

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE**

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

9:00 AM

28th Floor Boardroom, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia

REVISED AGENDA¹

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 June 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda

That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for June 16, 2021 as circulated.

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 May 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held May 12, 2021 as circulated.

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1 Pierce McNeal, Canadian Pacific Trials Association

Subject: Belcarra Regional Park – Canadian Pacific Trials Association

3.2 Keith Lennig, Vancouver Climbers Association

Subject: Rock Climbing in Metro Vancouver Regional Parks

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Kevin O’Callaghan, Pacific Parklands Foundation and Janet Antonio, Pacific Parklands Foundation

Subject: Pacific Parklands Foundation Annual Report

¹ Note: Recommendation is shown under each item, where applicable.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 Kanaka Creek Regional Park Interpretive Art Mural Project

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information report dated May 20, 2021, titled "Kanaka Creek Regional Park Interpretive Art Mural Project".

5.2 Manager's Report – Regional Parks

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information report dated June 9, 2021, titled "Manager's Report – Regional Parks".

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Regional Parks Upcoming Events – June 2021

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Note: The Committee must state by resolution the basis under section 90 of the Community Charter on which the meeting is being closed. If a member wishes to add an item, the basis must be included below.

Added

That the Regional Parks Committee close its regular meeting scheduled for June 16, 2021 pursuant to the *Community Charter* provisions, Section 90 (1) (e) 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."

10. ADJOURNMENT/CONCLUSION

That the Regional Parks Committee adjourn/conclude its regular meeting of June 16, 2021.

Membership:

McEwen, John (C) - Anmore
Wiebe, Michael (VC) - Vancouver
Calendino, Pietro - Burnaby
Clark, Carolina - Belcarra
Dilworth, Diana - Port Moody

Guerra, Laurie - Surrey
Harvie, George - Delta
Hodge, Craig - Coquitlam
Miyashita, Tracy - Pitt Meadows
Muri, Lisa - North Vancouver District

Nicholson, Maureen - Bowen Island
Penner, Darrell - Port Coquitlam
Richter, Kim - Langley Township
Soprovich, Bill - West Vancouver
Trentadue, Mary - New Westminster

**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, May 12, 2021 in the 28th Floor Boardroom, 4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair, Mayor John McEwen, Anmore
 Vice Chair, Councillor Michael Wiebe*, Vancouver
 Councillor Pietro Calendino*, Burnaby (arrived at 9:07 a.m.)
 Councillor Carolina Clark*, Belcarra
 Councillor Diana Dilworth*, Port Moody
 Councillor Laurie Guerra*, Surrey
 Mayor George Harvie*, Delta
 Councillor Craig Hodge*, Coquitlam
 Councillor Tracy Miyashita*, Pitt Meadows
 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:

None.

STAFF PRESENT:

Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, Parks and Environment
 Amelia White, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 May 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for May 12, 2021 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 7, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the minutes of its regular meeting held April 7, 2021 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

4. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Janet Antonio, Executive Director, Pacific Parklands Foundation and Laurel Irving, Fund Development Manager, Pacific Parklands Foundation

Janet Antonio and Laurel Irving spoke to members regarding the Reel Green Initiative, highlighting the community partnerships, the Reel Green Legacy Project and the Reel Earth Day Challenge.

Members were provided with a presentation titled "Community Partnerships", which is retained with the May 12, 2021 Regional Parks Committee agenda.

9:07 a.m. Councillor Pietro Calendino arrived at the meeting.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR STAFF

5.1 Regional Parks 2020 Annual Report

Report dated April 7, 2021, from Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Resource Management, Regional Parks providing the *Regional Parks 2020 Annual Report* to the Regional Parks Committee for information.

Members were provided with a presentation on the Regional Parks 2020 Annual Report, which outlined the protection of natural areas, land acquisition, stewardship activities, public programs and events, and volunteering opportunities.

Members provided comments on attracting people to the lesser known Metro Vancouver Regional Parks, the option of using public transit to visit the Regional Parks and the ways in which Metro Vancouver advertises the Regional Parks.

Presentation material titled "Regional Parks 2020 Annual Report" is retained with the May 12, 2021 Regional Parks Committee agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated April 7, 2021, titled "Regional Parks 2020 Annual Report".

