



TOWN OF VIEW ROYAL

PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
VIEW ROYAL MUNICIPAL OFFICE- TEAMS MEETING**

AGENDA

Please note, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town Hall has limited access at this time and for the protection of the community, Council, advisory committee members and staff, this meeting will be held without the public present under the Province's Ministerial Order No. M192. If you would like to listen to the meeting by phone please use the following phone number and conference ID:

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS – Councillor Lemon**
 - a) **Selection of the Chair and Vice-Chair**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
(motion to approve)
- 4. MINUTES, RECEIPT & ADOPTION OF**
 - a) Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee meeting held November 24, 2020..... Pg.3-6
(motion to adopt)
- 5. CHAIR'S REPORT**
- 6. PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**
- 7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - a) **Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee Motions – Update...Pg.7-9**
- 8. REPORTS**
 - 8.1 STAFF REPORTS**
 - 8.2 COUNCIL REPORTS**
(motion to receive)

- a) Minutes of the Council meetings held November 3, 2020 – February 16, 2021. To view on the Town's website click here for [November – December 2020](#). Click here for [January – February 2021](#).

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. NEW BUSINESS

a) Off Leash Parks

1. Email dated February 9, 2021 from S. Johnstone, Re: Dogs Off Leash in Knockan Hill ParkPg.10-11
(referred from Council meeting February 16, 2021)

b) Locate Houses with Intact Oil Tanks or Oil Furnaces in View Royal – I. Brown

c) Amendment of Parks Master Plan re. Allotment Gardens - I. Brown

11. CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

12. TERMINATION

Next Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee Meeting – May 25, 2021



TOWN OF VIEW ROYAL

MINUTES OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE *EMERGENCY PROGRAM ACT* MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. M192

PRESENT: R. Painter, Chair
S. Januszewski, Vice Chair
R. Bickel
I. Brown
Councillor Lemon, Council Liaison
Councillor Mattson, Council Liaison

REGRETS: K. Armstrong
C. Baur

ALSO PRESENT: J. Rosenberg, Director of Engineering
J. Paterson, Recording Secretary

0 members of the public
0 members of the press

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED BY: I. Brown
SECONDED: S. Januszewski

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. **MINUTES, RECEIPT & ADOPTION OF**

a) Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee meeting held October 27, 2020

MOVED BY: S. Januszewski
SECONDED: I. Brown

THAT the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee meeting held October 27, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

b) Minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee meeting held October 27, 2020

MOVED BY: I. Brown
SECONDED: S. Januszewski

THAT the minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee meeting held October 27, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

4. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

5. PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7. REPORTS

7.1 STAFF REPORTS

7.2 COUNCIL REPORTS

a) Minutes of the Council meeting held October 6, 2020

MOVED BY: S. Januszewski

SECONDED: I. Brown

THAT the minutes of the Council meeting held October 6, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

b) Minutes of the Council meeting held October 20, 2020

MOVED BY: S. Januszewski

SECONDED: I. Brown

THAT the minutes of the Council meeting held October 20, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Discussion of the 2019 -2022 Strategic Plan

The Committee discussed recommendations for the 2019- 2022 Strategic Plan.

MOVED BY: I. Brown

SECONDED: S. Januszewski

PREAC-05-20 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan Section A - Enhance Liveability, item 1. a) "Identify and implement improvements to enhance existing infrastructure that facilitates improved safe routes to schools and Walking School Bus opportunities (2019/2020 Ready Step Roll)" be amended to include "routes to shopping, work and recreation".

CARRIED

MOVED BY: I. Brown

SECONDED: S. Januszewski

PREAC-06-20 THAT the Committee recommend that Council send a letter to BC Transit requesting that BC Transit accelerate the complete electrification of their fleet.

CARRIED

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MOVED BY: I. Brown
SECONDED: S. Januszewski

PREAC-07-20 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan Section A - Enhance Liveability in View Royal be amended to include "Electrification or hybridization of the Town's fleet where possible by 2030".

CARRIED

MOVED BY: I. Brown
SECONDED: R. Bickel

PREAC-08-20 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan Section B - Community and Economic Growth be amended to include "Goal: Preserve farmland and valuable natural assets, Target: Zero loss of small farm property, urban forests and natural assets, Work Plan: Complete a Municipal Natural Assets Inventory by June 2021".

