

ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT

Minutes of the Parks Service Review Committee meeting held on Wednesday November 4, 2015 at 10am, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District office.

Present: Keith Wyton, Lucas Banton, Tony Bennett, Penny Cote, Josie Osborne

Regrets: Jack McLeman, Al McCarthy

Staff: Russell Dyson, Mike Irg, Heather Adair

Members of the Public: Brian Farquhar (Cowichan Valley Regional District), presenter.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

H. Adair called meeting to order at 10am.

2. **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

MOVED: P. Cote

SECONDED: L. Banton

Keith Wyton nominated as Chair of the Parks Service Review Committee.

CARRIED

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED: T. Bennett

SECONDED: L. Banton

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

Brian Farquhar. Manager, Parks and Trails with the Cowichan Valley Regional District presented the CVRD experience.

5. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

MOVED: L. Banton

SECONDED: J. Osborne

That the Terms of Reference be amended under the Membership description to add: *"If a member is unable to attend, an alternate member is encouraged to attend"*.

CARRIED

6. The differences between Community Parks and Regional Parks were discussed and a table highlighting the differences was presented. Bamfield and Sproat Lake Electoral Areas have active Parks Commissions that develop and manage community interests/projects. Beaver Creek Electoral Area has a Community Parks Service with two community parks that were inherited from the Beaver Creek Improvement District.
7. Member participation in the Regional Parks Service was discussed. T. Bennett asked if individual municipalities or electoral areas could voluntarily be excluded from the service.
8. L. Banton requested a summary of the ACRD Parks & Trails Strategic Plan. H. Adair will send out the Parks & Trails Strategic Plan, including the Executive Summary and the appendices.
9. Discussion on whether more public input is needed to identify priorities prior to moving forward. CVRD experience identified that public that attended open houses showed a preference for identifying recreational opportunities that extended farther than the community where they lived. The input received at ACRD open houses showed a more close to home preference for recreational opportunities in their own community with the exception of Alberni Valley residents recreating additionally on the West Coast. During the development of the ACRD Parks & Trails Strategic Plan two sets of open houses were completed in Bamfield, Port Alberni, Tofino, and Ucluelet. M. Irg suggested setting up an ACRD Parks & Trails display in municipal offices or community spaces in each community to gather additional public input.
10. J. Osborne suggested that Directors in this committee review the Parks & Trails strategic plan including Appendix A (Acquisition Wish List). Directors are to come up with 12 sites that are priorities to them to discuss at next meeting.
11. Meeting adjourned at noon.
12. Next meeting on December 11, 2015 at 10am.

Minutes Taken By:



Heather Adair
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Minutes Approved By:

Keith Wyton
Chair of the Parks Service Review Committee