CARRIED

5.2 Manager's Report – Regional Parks

Report dated April 20, 2021, from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks providing an update on the COVID-19 guidelines, the opening of the Grouse Grind, online programming, cultural planning with Tsleil-Waututh and the Regional Greenways.

Members were provided with a video presentation regarding the online Parks programming currently being offered, which is not retained with the agenda.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated April 20, 2021, titled "Manager's Report – Regional Parks".

CARRIED

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Regional Parks Upcoming Events – May 2021

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 12, 2021 pursuant to the *Community Charter* provisions, Section 90 (1) (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:
- (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 Committee adjourn its regular meeting of May 12, 2021.

CARRIED

(Time: 10:02 a.m.)

Amelia White,
Legislative Services Coordinator

John McEwen, Chair

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Canada Pacific Trials Association (CPTA) –

Executive Summary

As a legitimate Park user and engaged stakeholder for the past 50 years, the CPTA is gravely concerned by the decision of the Metro Vancouver Parks Committee to terminate our lease without any consultation in the portion of Belcarra Park in which we ride and maintain the trail system. It is evident that this decision was based on misleading and inaccurate information contained in an internal report provided to the Committee to which we responded to in our April 2021 report. We request a formal consultation process to discuss a path forward to maintain our access to the portion of the Park and address any concerns that the Committee has of our use of that portion of the Park.

Timeline:

As members of the Committee may not be fully aware that our club pre-dates the creation of the Park, the following is a brief overview of our history and tenure on these lands:

Year	Event
1963	Belcarra Park Resort Ltd. (owners of District Lot 229, which included portions of the future Belcarra Park lands) selectively logged Belcarra Park peninsula. This event is significant, as Metro Vancouver's report <i>Analysis of Canadian Pacific Trials Association activity impact within the Admiralty Heights lands</i> implies that forest lands within the Park are relatively pristine.
1971	The CPTA incorporates as a non-profit society (many years before the Park is created).
1986	The Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) Parks Committee approves, in principle, of the CPTA's activities in the Park.
1989	The Crown lands for Belcarra Regional Park are transferred to the GVRD, and the Park is created.
2000	The GVRD Park Committee reaffirms the CPTA's non-exclusive use of the trail network within the Admiralty Heights area of Belcarra Park. In his report to the Parks Committee, Parks Planner Brian Farquhar states: <i>CPTA has been an active and responsible recreation group at Belcarra Regional Park for a number of years in the way they have managed the riding area, informal trails and events. The club recognizes the growing demand for outdoor recreation opportunities has begun to influence their riding activities, and therefore proposes to work with GVRD to formalize their activity in concert with developing an overall trail program for this area of the Park.</i>
2001 - 2020	No environmental or other concerns with the CPTA's activities in the Park were brought up in the CPTA's regular communications with the MV Parks.
April 2020	The Parks Committee sends a letter to the CPTA advising of lease termination in early 2022.

CPTA Lease Termination

We were very surprised and disappointed to receive the Committee's April 2020 letter terminating the CPTA's lease in the Park, as there had been no prior discussion or consultation with the club regarding

this decision. As identified above, we have always maintained regular communication with MV Parks and at no time were any concerns raised that our tenure was in jeopardy. It appears clear that the Metro Vancouver report *Analysis of Canadian Pacific Trials Association activity impact within the Admiralty Heights land* was the reference document upon which the decision to terminate our lease was made. However, that report contains a number of factual errors and misleading statements which would have influenced this decision. We prepared and submitted our own report that identifies the inaccuracies in the Metro Vancouver report, as well as provides a series of solutions that would enable club members to continue to enjoy riding in the Park. Some key recommendations from the CPTA's report include:

- Requiring all club members to be in compliance with the Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Act and Regulation in the riding area in order to address the Parks Committee's concerns with respect to liability issues.
- Applying for a provincial Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Trail Fund grant. Specifically, our application would focus on trail planning; development of site-specific, multi-use trail best management practices, and the development of multi-use trails that benefit all trail user groups.
- Develop a land management agreement between Metro Vancouver and the CPTA. This agreement would clarify the status of CPTA trails and riding area versus anticipated other trail use types (i.e., hiking, mountain biking, shared use). As well, this agreement would enable Metro Vancouver to take advantage of the CPTA's capacity to monitor and maintain portions of Belcarra Park.

As well, our report notes that trials riders will always seek venues to enjoy their sport. Eliminating the privilege of riding in the Park will only force riders in the Lower Mainland to drive further, to more distant riding areas. This will add to traffic congestion which is contrary to the GVRD's original Livable Region Strategy and Metro Vancouver's current Regional Growth Strategy (Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future). Residents of the Lower Mainland need to be able to live, work and play within their communities. Termination of CPTA members' access to the Park will also cause undue economic hardship on a number of local and regional motorcycle importers and dealers that sell and service trials bikes.

The CPTA believes that our report addresses Metro Vancouver's concerns with respect to our activities in this portion of the Park. We believe that a mutually beneficial solution exists that will allow the CPTA continued access to portions of Belcarra Park while addressing Park Committee concerns. We have been the steward of these Park lands for a very long time, as previously stated; **the CPTA has been a legitimate and tenured Park user and stakeholder for 50 years.**

We are asking for a full and transparent consultation process wherein we jointly explore with local governments how the CPTA can maintain our riding access while working with Metro Vancouver to address land use concerns. This request is in keeping with the Metro Vancouver's Regional Parks Plan, which states: *Effectively engage with member municipalities, First Nations and stakeholders on regional park plans, policies and programs.*

In addition, while Metro Vancouver's park regulation bylaw specifically excludes motorized use in any Regional Park, the Board has the power to make an exception for the CPTA, and we ask that the Board make this exception in this narrow case. As part of this collaborative process, we invite the Board members to the site to personally review our efforts at environmental stewardship of the riding area within the Park.

To: Regional Parks Committee

From: Doug Petersen, Division Manager, East Area, Regional Parks

Date: May 20, 2021

Meeting Date: June 16, 2021

Subject: **Kanaka Creek Regional Park Interpretive Art Mural Project**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated May 20, 2021, titled "Kanaka Creek Regional Park Interpretive Art Mural Project".

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Kanaka Creek Regional Park Interpretive Art Mural Project is a multi-agency collaboration at the Fish Fence site in Kanaka Creek Regional Park that aims to address the ongoing issue of graffiti under the 240th Street bridge, connect the local community to the space, and educate park visitors about the salmon lifecycle and food web, and the importance of habitat conservation. A public art specialist has been selected through an invitational call for proposals who will engage youth, seniors and community members in creating murals. All safety protocols related to COVID-19 will be followed. Anticipated completion date is spring 2022.

PURPOSE

To provide for the Committee's information a summary of the Interpretive Art Mural Project in Kanaka Creek Regional Park.

BACKGROUND

Graffiti on the concrete wall under the 240th Street bridge in Kanaka Creek Regional Park has been an ongoing issue since 2015. MVRD staff have undertaken a number of strategies in an effort to stop the graffiti, however the problem has persisted. Studies have demonstrated that a mural can garner the respect of the graffiti subculture, deterring them from defacing the public art. Therefore, the creation of a mural in Kanaka Creek Regional Park was identified as an action in the 2021 East Area work plan.

THE INTERPRETIVE ART MURAL PROJECT

Kanaka Creek Regional Park is a 12-kilometre linear park, located on the north shore of the Fraser River in the City of Maple Ridge. Kanaka Creek flows under the 240th Street bridge and there is a short path under the bridge. It is a popular area for walks along the creek, especially to view spawning Coho and chum salmon in the fall.

This area of the Kanaka Creek Regional Park is called the Fish Fence site. A fish fence is installed each fall to obtain brood stock for the nearby Bell-Irving Hatchery, also located in the park and operated by Kanaka Education and Environmental Partnership Society (KEEPS). The fish fence is also used for educational interpretive programming by both Metro Vancouver and KEEPS staff.

The concept of an interpretive art mural along the concrete wall under the 240th Street bridge was initially conceived as a means to address the ongoing issue of graffiti. The concept has developed into a collaborative, multi-agency, community-based project in three interconnected locations at the Fish Fence: under the bridge, along a retaining wall west of the bridge, and on the bridge pillars.

Agencies partnering with Metro Vancouver Regional Parks on the interpretive art mural project are: City of Maple Ridge (CMR); Pacific Parklands Foundation (PPF); Kwantlen First Nation; Catching The Spirit Youth Society; KEEPS; and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).

The project budget is \$20,000. Pacific Parklands Foundation is contributing up to \$12,000. The City of Maple Ridge is contributing \$10,000. Regional Parks will pay for any paint required for the project. PPF will manage the artist contract and Regional Parks will provide overall project management.

The objectives of the interpretive art mural project are:

- To reduce the amount of graffiti under the bridge;
- To connect the surrounding community to the space;
- To interpret and educate visitors about the importance of salmon and its interconnections;
- To engage youth, seniors and other members in the community in the project (in a safe way following the Provincial Health Order and an enhanced safety plan).

These objectives align with stewardship, interpretation, and community development objectives outlined in the *Kanaka Creek Regional Park Management Plan* (2004):

- Promote the preservation and enhancement of natural resources in the park.
- Provide information opportunities on sustainability, natural and cultural history education and interpretation.
- Maintain and promote effective communication and working relationships with the Park Partners, City of Maple Ridge, First Nations, interest groups and individual stakeholders.

Artist Selection Process

To select an artist for the project, an Artist Selection Panel was convened. The panel comprised of a Kwantlen First Nations Elder, Regional Parks staff member, CMR Public Art Steering Committee member, PPF staff member, and a youth representative. An invitational Call for Proposals was issued to a shortlist of five artists, including two from Kwantlen First Nation, one from Katzie First Nation, and one from Cheam First Nation. Of those, two artists submitted proposals.

The Artist Selection Panel awarded the contract to Todd Polich, a public arts specialist and expert in graffiti prevention. In 2008, Todd founded the Earth Foundation engaged in creating large-scale public art to promote environmental conservation. He has worked with over 5,000 young people on more than 50 large-scale projects. Todd will collaborate with a First Nations artist, with priority given to a Kwantlen First Nation artist.

Next Steps

Starting in fall 2021, Metro Vancouver park interpreters and KEEPS will work with the artists to deliver online and in-class artist workshops along with in-park field trips to inspire and engage the

surrounding schools, families, seniors and community. After gathering ideas, the artists will provide a draft mural concept for feedback and approval over the winter. Once the weather improves, artists and community painting on-site will commence spring 2022. A videographer will film the process as it unfolds, with a final reveal and celebration online and in-park over the summer.

ALTERNATIVES

This is an information report. No alternatives are presented.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This is an information report. There are no financial implications presented.

CONCLUSION

The art murals at the Fish Fence site of Kanaka Creek Regional Park will be enjoyed by park visitors and students, creating a visually attractive setting that not only addresses the issue of graffiti but also conveys the importance of salmon and its interconnections, thus serving as an educational tool for habitat preservation and conservation. The project will engage students from local schools, local community members, First Nations, and partner groups. By so doing, the Interpretive Art Mural Project will reflect stewardship, interpretation and community development objectives outlined in the *Kanaka Creek Regional Park Management Plan* (2004).

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To: Regional Parks Committee

From: Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks

Date: May 19, 2021 Meeting Date: June 16, 2021

Subject: **Manager's Report – Regional Parks**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information report dated May 19, 2021 titled "Manager's Report – Regional Parks".

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Regional Parks Committee Work Plan 2021 is attached for information. The status of the work program elements is indicated as pending, in progress or complete. The work plan is updated as needed to include new issues that arise, items requested by the Committee and changes in the schedule.

REGIONAL PARKS VISITATION

Regional Parks continue to be popular with regional residents in 2021. From January to April 2021, 5.4 million people visited regional parks. This visitation is up 1.2 million (28%) over the same period in 2020 and 2.3 million (41%) over the same period in 2019.

BC'S RESTART PLAN – IMPACT ON REGIONAL PARKS

The Province of British Columbia released BC's Restart Plan on May 15, 2021. BC's Restart Plan is a "careful, four-step plan focused on protecting people and safely getting life back to normal". Regional Parks, with guidance from the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA), immediately began to implement the ordered restrictions and allowable easings as provided in Step 1 of the plan, intended to be in effect from May 25 – June 15 (at the earliest).

The Province will move everyone along through these four-steps based on evidence of: declining COVID-19 case counts, increasing vaccination rate in people aged 18+, declining COVID-19 hospitalizations, including critical care, and a declining COVID-19 mortality rate.

