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, March 11, 2020 in the 28th Floor Committee Room, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Chair, Mayor John McEwen, Anmore
Mayor Neil Belenkie, Belcarra (departed at 9:51 a.m.)
Councillor Pietro Calendino, Burnaby
Councillor Laurie Guerra, Surrey
Mayor George Harvie, Delta
Councillor Craig Hodge, Coquitlam (arrived at 9:04 a.m.)
Councillor Tracy Miyashita, Pitt Meadows (arrived at 9:02 a.m.)
Councillor Lisa Muri, North Vancouver District
Councillor Maureen Nicholson, Bowen Island
Councillor Darrell Penner, Port Coquitlam
Councillor Kim Richter, Langley Township
Councillor Mary Trentadue, New Westminster

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Vice Chair, Councillor Michael Wiebe, Vancouver
Councillor Diana Dilworth, Port Moody
Councillor Bill Soprovich, West Vancouver

STAFF PRESENT:
Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, Parks and Environment
Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer
Genevieve Lanz, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 March 11, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for March 11, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED
2. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

2.1 **February 12, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**

*It was MOVED and SECONDED*

That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held February 12, 2020, as circulated.

*CARRIED*

3. **DELEGATIONS**

No items presented.

4. **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

No items presented.

5. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF**

9:02 a.m. Councillor Miyashita arrived at the meeting.

*Agenda Order Varied*

The order of the agenda was varied to consider Items 5.2 and 5.3 at this point.

5.2 **Contribution Agreement – Catching the Spirit 2019 Youth Society**

Report dated March 4, 2020 from David Leavers, Division Manager, Visitor and Operations Services, Regional Parks, Parks and Environment, seeking approval to enter into a three-year Contribution Agreement between the MVRD and Catching the Spirit 2019 Youth Society in the amount of $75,000 per year commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.

9:04 a.m. Councillor Hodge arrived at the meeting.

*It was MOVED and SECONDED*

That the MVRD Board approve the Contribution Agreement between the Metro Vancouver Regional District and the CTS 2019 Youth Society for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022, with annual contributions of $75,000 per year.

*CARRIED*

5.3 **Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy Revision**

Report dated February 20, 2020 from Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Engineering Services, Regional Parks, Parks and Environment, seeking approval of the proposed amendments to the *Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy Revision* to enable consideration of Indigenous place names, renaming and dual naming in regional parks.
It was MOVED and SECONDED That the MVRD Board approve the Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy as presented in the report dated February 20, 2020, titled “Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy Revisions".

CARRIED

Agenda Order Resumed
The order of the agenda resumed with Item 5.1 being before the Committee.

5.1 Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Definition Update
Fred Nenninger, Director, Policy Planning and Analysis, Liquid Waste Services and Robin Worcester, Natural Resource Management Specialist, Regional Parks, Parks and Environment, provided members with a presentation on the Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant project, highlighting resource recovery opportunities, ecosystem restoration and habitat enhancement, salmon migration connection, and next steps.

Presentation material titled “Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant – Project Definition Update” is retained with the March 11, 2020 Regional Parks Committee agenda.

5.2 Contribution Agreement – Catching the Spirit 2019 Youth Society
This item was previously considered.

5.3 Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy Revision
This item was previously considered.

Agenda Order Varied
The order of the agenda was varied to consider Item 5.6 at the point.

5.6 Manager's Report - Regional Parks
Report dated March 4, 2020 from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, Parks and Environment, providing members with an update on the Regional Parks Committee 2020 Work Plan, signing of the Belcarra Regional Park Co-operation Agreement between the MVRD and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, and design and development of Widgeon Marsh Regional Park.

It was MOVED and SECONDED That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated March 4, 2020, titled “Manager’s Report – Regional Parks”.

CARRIED
Agenda Order Resumed
The order of the agenda resumed with Item 5.4 being before the Committee.

5.4 Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area - History and Update
Markus Merkens, Natural Resource Management Specialist, Regional Parks, Parks and Environment, provided members with a presentation on the Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area, highlighting previous expansion and future inclusion of protected areas, management plan and governance, monitoring and research, carbon offset and regional importance.

9:51 a.m. Mayor Belenkie departed the meeting.

Presentation material titled “Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area – History and Update” is retained with the March 11, 2020 Regional Parks Committee agenda.

5.5 2019 Regional Parks Visitor Satisfaction Survey
Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Engineering Services, Regional Parks, Parks and Environment, provided members with the results of the 2019 Regional Parks Visitor Satisfaction survey, highlighting survey process, respondent demographics, and satisfaction results.

Members commented on public awareness of Metro Vancouver regional parks, visitation barriers and increased accessibility, and movement of park users across the region.

Presentation material titled “2019 Regional Parks Visitor Satisfaction Survey – System Summary” is retained with the March 11, 2020 Regional Parks Committee agenda.

5.6 Manager's Report - Regional Parks
This item was previously considered.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the following Information Items:

6.1 Regional Parks Upcoming Events

CARRIED
7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

   Members commented on the recent World Health Organization declaration labelling COVID-19 as a pandemic in response to its global spread, and the potential impact of the pandemic on regional parks programs.

8. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS**
   No items presented.

9. **RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**
   No items presented.

10. **ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION**

    **It was MOVED and SECONDED**
    That the Regional Parks Committee conclude its regular meeting of March 11, 2020.
    **CARRIED**
    (Time: 10:17 a.m.)

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Genevieve Lanz,      John McEwen, Chair
Legislative Services Coordinator