

Minutes of the Regional Recreation Select Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 in the Mesachie Room, 2687 James Street, Duncan BC at 12:30 PM.

PRESENT: Chair M. Dorey, CVRD Director, Area G – Saltair/Gulf Islands
Director A. Nicholson, CVRD Area E – Cowichan Station/Sahtlam/Glenora
Director I. Morrison, CVRD Area F – Cowichan Lake South/Skutz Falls<1:05 PM>
Director M. Marcotte, CVRD Area H – North Oyster/Diamond<1:40 PM>
Director K. Kuhn, CVRD Area I - Youbou/Meade Creek
Councillor A. Siebring, Island Savings Centre Commission
B. Harrison, Kerry Park Recreation Centre Commission
D. Melnyk, North Cowichan Parks and Recreation Commission
C. Bath, Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission

ALSO PRESENT: J. Elzinga, General Manager, CVRD Community Services
E. Mansueti, Director, North Cowichan Parks and Recreation
C. Postings, Director, Ladysmith Parks and Recreation
S. Boyles, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Director M. Clement, CVRD Area C – Cobble Hill
Director A. Stone, Mayor, Town of Ladysmith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

ELECTION

1 Nominations for Vice Chair

M. Dorey, Regional Recreation Select Committee Chair, called for nominations from the floor for the office of Vice Chair of the Regional Recreation Select Committee. Councillor Al Siebring was nominated for the position and accepted the nomination.

2 Declaration of Vice Chair

Councillor Al Siebring was declared elected by acclamation to the position of Vice Chair of the Regional Recreation Select Committee.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M1 Regular Regional Recreation Select Committee meeting of November 22, 2016

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Regional Services Committee meeting of November 22, 2016 be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION

IN1 Regional Recreation Workshop with Brian Johnston

Brian Johnston led the group through a series of questions and discussion points in order to get an idea of where the group is, and identify concerns or issues that could cause stumbling points to moving forward with a plan for Regional Recreation in the Cowichan Valley.

Key questions asked were: How would you describe an ideal future in terms of recreation services? Which question(s) is most needed to be answered / which issue(s) need to be addressed? If studies are conducted next year, which outcome would you fear the most?

1:05 PM Director I. Morrison joined the meeting

Discussion centered around the indirect benefit to all as well as need verse demand. Key issues identified were how to maintain control of our future, remaining autonomous, concerns over funding models, and what are the true costs of adopting a regional recreation model in the Valley. Further points discussed were identifying future trends, current usage patterns and if we currently have the right facilities and identifying what is missing, improving public perception of credibility of the Cowichan Valley Regional District and exploring alternative funding sources.

1:40 PM Director M. Marcotte joined the meeting

The group further identified the need to discuss how to conduct public engagement in order to reach a large diverse portion of the public with accurate information regarding the vision and costs this initiative may cost.

The overall discussion points fit into the following headings: referendum/functions, facilities, governance options, user data, community engagement, vision for services, funding options, and cost of change. In depth study and data collection in each of these would create the framework for a comprehensive master plan.

3:04 PM Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission Representative C. Bath left the meeting

Concerns were raised regarding the cost of doing a master plan; which portions of the headings identified are the most important and can we do these in stages in order to save money and to ensure the public wants the group to continue to work on the regional recreation concept.

It was moved and seconded that the group adopt a sequential plan to approach Regional Recreation in the Cowichan Valley, this plan is subject to the passing of the 2017 Draft Budget by the Cowichan Valley Regional District Board.

- 1. Initial Public Consultation**
- 2. Collection of User Data**
- 3. Explore Regional Recreation Options**
- 4. Create a Master Plan**

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting dates

Staff to schedule upcoming meetings monthly on the second Tuesday of the month.

4:32 PM

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 PM

Chair

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____