Purpose

The Regional Parks Committee is the standing committee of the Metro Vancouver Board that provides advice and recommendations on policies, plans, programs, budgets, and issues related to the Regional Parks service.
Within the scope of the *Board Strategic Plan*, *Regional Parks Plan*, *Regional Parks Land Acquisition 2050*, and *Metro Vancouver Financial Plan*, the Committee provides guidance and oversight to staff on the implementation of annual work plans and business plans that guide the Regional Parks service delivery with the goal of protecting the region’s important natural areas and connecting people to nature.
Guiding the implementation of the Regional Parks Land Acquisition 2050 strategy and making recommendations to the MVRD Board to secure land for future regional park use, centered on protection of the region’s important natural areas and connecting people to them.
Overseeing the ongoing implementation of the Regional Parks Capital Program, operating budget implementation to ensure the provision of safe, clean, and well-maintained facilities for park visitors
Guiding policy, strategic direction, and analysis aimed at managing Regional Parks to ensure the protection and enhancement of natural areas.
Providing strategic direction to guide the development of interpretive, educational and stewardship programs to enhance understanding and enjoyment of the natural environment that increase opportunities for people to connect with, enjoy and be active in nature.
Reviewing and endorsing partnership/contribution agreements for MVRD Board approval with the Pacific Parklands Foundation, park associations and other stakeholders.
Recommending to the MVRD Board amendments to the Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw that governs the Regional Parks service, including the setting of annual fees and charges to promote positive visitor experiences.
Providing strategic direction in program delivery, community engagement and provision of special facilities or programs to support the regional parks system.
Guiding and participating in engagements with member municipalities, First Nations, stakeholders, and the public on Regional Parks’ plans, policies and programs.
Regional Parks – 2020 Committee Work Plan
Priorities
Protect and Connect
2020 – Strategies & Policy

• Implement Regional Parks Land Acquisition 2050 Strategy

• Undertake Public Programming & Interpretation Strategy

• Complete Regional Greenways Strategy

• Develop Regional Parks Naming Policy
Asset Management & Maintenance

• Complete Regional Parks State of the Assets Report

• Update Natural Resource Management Framework

• Complete Regional Parks Asset Inventory and Analysis/Plan

• Complete Campbell Valley Regional Park Management Plan
Research & Reporting

• Regional Parks Annual Report 2019
• Regional Parks Visitor Satisfaction Survey
• Climate 2050 Roadmap- Nature and Ecosystems update
• Review of active transportation opportunities and transit servicing to Regional Parks
2020 – Financial & Bylaw

• Regional Parks annual budget and 5-year financial plan

• Regional Parks 30-year financial Framework

• Land Acquisition Bylaw 735 Amendment

• Regional Parks Regulation Amending Bylaw
2020 – Agreements

• Review and Renew Agreement with the Pacific Parklands Foundation

• Aldergrove Regional Park Transfer

• Review/Renew Park Association Contribution Agreements

• Burnaby Lake Regional Park – Agreement renewal
2020 – Working Together

• Explore Opportunities for Working Cooperatively with Local First Nations on Regional Parks Initiatives

• Finalize Belcarra South Cultural Landscape Plan, Belcarra Regional Park

• Undertake Regional Parks Committee Tour of Regional Parks
2019 – Capital Planning & Implementation

• Implement Grouse Mountain Regional Park Priority Improvements

• Brunette Fraser Greenway Sapperton Landing Park and Greenway development

• Complete Construction of Aldergrove Regional Park Nature Discovery Area & Trail
2020 – Capital Planning & Implementation

• Complete Widgeon Marsh Regional Park detailed design and commence park construction

• Sheep Paddocks Trail at Colony Farm Regional Park Opening

• Complete Crippen & Capilano Regional Park Service Yard Replacements
2020 – Capital Planning & Implementation

• Complete Land Transfer with City of Delta at the Delta Nature Reserve/Burns Bog Properties and initiate Management Planning

• Complete Detailed Design of Davies Orchard Park Improvements at Crippen Regional Park

Regional Parks Committee
Questions
OUR ROLE:

PROTECTING Metro Vancouver’s natural areas
+
CONNECTING people with them
OUR VALUES:

The Necessity of Nature  
Wellness  
Stewardship  
The Sharing of Expertise
NRM Framework

Provides direction and guidance towards the use and protection of natural resources within the regional parks system.
Principles

- Ecosystem-based management
- Adaptive management
- Precautionary approach
- Collaboration
Goals in line with Regional Parks’ role and values

- Goal 1: Ensure ecosystem health
- Goal 2: Connect people with natural areas
- Goal 3: Public involvement in stewardship of Regional Parks
Goal 1

Ensure ecosystem health and long-term resiliency to conserve diverse biological communities and their associated habitats.
Ensure ecosystem health and long-term resiliency

• Conserve and protect natural processes and features
• Enhance ecosystem connectivity
• Maintain, enhance and restore natural communities, structures or conditions
Ensure ecosystem health and long-term resiliency

- Manage invasive species
- Mitigate for and adapt to effects of climate change
- Conserve soil resources
- Conserve water resources
Goal 2

Provide opportunities for public to connect with natural areas while conserving the integrity and resilience of ecosystems
Connect people with natural areas

- Site park infrastructure and visitor use in less sensitive areas
- Use best management practices to protect natural resources
- Manage and monitor impacts of visitor use
Connect people with natural areas

• Provide for human safety while recognizing that parks are natural areas with inherent risks
Goal 3

Provide opportunities for public involvement in natural resource management through partnerships and stewardship activities.
Public involvement in stewardship of Regional Parks

- Form collaborative partnerships
- Provide opportunities for stewardship and education
Public involvement in stewardship of Regional Parks

- Enhance understanding of regional parks through research
- Promote the sharing of expertise
Monitoring and Reporting

- Area of sensitive or modified ecosystems within regional parks
- Cumulative area of ecological restoration
- Area of invasive non-native species treated annually
- Volunteer hours
- Research projects
Questions?

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