Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Regional Parks Committee held at 9:18 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 in the 28th Floor Committee Room, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Chair, Mayor John McEwen, Anmore
Vice Chair, Councillor Michael Wiebe, Vancouver*
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*
Councillor Darrell Penner, Port Coquitlam*
Councillor Kim Richter, Langley Township*
Councillor Bill Soprovich, West Vancouver
Councillor Mary Trentadue, New Westminster*

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Councillor Tracy Miyashita, Pitt Meadows

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

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 May 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for May 13, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED

*denotes electronic meeting participation as authorized by Section 3.6.2 of the Procedure Bylaw
2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 April 1, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held April 1, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS
No items presented.

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS
No items presented.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 Tynehead Regional Park - Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Licence Agreement
Report dated April 23, 2020 from Doug Petersen, Division Manager, East Area, Regional Parks, seeking MVRD Board approval of the Licence Agreement between the MVRD and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, for a 12-year term, to complete a forest restoration project within Tynehead Regional Park.

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the MVRD Board:

a) approve the Tynehead Regional Park Licence of Use Agreement (“Licence Agreement”) between the Metro Vancouver Regional District (“Metro Vancouver”) and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for a 12-year term, commencing August 1, 2020; and

b) authorize the Director, Properties on behalf of Metro Vancouver, to enter into, execute and deliver the Licence Agreement as contemplated in Recommendation a) substantially upon the terms and conditions set out in the Licence Agreement included as an Attachment to the report dated April 23, 2020, titled “Tynehead Regional Park - Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Licence of Use Agreement”.

CARRIED

5.2 Regional Parks 2019 Annual Report
Report dated April 7, 2020 from Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Resource Management, Regional Parks, presenting the Regional Parks 2019 Annual Report for information.

Members were provided a presentation on the Regional Parks 2019 Annual Report highlighting Regional Parks and Greenways, value of Regional Parks, natural resource management, operations and maintenance, safety, current and
future management, annual visitation, programs and events, volunteering, Pacific Parklands Foundation, and communications and publications.

Presentation material titled “Regional Parks 2019 Annual Report” is retained with the May 13, 2020 agenda.

Members suggested future reporting include challenges facing regional parks.

Discussion ensued about significant increases in visitation to Regional Parks since the Province implemented measures in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and subsequent impacts on adjacent municipalities, and about maintaining current funding to acquire additional park land to meet demands of the growing population.

**Main Motion**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Regional Parks Committee direct staff to report back to Committee, as a priority, on management controls to manage park infrastructure assets and peak usage at Metro Vancouver Regional Parks.

In response to questions, members were informed about the development of a Regional Parks asset assessment and active transportation study, and about efforts to work with affected municipalities on issues related to parking and traffic management concerns near regional parks.

Discussion ensued about referring the Main Motion back to staff.

**Referral Motion**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Regional Parks Committee refer to staff the aforementioned motion for further consideration.

**DEFEATED**

**Question on the Main Motion**

Question was then called on the Main Motion and it was **CARRIED**

**5.3 Manager’s Report – Regional Parks**

Report dated May 6, 2020 from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, updating the Regional Parks Committee on the Committee’s 2020 Work Plan, Regional Parks visitor use, key public messaging regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Regional Parks Advisory Committee meetings, capital development, land acquisitions, and Widgeon Marsh Regional Park development.

Members were informed that compared to 2019, public use of regional parks has increased by 67% (600,000 people) with 1.28 million visitors in March 2020 and
1.53 million visitors in April 2020 despite the closure of key regional parks due to COVID-19. Members were informed about implementation of physical distancing measures, discussions with the Province on the eventual opening of play areas, and ongoing discussions with the Regional Parks Advisory Committee.

Members were provided a series of video presentations regarding Metro Vancouver public communication efforts to encourage physical distancing in Metro Vancouver’s Regional Parks, and a presentation on Widgeon Marsh Regional Park.

In response to questions, members were informed about film revenues, maintenance resources, implementation of one-way routing of some regional park trails, public safety being a priority, COVID-19 Response Task Force discussions regarding Metro Vancouver finances, and about the June 5, 2020 Board budget workshop.

Request of Staff
Staff was requested to report back to the Regional Parks Committee at its June 17, 2020 meeting with a breakdown on film revenues and expenditures as part of the Manager’s Report.

Video presentations are not retained with the agenda.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**
That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated May 6, 2020, titled “Manager’s Report – Regional Parks”.

CARRIED

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
No items presented.

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 May 13, 2020, pursuant to the *Community Charter* provisions, Section 90 (1) (e) and (g) 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; and

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the regional district.”

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**
That the Regional Parks Committee adjourn its regular meeting of May 13, 2020.

**CARRIED**

(Time: 10:40 a.m.)

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Janis Knaupp,                                              John McEwen, Chair
Legislative Services Coordinator

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