**Present:** Stuart Walsh, Regional Parks (Chair); Pat George, Haig Brown Fly Fishers; Adam Parfitt, Victoria Rowing Society; Sergeant Brad Brajcich, Saanich Police; Melanie Parrott, Swimming, Jamie Disbrow, Member of the Public; Rachael Ince, Regional Parks; Jeanette Mollin, Regional Parks (Recorder)

**Regrets:** Mick Collins Golden Rods and Reels; Pierre Malo, Motorized Recreational Use; Kyle Wiens, Transport Canada; Peter Fargey, Member of the Public;

The meeting was called to order at 2pm

**1. Territorial Acknowledgement**

Chair Walsh 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 November 21, 2024 Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Committee be approved.

**CARRIED**

**4. Approval of Minutes – June 6, 2024**

**MOVED by B Brajcich, SECONDED by J Disbrow**

That the minutes of the Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Committee of June 6, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**5. Review of 2025 Proposed Events and Restrictions on Elk Lake**

The 2025 Proposed Events and Restrictions Schedule on Elk Lake was discussed and agreed upon with Committee members.

**6. Brookleigh Boat Launch Parking Signage**

Chair Walsh commented that staff are working with the sign shop to improve signage at the Brookleigh boat launch. He mentioned that staff have conducted patrols and provided education to park users. Members suggested to paint bright colors for different parking areas at the location. Parking is an ongoing issue, and it is a challenge to obtain compliance.

## 7. Buoys

Since the departure of Tracey Moss, previous Chair, this item is on hold and there is no current update available.

## 8. Lake Levels

Chair Walsh mentioned that the weir is open and that lake levels are within the prescribed rule curve targets. It is a balance between recreational and fisheries values.

## 9. Event Parking at Eagle Beach

A Parfitt mentioned that there has been a struggle with event parking during rowing regattas. Some participants and spectators have received warning notices as they park along the roadway where the signage indicates no parking. To ensure that participants and spectators are parking in designated parking stalls and to avoid being ticketed, the Rowing Club must provide their own parking ambassadors for the event.

## 10. Water Quality

A. Parfit pointed out that parts of the lake are good and there is an observed difference in water quality in the middle of the lake due to the new oxygenation system but will the lake as a whole improve due to the system. Chair Walsh stated that blue/green algae is becoming more frequent and happening longer. He mentioned that the system deals with oxygen at the deeper levels of the lake, and it does not account for run off.

## 11. New Business:

### a) Membership Appointments

J Mollin mentioned the membership for the Committee as follows:

- Brad Bracjich, representative for Saanich Police, is retiring at the end of December 2024. He introduced the new representative, Karen Robinson. The appointment of the new Saanich Police representative will go to the CRD Board Committee in 2025.
- Melanie Parrott, representative for the swimming community, appointment expires on December 31, 2024. Melanie is up for reappointment and is to forward her interest to J Mollin before the end of 2024.

## 12. Adjournment

**MOVED** by J Disbrow, **SECONDED** by B Brajcich  
That the November 21, 2024 Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 3 pm.

**CARRIED**