



**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH
Minutes of the Parks and Environment Standing Committee**

April 4, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

Present: Councillor King, Councillor Riddell, Councillor Thompson

Community Members Present: Ian Cameron, Peninsula Streams Society; Michael Simmons, Saanich Inlet Protection Society; Susan Zedel, Advisory Planning Commission

Staff Present: Christine Culham, Chief Administrative Officer; Jarret Matanowitsch, Director of Planning and Building Services; Britt Burnham, Manager of Community Engagement; Kyle Motiuk, Manager of Parks, Facilities, and Fleet; Jennifer Lukianchuk, Senior Climate Action and Natural Environment Coordinator; Pamela Martin, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair respectfully acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the W̱SÁNEĆ people which includes W̱JOLE̱P (Tsartlip) and S̱ÁUTW̱ (Tsawout) First Nations.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3.1 Agenda of the April 4, 2024 Parks and Environment Standing Committee Meeting

MOVED

That the agenda of the April 4, 2024 Parks and Environment Standing Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the November 2, 2023 Parks and Environment Standing Committee Meeting

MOVED

That the minutes of the November 2, 2023 Parks and Environment Standing Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Annual Election of Chair

MOVED

That Councillor Thompson be nominated as Chair for 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Parks & Trails Master Plan Phase 1 Summary

The Director of Planning and Building Services, Manager of Community Engagement, and consultant Leigh Campbell, Landscape Architect Planner from MDI Design provided a presentation on the report and responded to questions from the Committee.

The Senior Climate Action & Natural Environment Coordinator responded to questions from the Committee.

The Committee discussed the following:

- The engagement that took place and demographics that were included.
- Options for including off leash dog areas and promoting responsible dog ownership in parks.
- Work that is currently being undertaken for park restoration.
- Consideration of how new housing legislation may affect future parks and trails within the District.
- Volunteer opportunities to assist with park and trail restoration and environmental education.
- How additional land could be acquired for parks and trails.
- The need for connective trails, off road routes, and safe routes to schools.
- The need for an equity lens on the master plan.

MOVED

That the Parks and Environment Standing Committee recommend to Council that a proposed addition to the Turgoose trail be referred to staff for consideration for incorporation within the Parks and Trails Master Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED

That the Parks and Environment Standing Committee recommend to Council that connective access to Cooperidge Park be considered for incorporation within the Parks and Trails Master Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED

That the Parks and Environment Standing Committee has received this report for information and recommend to Council that they provide any additional input to be considered when preparing a draft Parks and Trails Master Plan during the next phase of the project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Chair