



**WESTERN COMMON ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 25, 2022**

PRESENT: Michael Lamplugh, Chair
Councillor Patty Cuttell
Amy Hockin
Jane Macneill

REGRETS: Darrell Cooling, Vice Chair
Hammad Mohiy Ud Din

STAFF: Gareth Evans, Recreation Planning Specialist, Policy and Planning
Catherine Campbell, Legislative Assistant
Hannah Forsyth, Legislative Support

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The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m., and the Committee adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 23, 2022

Jane Macneill noted a correction to item 9.1.1 Western Common Wilderness Common Master Plan, that staff indicated “some” accessibility in accessing trails in the Western Common.

MOVED by Jane Macneill, seconded by Amy Hockin

THAT the minutes of February 23, 2022, be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Jane Macneill

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Parks Capital Information and Discussion

Gareth Evans, Recreation Planning Specialist, Policy and Planning and Alex Quinn, Design Engineer, Project Planning & Design responded to questions of clarification from the Committee. Quinn noted that approximately \$50,000 remains in the wilderness parks budget account for 2022 and Evans clarified that additional funds are approved under Regional /Wilderness Park Development in the capital budget. Further, the staff report proposing an addendum to the Western Common Wilderness Common Master Plan was targeting the August 23, 2022, meeting of Regional Council. Staff will reach out to the Resource Opportunities Centre to look at signage, lighting and camera options near the front gate.

9.1.2 Staff Updates on the Western Common

Updates were covered in the discussion of item 9.1.1 Western Common Wilderness Common Master Plan.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

9.2.1 Debrief re: Site Visit of Drysdale Bog

Members discussed visiting the Drysdale Bog following the February 23, 2022, presentation by Steve Adams and Greg Zwicker. Members commented on the different land use issues and the need to prioritize an access road to Big Indian Lake due to the minimal groundwork required for a trail.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 24, 2022

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Hannah Forsyth
Legislative Support