CARRIED

MOVED BY: I. Brown
SECONDED: S. Januszewski

PREAC-09-20 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan Section C - Environmental Stewardship, item 1. b) Update Tree Protection Bylaw to recognize loss of tree canopy in land development be amended to include "and that as part of the development permit application, developers do a greenhouse gas assessment for tree loss".

CARRIED

MOVED BY: I. Brown
SECONDED: S. Januszewski

PREAC-10-20 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan Section C - Environmental Stewardship, item 2. a) By 2022 adopt Step 3 of Step Code for Part 9 buildings and Step 2 of Step Code for Part 3 buildings and transition to Step 5 of Step Code by 2020 be revised to read "Adopt Step Codes where applicable to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible".

CARRIED

MOVED BY: I. Brown
SECONDED: S. Januszewski

PREAC-11-20 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan Section C - Environmental Stewardship be amended to include "2. g) Work Plan: Develop and implement an incentive plan to replace oil and gas community heating with heat pumps. Timing: Starting 2021 and complete by 2030. Resources: Look for funding by a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program; promote Capital Regional District and Clean BC grants".

CARRIED

MOVED BY: I. Brown
SECONDED: R. Bickel

PREAC-12-20 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan Section C - Environmental Stewardship be amended to include "2. h) Work Plan: Support the installation of solar PV on all buildings through permitting process

and incentive loans. Require that all new buildings be wired for PV and EV chargers. Timing: 2021”.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: I. Brown
SECONDED: S. Januszewski

PREAC-13-20 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan Section C - Environmental Stewardship be amended to include “3. d) Council explore the incorporation of DC Fast Chargers on any new commercial builds or commercial zoning or rezoning amendments”.

CARRIED

b) Chilco Area Off Leash Dog Parks
(item removed from the agenda)

c) Game Nature Park

The Committee discussed the possibility of an off-leash dog park at the end of Game Road.

10. CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

11. TERMINATION

MOVED BY: I. Brown
SECONDED: S. Januszewski

THAT this meeting now terminate at 8:48 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDING SECRETARY

Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee Motions 2019

PREAC MOTION	COUNCIL MOTION
<p>PREAC-01-19 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that staff investigate the possible development of a trail on 594 Prince Robert Drive from Prince Robert Drive to Heddle Avenue;</p> <p>AND THAT, should the trail project be approved, the Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee will provide volunteers to build the trail under staff direction.</p>	<p>C-17-19 THAT staff investigate the possible development of a trail on 594 Prince Robert Drive from Prince Robert Drive to Heddle Avenue;</p> <p>AND THAT, should the trail project be approved, the Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee volunteers could assist in building the trail under staff direction.</p>
<p>PREAC-02-19 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the developer of 105-108 Glentana Road be requested to construct the trail as agreed to as part of their 2017 rezoning as soon as possible;</p> <p>AND THAT the trail design include an environmental assessment for protected species;</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT the trail be kept as narrow as possible.</p>	<p>C-18-19 THAT the anticipated trail to be provided by the developer of 105-108 Glentana Road in Portage Park be consistent with the Chilco Trails standards.</p>
<p>PREAC-03-19 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that replacement of the Town's gas landscaping equipment with electric landscaping equipment be included in the 2020-2024 Financial Plan budget deliberations.</p>	<p>Council chose to receive this recommendation as the Town's Purchasing Policy No. 1600-021 states: 2.7 Procurement processes consider social and environmental impacts, where practical and economical.</p>
<p>PREAC-04-19 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the Town consider a plan to purchase hybrid or electric vehicles for each of the Town's twenty-five gas vehicles when they come up for replacement;</p> <p>AND THAT the Town budget accordingly.</p>	<p>C-09-20 THAT staff prepare a report regarding the potential purchase of hybrid or electric fleet vehicles as replacements when required over time and report back to Council.</p>

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PREAC MOTION	COUNCIL MOTION
PREAC-01-20 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that as part of the Draft View Royal Park Master Plan, greenspace between the existing community gardens and the playground be held for potential future expansion of the community gardens.	<p>MOVED BY: Councillor Kowalewich SECONDED: Councillor Rogers</p> <p>THAT the Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee recommendations (PREAC-01-20 and PREAC-02-20) regarding the Draft View Royal Park Master Plan be received. CARRIED</p>
PREAC-02-20 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the Draft View Royal Park Master Plan be approved.	<p>THAT the Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee recommendations (PREAC-01-20 and PREAC-02-20) regarding the Draft View Royal Park Master Plan be received. CARRIED</p>
PREAC-03-20 THAT discussion of the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan be tabled to the November 24, 2020 Parks, Recreation and Advisory Committee meeting.	<p>MOVED BY: Councillor Kowalewich SECONDED: Councillor Rogers</p> <p>THAT the Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee recommendation (PREAC-03-20) regarding the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan be received. CARRIED</p>
PREAC-04-20 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the Rezoning Application No. 2020/05 for 9 Erskine Lane be approved.	<p>MOVED BY: Councillor Kowalewich SECONDED: Councillor Rogers</p> <p>THAT the Parks, Recreation and Environmental Advisory Committee recommendation (PREAC-04-20) regarding Rezoning Application No. 2020/05 – 9 Erskine Lane be received. CARRIED</p>
PREAC-05-20 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan Section A - Enhance Liveability, item 1. a) "Identify and implement improvements to enhance existing infrastructure that facilitates improved safe routes to schools and Walking School Bus opportunities (2019/2020 Ready Step Roll)" be amended to include "routes to shopping, work and recreation".	<p>MOVED BY: Councillor Kowalewich SECONDED: Councillor Lemon</p> <p>C-125-20 THAT Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee recommendation PREAC-05-20 be referred to the Community Climate Action Plan consultant once that project has commenced. CARRIED</p>
PREAC-06-20 THAT the Committee recommend that Council send a letter to BC Transit requesting that BC Transit accelerate the complete electrification of their fleet.	<p>MOVED BY: Councillor Kowalewich SECONDED: Councillor Lemon</p> <p>C-126-20 THAT Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee recommendation PREAC-06-20 be referred to the Community Climate Action Plan consultant once that project has commenced. CARRIED</p>
PREAC-07-20 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan Section A - Enhance Liveability in View Royal be amended to include "Electrification or hybridization of the Town's fleet where possible by 2030".	<p>MOVED BY: Councillor Kowalewich SECONDED: Councillor Lemon</p> <p>C-127-20 THAT Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee recommendation PREAC-07-20 be referred to the Community Climate Action Plan consultant once that project has commenced. CARRIED</p>

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PREAC-08-20 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan Section B - Community and Economic Growth be amended to include "Goal: Preserve farmland and valuable natural assets, Target: Zero loss of small farm property, urban forests and natural assets, Work Plan: Complete a Municipal Natural Assets Inventory by June 2021".	<p>MOVED BY: Councillor Kowalewich SECONDED: Councillor Lemon</p> <p>C-128-20 THAT Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee recommendation PREAC-08-20 be referred to the Community Climate Action Plan consultant once that project has commenced.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
PREAC-09-20 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan Section C - Environmental Stewardship, item 1. b) Update Tree Protection Bylaw to recognize loss of tree canopy in land development be amended to include "and that as part of the development permit application, developers do a greenhouse gas assessment for tree loss".	<p>MOVED BY: Councillor Kowalewich SECONDED: Councillor Lemon</p> <p>C-129-20 THAT Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee recommendation PREAC-09-20 be referred to the Community Climate Action Plan consultant once that project has commenced.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
PREAC-10-20 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan Section C - Environmental Stewardship, item 2. a) By 2022 adopt Step 3 of Step Code for Part 9 buildings and Step 2 of Step Code for Part 3 buildings and transition to Step 5 of Step Code by 2020 be revised to read "Adopt Step Codes where applicable to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible".	<p>MOVED BY: Councillor Kowalewich SECONDED: Councillor Lemon</p> <p>C-130-20 THAT Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee recommendation PREAC-10-20 be referred to the Community Climate Action Plan consultant once that project has commenced.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
PREAC-11-20 ..THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan Section C - Environmental Stewardship be amended to include "2. g) Work Plan: Develop and implement an incentive plan to replace oil and gas community heating with heat pumps. Timing: Starting 2021 and complete by 2030. Resources: Look for funding by a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program; promote Capital Regional District and Clean BC grants".	<p>MOVED BY: Councillor Kowalewich SECONDED: Councillor Lemon</p> <p>C-131-20 THAT Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee recommendation PREAC-11-20 be referred to the Community Climate Action Plan consultant once that project has commenced.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
PREAC-12-20 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan Section C - Environmental Stewardship be amended to include "2. h) Work Plan: Support the installation of solar PV on all buildings through permitting process and incentive loans. Require that all new buildings be wired for PV and EV chargers. Timing: 2021".	<p>MOVED BY: Councillor Kowalewich SECONDED: Councillor Lemon</p> <p>C-132-20 THAT Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee recommendation PREAC-12-20 be referred to the Community Climate Action Plan consultant once that project has commenced.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
PREAC-13-20 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan Section C - Environmental Stewardship be amended to include "3. d) Council explore the incorporation of DC Fast Chargers on any new commercial builds or commercial zoning or rezoning amendments".	<p>MOVED BY: Councillor Kowalewich SECONDED: Councillor Lemon</p> <p>C-133-20 THAT Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee recommendation PREAC-13-20 be referred to the Community Climate Action Plan consultant once that project has commenced.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>

From: Scott Johnstone

Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 12:11 PM

To: Mayor And Council Email <mayorandcouncil@viewroyal.ca>; Saanich Council <council@saanich.ca>

Subject: Why are dogs allowed off leash in this protected forest?

Hi folks,

I'd like to start by thanking you all for leading Saanich and View Royal to adopt ecological stewardship as a municipal priority. That was and continues to be a laudable and important decision.

It's in that spirit that I write to you today, out of concern for Knockan Hill Park.

During hiking season signs get posted throughout the park saying "Ecologically Sensitive Area" and cautioning people to stay on paths. Even in the winter there are "Environmental Stewardship" signs in the park.

I frequently see people walking their dogs off-leash all over the park — initially I assumed they were all just flaunting the bylaw requiring dogs to be on leash throughout the municipality unless in a specifically designated off-leash area, but today I saw a sign at one entrance explicitly designating this as an off-leash park.

This designation seems directly contradictory to the idea of environmental stewardship for an ecologically sensitive area.

Even aside from the ecological sensitivity, it's not an ideal location for an off-leash park in the first place — it's a hiking trail, with lots of little bends and twisty-turny bits, so owners frequently don't even have a line of sight to their animals.

At least a few times a week I encounter a dog left to its own devices, and then 2 or 3 corners later I'll come across their owner hastily trying to catch up, or unenthusiastically calling their dog back in a tone that could best be described as "feigning responsibility".

And literally every time I walk through there (daily) I see at least 2 tied-off plastic bags of dog feces either left right on the walking trail, or thrown into the bushes just far enough that even if a good samaritan wanted to clean up after them they wouldn't be able to reach it, and it will have to be cleaned up by more man-hours being allocated for parks staff.

Sometimes I'll even see big logs of obviously-dog feces not even bagged, and just left on the edge of the path. (Most likely because their owner wasn't even close enough to see the dog deposit it.)

But on top of the fact that as a hiking trail it's already unideal as an off-leash park, the fact that it's an ecologically sensitive area under environmental stewardship makes it seem outright absurd to have dogs running around off leash where they can terrorize the local fauna. Just yesterday I saw a dog running way off-path through the bushes, lord knows what it was chasing after. And in general I typically see dogs with no owners in view at least 3 times a week (often multiple times in a single walk).

It's my hope that Saanich and View Royal will consider removing the off-leash designation for this park, and at least for an initial transitional time, put up signs explicitly prohibiting dogs from being walked off-

leash in this ecologically sensitive area.

I would even support an off-leash park being opened somewhere nearby, in a more appropriate location (maybe a portion of Panama Flats that stays dry year round might be negotiated?). Really it seems like basically *anywhere* would be more appropriate than a forest hiking trail in an ecologically sensitive area with short-distance lines of sight.

I've addressed this request to both councils and will forward to the parks department of both municipalities as well.

Thank you and kind regards,
Scott Johnstone