BC's Restart Plan has provided staff with information that it can now use to plan for the gradual easing of restrictions over the next number of months. There is hope that by 2022, we will be able to allow our communities to fully participate in regional parks public programs and events for individuals and groups, stewardship activities, indoor and outdoor facility rentals (ceremonies, family gatherings), group camping and commercial filming, all without limits regarding group size or without the current requirements for physical distancing and the wearing of masks.

In the interim, Regional Parks will diligently follow the restrictions and easings that are highlighted under the category of "organized gatherings" in the Provincial Health Order. Current Safety Plans will

reflect these changes. The following table developed by the BCRPA provides an overview of these highlights.

STEP 1			STEP 2			STEP 3		
May 25 – June 15 (at earliest)			June 15 (at earliest)			July 1 (at earliest)		
	Indoor	Outdoors		Indoor	Outdoors		Indoor	Outdoors
Capacity	Up to 50 for children and youth programs; up to 10 for adult	Up to 50, all ages	Capacity	Up to 50, all ages	TBD	Capacity	TBD	TDB, Fairs and Festivals can return
Distance	2 meters	2 meters	Distance	2 meters	2 meters	Distance	None	None
Masking	Mandatory except children under 12	Optional, unless > 2 m	Masking	Mandatory except children under 12	Optional, unless > 2 m	Masking	Not required	Not required

Staff are preparing for Fall 2021, and 2022 with this new optimism. The 2022-2026 Regional Parks 5- Year Financial Plan will reflect this expected return to normal operations.

METRO VANCOUVER WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT

With the region warming and drying as early summer approaches, staff has completed its pre-season wildfire training and preparedness efforts. Metro Vancouver has a comprehensive fire management system that includes nine fire weather stations around the region. Regional Parks' fire response protocols follow the Provincial wildfire response model and staff work closely with the Province in its planning and suppression efforts.



Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve

A corporate Fire Conditions Task Group meets regularly during the fire season to guide Metro Vancouver's wildfire preparedness and response. This task group held its first meeting in May. Staff from multiple departments come together using fire danger ratings to advise upon expected staff and public behaviour across the region during the fire season that typically lasts until early October.

Each regional park has a *Fire Preparedness and Response Plan* that includes a description of access for fire vehicles, possible staging areas for fire trucks and command stations, location of fire hydrants, water stand pipes and other water sources, and special circumstance areas. Each park also has wildfire suppression equipment, a fully

equipped fire trailer that can be transported to any park site quickly, and staff with S-100 Basic Fire Suppression and Safety training.

During EXTREME wildfire conditions, Metro Vancouver Regional Parks dramatically increases its staff patrols and monitoring of all parks, greenways and conservation areas. Increased signage informing members of the public about fire danger is also posted.

When a wildfire breaks out, trained park staff are first to respond and they call 911 immediately as local fire departments have authority over fire incidents. Metro Vancouver has a specialized Watershed Fire Protection Program with higher levels of training and resources that are on-call 24 hours a day during fire season. Initial attack crews are available all season to respond to fires in parks. The Province stands ready to support local response.

Given the significant challenges that the operational crews faced during the 2020 fire season as a result of the pandemic and new COVID-19 protocols, it was a “good year to have a down year” with respect to fire risk. At no point in 2020 did the fire risk hit EXTREME conditions. There were no Provincial or local fire bans required, and staff had few fire related incidents to manage. However, staff have prepared for 2021 as if last season was an aberration.

Public Fire Safety

During the fire season, all residents and parks visitors are urged to use caution in outdoor spaces, to be aware of all spark sources and immediately report all fires to 911. Park visitors are asked to obey posted signs and fire danger guidelines. Under EXTREME fire risk, campfires and briquette barbecues are prohibited everywhere.

There is no smoking in regional parks except at designated smoking areas, located in low risk areas. These may also be closed at the local level depending on risk.

The Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw includes prohibitions for starting fires, smoking, and unauthorized cooking devices. Fines for each offence are \$500 to \$1000.

REGIONAL PARKS EVENTS

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks System – City Nature Challenge Webinar & Walks

The City Nature Challenge is a global competition to see who can make the most nature observations using the free iNaturalist app (iNat). Metro Vancouver Regional Parks joined this challenge, partnered with the City of Richmond and the City of Surrey.

Metro Vancouver staff delivered a webinar on using iNat app in the challenge to raise awareness about the importance of community science and biodiversity. Most participants then joined in-person walks lead by park interpreters at Iona Beach, Tynehead, Surrey Bend and Minnekhada Regional Parks.

This registered program series allowed for collaboration across the regional parks system and partnership with local municipalities. It also engaged our audience in a new way through new technology. Participants were thrilled with the application and were eager to start identifying plants and animals in Regional Parks.

The data collected through iNat can also be used in resource management.

Regional Parks staff look forward to growing this program in the future and making it an annual experience not to be missed.



City Nature Challenge Poster

Campbell Valley Regional Park – Awesome Owls Self-Guided Walk



Campbell Valley Regional Park

With an aim to keep the public and Metro Vancouver staff safe, Regional Park Interpreters quickly adapted the original “Awesome Owls” program to a new self-guided walk along the Ravine Trail.

Over 175 park users including previously registered participants showed interest in the new format which allowed them to learn about owl adaptations and identification of local owl species while exploring a lush forested trail on a hot sunny day.

The event was attended by diverse families, millennial couples and seniors that shared stories about their experiences with owls in Regional Parks and in their community. The self-guided walk and the accompanying activities were well received. Participants enjoyed the engaging activities and the self-guided walk, which was evident from the positive feedback received.

Attachment

Regional Parks Committee 2021 Work Plan

Reference

[BC's Restart – A Plan to Bring Us Back Together](#)

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Regional Parks Committee 2021 Work Plan

Report Date: June 16, 2021

Priorities

1 st Quarter	Status
Regional Parks Park Partnership Program Update	Complete
Regional Parks State of Assets	Complete
Regional Parks Permit Framework	Complete
Visitor and Parking Capacity Management Update	Complete
Regional Parks Program and Interpretation update	Complete
Widgeon Marsh Regional Park Development Update	Complete
Burnaby Lake Regional Park – Agreement with the City of Burnaby Update	Complete
2 nd Quarter	
Regional Parks Annual Report for 2020	Complete
Delta Nature Reserve Management Plan – Phase 1 Engagement	Complete
Bylaw Amendment for Land Dedication	Complete
Regional Parks Plan Update	Complete
Pacific Parklands Foundation Update	Complete
Grouse Mountain Regional Park Grant Update	Complete
Visitor and Parking Capacity Management Update	Complete
Burnaby Lake Regional Park – Agreement with the City of Burnaby	In Progress
Regional Parks Building Strategy Update	Pending
Regional Parks Capital Development Update	Pending
Widgeon Marsh Regional Park Development Update	Pending
3 rd Quarter	
Regional Parks Committee Tour of Regional Parks	Pending
Widgeon Marsh Regional Park Development Update	Pending
Metro Vancouver 2021 Regional Parks PNE Display Update	Pending
Asset Management Plan	Pending
Visitor and Parking Capacity Management Update	Pending
Hazard Tree Management Update	Pending
Review/Renew Park Association Contribution Agreements	Pending
4 th Quarter	
Regional Parks Building Strategy	Pending
Regional Parks Development Cost Charge Program	Pending
Widgeon Marsh Regional Park Development Update	Pending
Regional Parks Park Partnership Program Review	Pending
Visitor and Parking Capacity Management Update	Pending
Regional Parks Annual Budget and 5-year Financial Plan	Pending
Regional Parks Regulation Amending Bylaw	Pending
Crippen Regional Park - Dorman Point Concept Plan Update	Pending
Regional Parks Natural Assets	Pending
Forest Health Results Study Update	Pending
Alternative Transportation Study – Phase 2	Pending
Regional Parks Capital Development Update	Pending

Status = Pending, In Progress or Completed

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL PARKS

Upcoming Events

June 2021

DATE	UPCOMING EVENTS
JUNE 5	Forest Nature Journaling Derby Reach Regional Park
JUNE 8	Piper Spit Bird Count Burnaby Lake Regional Park
JUNE 12	Birding for Beginners Colony Farm Regional Park
JUNE 25	Wondrous Wetlands Aldergrove Regional Park
JUNE 26	Wondrous Wetlands Aldergrove Regional Park
JUNE 27	Wondrous Wetlands Aldergrove Regional Park

**Note: For more information on Regional Parks Programs & Events, please visit <http://www.metrovancouver.org/events/calendar>*