



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 25, 2018

PLACE: Boardroom, Regional District Office, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Directors:
Director Dan Rose, Meeting Chair
Director Karen Goodings
Director Don McPherson
Director Rob Fraser

Guests:
Director Leonard Hiebert
Director Lorraine Michetti
Director Brad Stewart
Jana Zelenski, Principal Landscape Architect, Lanarc Consultants - via telephone

Staff:
Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community Services
Bryna Casey, Parks and Rural Recreation Coordinator
Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER Director Rose called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

March 27, 2018
Agenda

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director McPherson,
That the Regional Parks Committee agenda for the September 25, 2018 meeting be adopted.

CALL TO ORDER:
DIRECTOR'S NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:
ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
ADOPTION OF MINUTES:
M-1 Regional Parks Directors' Committee Minutes of March 27, 2018
BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:
DELEGATIONS:
D-1 Jana Zelenski, Principal Landscape Architect, Lanarc Consultants – Connecting Communities Trails Project Update (R-1)
CORRESPONDENCE:
REPORTS:
R-1 September 13, 2018 – Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community Services – Connecting Communities Trails Projects - Update
R-2 September 18, 2018 – Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community Services – Park Maintenance Seasonal Staffing Model
R-3 September 17, 2018 - Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community Services – Montney Park 2019 Trail Development
R-4 September 18, 2018 - Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community Services – Cactus Trails
R-5 September 17, 2018 – Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community Services – Blackfoot Park Upgrades and Fee for Service
R-6 September 14, 2018 Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community Services - Blackfoot Park Boat Launch Review

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (CONTINUED)

March 27, 2018
Agenda (continued)

DISCUSSION ITEMS:
NEW BUSINESS:
COMMUNICATIONS:
DIARY:
ADJOURNMENT:

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

M-1
January 29, 2018

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director McPherson,
That the Regional Parks Committee Meeting minutes of January 29, 2018 be adopted.
CARRIED.

REPORTS:

R-1
Connecting
Communities Trails
Projects - Update

Jana Zelenski, Principal Landscape Architect, Lanarc Consultants reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding proposed options for trails between Fort St. John and Charlie Lake and between Dawson Creek and Pouce Coupe. She showed three options for both trails. The Committee was not in favour of Option C of the Fort St. John to Charlie Lake Trail and instead would like to see an option that would go from Fort St John to the Beaton Provincial Park on Charlie Lake. The Committee also requested an option to be included for the Dawson Creek to Pouce Coupe trail that would follow the CN rail line rather than along the Dawson Creek lagoons.

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director McPherson,
That the Regional Parks Committee receive the following reports for information and discussion:

Connecting Communities – Phase 1 Community Input Summary; and
Connecting Communities -Options Development.

CARRIED.

R-2
Park Maintenance
Seasonal Staffing
Model

MOVED by Director McPherson, SECONDED by Director Fraser,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend that the Regional Board terminate the seasonal maintenance contracts by September 30, 2018, for the following regional parks:

1. Blackfoot Regional Park;
2. Montney Centennial Regional Park;
3. Spencer Tuck Regional Park; and
4. Minaker River Regional Park.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Fraser, SECONDED by Director McPherson,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend that the Regional Board investigate a seasonal staffing cost/benefit model for regional park maintenance to be brought back to the Regional Parks Committee for discussion in time for 2019 budget discussions.

CARRIED.

REPORTS (CONTINUED):

R-3
Montney Park 2019
Trail Development

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Fraser,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the B.C Wildfire Service be authorized to construct trails in Montney Centennial Regional Park, if the BC Wildfire Services offers to do so, as proposed in the 2018 Montney Centennial Regional Park Plan.

CARRIED.

R-4
Cactus Trails

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Fraser,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend that the Regional Board rescind the following motion:

That staff be authorized to investigate options for the use of an existing trail, known as the Cactus Trail, and meet with user groups of the trail and affected landowners to discuss options to mitigate concerns and to address maintenance issues.

CARRIED.

R-5
Blackfoot Park
Upgrades and Fee for
Service

MOVED by Director Fraser, SECONDED by Director McPherson,
That the September 17, 2018 report from Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community Services regarding Blackfoot Park be received for information and discussion.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Fraser, SECONDED by Director McPherson,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Regional Board that a park caretaker for Blackfoot Park be contracted in 2019 to oversee free camping services, to provide park maintenance and to assist with the development of a plan to transition to a fee-for-service camping model at the Blackfoot Park for the 2020 season.

CARRIED.

R-6
Blackfoot Park Boat
Launch Review

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director McPherson,
That the Regional Parks Committee receive the report titled "Blackfoot Park Boat Launch Review" for discussion and further that the topic of the boat launch be put on the Diary.

CARRIED.

Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Director Dan Rose, Chair

Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary