

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

9:30 AM

Electronic

Electronic Meeting

PRESENT

J. Brownoff (Chair), S. Goodmanson (Vice Chair), J. Bateman (for M. Tait), C. Coleman, G. Holman, S. Riddell (for R. Windsor), S. Tobias, Alt. M. Wagner, K. Williams, C. McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex officio)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; G. Harris, Acting General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Environmental Services; M. MacIntyre, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; N. Cann, Manager, Visitor Experience and Stewardship; A. Pickrell, Senior Parks and Trails Planner; J. Robinson, Senior Conservation Biologist; M. Miklea, Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Rennie, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

Regrets: M. Tait, R. Windsor

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Brownoff provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Goodmanson, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Wagner,
That the agenda of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of July 22, 2026 be
approved.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [26-0851](#) Minutes of the Regional Parks Committee Meeting of June 24, 2026

MOVED by Director Coleman, **SECONDED** by Director Goodmanson,
That the minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting of June 24, 2026 be
adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Brownoff recognized the Regional Parks Committee and staff and thanked them for all their work towards the Committee's goals.

In preparation of the upcoming summer break, M. MacIntyre presented videos highlighting paddlecraft launch instructions and wilderness cameras capturing large carnivores.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [26-0830](#) Wetland Creation Project at Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park

M. McIntyre and J. Robinson presented Item 6.1. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- biodiversity projects, ecosystems and data collection
- species at risk and alge blooms
- public access and education surrounding alge blooms
- watershed management plan
- improvement to lake health and initiatives

6.2. [26-0831](#) Elk Lake Oxygenation System Update - 2025 Annual Report

J. Robinson presented Item 6.2. for information.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- source identification of phosphorus in the lake
- information sharing and progress reporting on a regular basis
- stormwater management and technology to contain contaminants
- Island Health algae bloom notification protocols

Motion Arising:

MOVED by Alternate Director Wagner, SECONDED by Director Goodmanson, The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That staff provide an annual update on the Elk/Beaver Lake Watershed Management Plan.

CARRIED

6.3. [26-0832](#) Off-leash Dogs in the Governor General Area at Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park

A. Pickrell spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- dog management within regional parks
- enforcement within parks and issuance of notices

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

**That staff maintain existing conditions (status quo) for off-leash dog use in the
Governor General Area at Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park.**

CARRIED

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Director Tobias,
That the Regional Parks Committee meeting of July 22, 2026 be adjourned at
10:59 am.**

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER