



**WESTERN COMMON ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 23, 2019**

PRESENT: Shirley Jollimore, Chair
Kelly Carlton
Michael Lamplugh
Wayne Shellnut
Councillor Richard Zurawski

REGRETS: Jane MacNeill, Vice-Chair
Frank Johnson
Betty Hutchings

STAFF: Gareth Evans, Recreational Planning Specialist
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 6:28 p.m., and the Committee adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS – NONE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 26, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Mike Lamplugh,

THAT the minutes of June 26, 2019 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

The agenda was approved as circulated.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS

10.1 STAFF

10.1.1 Staff Update on Nichols Lake Trail

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff memorandum dated October 16, 2019

Gareth Evans, Recreational Planning Specialist, provided an update on the construction of the Nichols Lake Trail. A consultant has been retained to examine the parts of the trail on the north side of the water crossing to locate any further potential water crossings which would restrict future construction or require work stoppages. Gareth Evans stated that Alex Quinn, Construction Engineer, will likely have an update at a future meeting of the Committee regarding when a report will come back to the Committee on this assessment. Gareth Evans also stated that staff will follow-up with members regarding if there are any remaining funds previously used for top-dressing current sections of the trail.

10.1.2 Staff Update on the Capital Budget

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff memorandum dated October 16, 2019

Gareth Evans, Recreational Planning Specialist, provided an update on the construction of the Nichols Lake Trail and answered questions for the Committee. There are no additional funds proposed for 2020/21 budget. No additional funds were proposed until the 2022/23 budget. The cost associated with the WSP Bridge Crossing Design is \$54,555 (excluding tax), with funding provided from the approximately \$89,000 that was previously approved. The cost associated with the Cobequid Trail Consulting Report is \$5,555 (excluding tax), with funding provided from the approximately \$89,000 that was previously approved.

In response to questions about potential future sources of funding, Gareth Evans indicated that the Otter Lake Compost Facility expansion could provide a source of funds if the project proceeds, though this would likely be several years from the current date.

10.1.3 Staff Update on the Geotechnical Work for the Bridge Footing

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff memorandum dated October 16, 2019

Gareth Evans, Recreational Planning Specialist, provided an update on the construction of the Nichols Lake Trail. Members and staff both expressed interest in engaging in further discussion when the preliminary report is prepared. Members suggested the possibility of addressing this at the next regular meeting of the Committee, or at a special meeting if warranted.

Gareth Evans also noted that real estate staff also plans to come speak to the Committee following the completion of their work by the end of November.

10.1.4 Proposed 2020 Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 4, 2019

Several Committee members suggested changing the April meeting to May 27 and changing the August meeting to September 23 to better accommodate the members.

MOVED by Mike Lamplugh, seconded by Councillor Zurawski,

THAT the 2019 meeting Schedule of the Western Common Advisory Committee be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NONE

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 22, 2020

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant