METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Regional Parks Committee held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 in the 28th Floor Committee Room, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Chair, Mayor John McEwen, Anmore
Mayor Neil Belenkie, Belcarra
Councillor Pietro Calendino, Burnaby
Councillor Diana Dilworth, Port Moody
Councillor Laurie Guerra, Surrey
Mayor George Harvie, Delta
Councillor Craig Hodge, Coquitlam
Councillor Lisa Muri, North Vancouver District
Councillor Maureen Nicholson, Bowen Island (arrived at 9:38 a.m.)
Councillor Darrell Penner, Port Coquitlam
Councillor Kim Richter, Langley Township
Councillor Bill Soprovich, West Vancouver
Councillor Mary Trentadue, New Westminster

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Vice Chair, Councillor Michael Wiebe, Vancouver
Councillor Tracy Miyashita, Pitt Meadows

STAFF PRESENT:
Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, Parks and Environment
Genevieve Lanz, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 February 12, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for February 12, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED
2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 November 13, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held November 13, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS
No items presented.

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS
No items presented.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 2020 Regional Parks Committee Priorities and Work Plan
Report dated December 3, 2019 from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, Parks and Environment, providing members with the 2020 Regional Parks Committee Work Plan and Priorities.

Members were provided with a presentation on the 2020 Regional Parks Committee Work Plan and Priorities, highlighting asset management and maintenance, capital planning implementation, and community engagement programs.

Members commented on the timeline of the Widgeon Marsh Regional Park project and the development of public access to the Burns Bog Conservancy Area.

Request of Staff
Staff was requested to provide members with a presentation on the Burns Bog Conservancy Area and land transfer from the City of Delta.

9:38 a.m. Councillor Nicholson arrived at the meeting.

Presentation material titled “2020 Priorities & Work Plan – Regional Parks Committee” is retained with the February 12, 2020 Regional Parks Committee agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Regional Parks Committee endorse the work plan as presented in the report dated December 3, 2019, titled “2020 Regional Parks Committee Priorities and Work Plan”.

CARRIED
5.2 Regional Parks Natural Resource Management Framework
Report dated January 13, 2020 from Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Engineering Services, Regional Parks, Parks and Environment, seeking endorsement of the Regional Parks Natural Resource Management Framework.

Members were provided with a presentation on the Regional Parks Natural Resource Management Framework, highlighting ecosystem health and long-term resiliency, connecting people and natural areas, and regional parks stewardship opportunities.

Presentation material titled “Natural Resource Management Framework - 2020 Update” is retained with the February 12, 2020 Regional Parks Committee agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the MVRD Board endorse the Regional Parks Natural Resource Management Framework as presented in the report dated January 13, 2020, titled “Regional Parks Natural Resource Management Framework”.  

CARRIED

5.3 Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1300, 2020
Report dated January 10, 2020 from Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Engineering Services, Regional Parks, Parks and Environment, seeking MVRD Board adoption of Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1300, 2020.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the MVRD Board:
a) give first, second and third reading to Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1300, 2020; and
b) pass and finally adopt Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1300, 2020.

CARRIED

5.4 Manager’s Report – Regional Parks
Report dated January 24, 2020 from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, Parks and Environment, providing members with an update on Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Service Amending Bylaw No. 1290, 2019, Aldergrove Regional Park Nature Discovery Loop, and attendance at 2020 Standing Committee events.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated January 24, 2020, titled “Manager’s Report – Regional Parks”.

CARRIED
6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Regional Parks Upcoming Events – February & March 2020

6.2 Check it Out! – Spring 2020 Edition

7. OTHER BUSINESS
No items presented.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS
No items presented.

9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Regional Parks Committee close its regular meeting scheduled for February 12, 2020 pursuant to the Community Charter provisions, Section 90 (1) (e), (g) and (m) as follows:

“90 (1) A part of the meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the board or committee considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district;

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the regional district; and

(m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.”

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Regional Parks adjourn its regular meeting of February 12, 2020.

CARRIED

(Time: 10:07 a.m.)

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Genevieve Lanz, Legislative Services Coordinator

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John McEwen, Chair