



Capital Regional District

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Meeting Minutes

Sooke & Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Commission

Tuesday, June 02, 2026

6:30 PM

SEAPARC Board Room
2168 Phillips Road,
Sooke, BC V9Z 0Y3

Present:

Commissioners: A. Beddows (Chair), N. Dowhy (Vice Chair), J. Bateman, R. Finlayson, L. Haug, M. Swinburnson, A. Wickheim

Staff: M. Alsdorf, Senior Manager, SEAPARC Recreation; M. Curtis, Manager of Operations; C. Hogg, Program Services Manager; M. MacKeigan, Administrative Secretary (Recorder)

Absent: M. Tait

Chair Beddows called the meeting to order at 6:28pm.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Dowhy, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Bateman,

That the agenda for the May 5, 2026 session of the SEAPARC Commission be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Haug, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Finlayson,

That the minutes of the Sooke & Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of June 2, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The skate park grand opening on May 31 was well attended, and it was wonderful to see people of all ages enjoying the space. Having served on the commission for the past eight years, it is especially rewarding to witness this long-term project come to fruition. Many thanks to the staff for their hard work and dedication to making this project a success.

The second annual Sooke Paddle Battle brought together over 250 players from across B.C. for two days of competition, featuring more than 380 matches across 17 categories. Participants ranged in age from 12 to 79, with many over 55. The event was a great success thanks to the excellent facilities and staff at SEAPARC, who supported the tournament from

start to finish. Organizers expressed strong appreciation and hope to return for a third event next year.

Commissioner Finlayson's term is coming to an end, thank you for your involvement on the commission this year as the youth representative. Your contribution was greatly valued.

5. YOUTH REPORT

Youth are very pleased with the new skate park. They are also actively participating in pickleball and making use of the courts on Throup Road. Additionally, there has been a request for an attachment for T-bar rows in the weight room.

6. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

6.1. Presentations

- There were no presentations.

6.2. Delegations

- There were no delegations.

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1. 2026 January to April Programs & Services Update

C. Hoglund provided an overview of the report. The Commission discussed the following:

- Forecast for next quarter

This report was received for information.

7.2. Capital Projects and Facility Update

M. Curtis provided an overview of the report. The Commission discussed the following:

- Great work by staff in completing two projects while staying under budget.

This report was received for information.

7.3. Enhancing Recreation Accessibility and Community Inclusion

C. Hoglund provided an overview of the report. The commission discussed the following:

- Programming opportunities for the new skate park

This report was received for information.

7.4. Skate Park Grand Opening

M. Alsdorf provided a verbal update on the skate park grand opening:

- The skate park grand opening was well attended.

- The park remains graffiti-free, which helps maintain good traction on the features.
- Washroom facilities are available at DeMamiel Creek Golf Course during operating hours.

The Commission discussed the following:

- The park and features are more impressive in person
- Parking limitations
- Fence along the roadway

This report was received for information.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

9. NOTICE(S) of MOTION:

There were no notices of motion.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

The commission shared the following:

- District of Sooke Updates: Sooke Health Summit on September 26 including table discussions on recreation; Ravens Ridge Park Phase 2 Community Celebration on Saturday, June 20.
- Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Updates: We have observed a rise in the number of visitors to beaches and parks within the JDF area.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Commissioner Dowhy, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Wickheim,

That the June 2, 2026 meeting of the Sooke & Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Commission be adjourned at 7:02 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER