



**WESTERN COMMON ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
DRAFT MINUTES  
April 28, 2021**

PRESENT: Chair Michael Lamplugh  
Vice Chair Darrell Cooling  
Councillor Patty Cuttell  
Angela Murphy  
Hammad Mohiy Ud Din

REGRETS: Jane MacNeil

STAFF: Gareth Evans, Recreation Planning Specialist  
Liam Power, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m., and the Committee adjourned at 7:12 p.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

### **1.1 COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS – NONE**

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 24, 2021**

The Chair noted discussion around item 9.1.3 should be expanded.

The committee agreed to approve the minutes as presented but asked the Legislative Assistant to expand upon the minutes and bring them back for further review by the committee.

MOVED by Darrel Cooling, seconded by Councillor Patty Cuttell

**THAT the minutes of February 24, 2021 be approved as circulated.**

## **3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Additions:

7.1.3 Staff update on the Motion to Recommend Review of the Terms of Reference

Moved by Hammad Mohiy Ud Din, seconded by Angela Murphy

**THAT the agenda be approved as amended.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **4. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

## **5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**6.1 Correspondence – NONE**

**6.2 Petitions – NONE**

## **7. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

## **8. REPORTS**

### **8.1 STAFF**

#### **7.1.1 Staff Updates on the Western Common**

Gareth Evans, Recreation Planning Specialist with Program Support Services, gave an update outlining that the next steps for the committee are to make a decision on trail types.

#### **7.1.2 Discussion regarding Western Common trail type**

Gareth Evans, Recreation Planning Specialist with Program Support Services, advised it's up to the committee to discuss options or to recommend a staff report on the matter.

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Liam Power, Legislative Assistant with the Municipal Clerk's Office, explained the recommendation motion is within the scope of the committee but will go to Regional Council.

Evans explained the conversation has been ongoing since the masterplan and committee's inception. Staff detailed that to maintain accessibility of the park would require disruption to the natural setting, but the top priority of the masterplan was always preservation and conservation of the natural setting.

Evans answered questions from the committee and noted staff require a report that considers the implementation of natural back-country trails in the Western Common.

The committee noted there could be logistical and environmental challenges that impact the construction of a trail with sub 5% grade, a trail accessible for All Ages and Abilities (AAA).

The committee also expressed interest in opening some portion of the park soon.

MOVED by Darrell Cooling, seconded by Hammad Mohiy Ud Din

**THAT the Western Common Advisory Committee recommends that Regional Council request a staff report and amendments to the Western Common Wilderness Common Master to consider the implementation of natural surface backcountry trails within interior areas of the Western Wilderness Common.**

#### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

##### **7.1.3 Staff update on the Motion to Recommend Review of the Terms of Reference**

Liam Power, Legislative Assistant with the Municipal Clerk's Office, came forward and updated the committee that the motion to amend the Terms of Reference was passed at Regional Council.

Power answered questions from the committee, explaining that adding a seat for a special interest group allows that special interest group to select their own member.

#### **8. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

#### **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –August 25, 2021**

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Liam Power  
Legislative Assistant