

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE**

MEETING

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026
9:00 am**

28th Floor Committee Room, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia

AGENDA

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. March 4, 2026 Meeting Agenda

THAT the Regional Parks Committee adopt the agenda for its meeting scheduled for March 4, 2026 as circulated.

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. February 4, 2026 Meeting Minutes

THAT the Regional Parks Committee adopt the minutes of its meeting held February 4, 2026 as circulated.

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C. DELEGATIONS

D. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

E. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area and Delta South Surrey Greenway Update

Report dated February 18, 2026 from Jeffrey Fitzpatrick, Division Manager, Design and Development, Regional Parks.

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Executive Summary

The Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area (BBECA) is a 2,359-hectare protected area containing a raised peat bog located in the City of Delta. The Delta–South Surrey Greenway (DSSG) extends from Mud Bay in Surrey to the Alex Fraser Bridge, running along the eastern boundary of the BBECA.

Metro Vancouver is advancing several initiatives within the BBECA and DSSG that are included in the MVRD Board-approved 2026 Regional Parks Capital Budget. These initiatives include replacing the 2.3-kilometre Delta Nature Reserve boardwalk with improved flood resilience and accessibility, undertaking improvements to 2.2km of the DSSG between 72nd Avenue and Nordel Way, planning for a new greenway access point and educational node at the former peat plant site, and continuing ecological restoration within the sensitive bog environment.

Together, these projects represent an integrated approach to enhancing public access, supporting education, and strengthening the long-term stewardship of the Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area.

Recommendation

THAT the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated February 18, 2026, titled “Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area and Delta South Surrey Greenway Update.”

2. t̓əmt̓əmíx̓ʷt̓ən/Belcarra Regional Park South Picnic Area Update

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Report dated February 18, 2026 from Jeffrey Fitzpatrick, Division Manager, Design and Development, Regional Parks.

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In 2024, the MVRD Board approved an amended Concept for the t̓əmt̓əmíx̓ʷt̓ən/Belcarra South Picnic Area. The plan included retention of the Bole House for public use, enhanced open space and the removal of seven cabin structures.

Metro Vancouver continues to work closely with s̓əlilw̓ət̓əl̓ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) on all aspects of the project. Planning and detailed design are complete, and the project will be tendered once a waterline agreement is finalized and a building permit is issued by the local municipality.

This project is included in the MVRD Board-approved 2026 Regional Parks Capital budget. Construction is planned to begin in fall 2026 and conclude in 2027.

Recommendation

THAT the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated February 18, 2026, titled “t̓əmt̓əmíx̓ʷt̓ən/Belcarra Regional Park South Picnic Area Update.”

3. t̄amt̄am̄ix̄wt̄an/Belcarra Regional Park – Admiralty Heights Plan – Phase 1 Engagement pg. 26

Report dated February 10, 2026 from Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Parks Planning and Resource Management, Regional Parks.

Executive Summary

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks is initiating the engagement process for the development of a plan for the Admiralty Heights area in t̄amt̄am̄ix̄wt̄an/Belcarra Regional Park.

The Admiralty Heights area encompasses around 275 hectares of mature forest and is currently closed to the public. A plan for this area will be developed in collaboration with the s̄alilw̄atał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) and will guide decision making for resource management, area development, operations, and programming over the next 20 years. The process to develop this plan will start with engagement with s̄alilw̄atał, and expand to the public, and other interest holders.

Recommendation

THAT the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated February 10, 2026, titled “t̄amt̄am̄ix̄wt̄an/Belcarra Regional Park – Admiralty Heights Plan – Phase 1 Engagement.”

4. Manager’s Report – Regional Parks pg. 30

Report dated February 20, 2026 from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks.

Executive Summary

Attachment 1 to this report sets out the Regional Parks Committee Work Plan for 2026. The status of work program elements is indicated as pending, in progress, or complete. The listing is updated as needed to include new issues that arise, items requested by the Committee, and changes in the schedule.

Recommendation

THAT the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated February 20, 2026, titled “Manager’s Report - Regional Parks.”

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Upcoming Events – March 2026 pg. 35

G. OTHER BUSINESS

H. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Note: The Committee must state by resolution the basis under section 90 of the Community Charter on which the meeting is being closed. If a member wishes to add an item, the basis must be included below.

I. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the Regional Parks Committee adjourn its meeting of March 4, 2026.

Membership:

Chair, John McEwen, Anmore

Vice Chair, Rebecca Bligh, Vancouver

Belcarra, Jamie Ross

Bowen Island, Andrew Leonard

Burnaby, Pietro Calendino

Coquitlam, Craig Hodge

Delta, Dylan Kruger

Langley Township, Steve Ferguson

Maple Ridge, Jenny Tan

North Vancouver District, Lisa Muri

Pitt Meadows, Tracy Elke

Port Coquitlam, Darrell Penner

Port Moody, Meghan Lahti

Richmond, Michael Wolfe

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METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE

MEETING

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

9:00 am

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Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair, John McEwen, Anmore
Vice Chair, Rebecca Bligh, Vancouver*
Belcarra, Jamie Ross
Bowen Island, Andrew Leonard
Burnaby, Pietro Calendino
Coquitlam, Craig Hodge (arrived at 9:03 am)
Delta, Dylan Kruger*
Langley Township, Steve Ferguson
Maple Ridge, Jenny Tan (arrived at 9:06 am)
North Vancouver District, Lisa Muri
Pitt Meadows, Tracy Elke
Richmond, Michael Wolfe
Surrey, Rob Stutt
West Vancouver, Sharon Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Port Coquitlam, Darrell Penner
Port Moody, Meghan Lahti

STAFF PRESENT:

Jerry W. Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer/Commissioner
Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks
Catherine Grosson, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services
Paul Brar, Division Manager, Regional Parks Services, Regional Parks
Jeffrey Fitzpatrick, Division Manager, Parks Design and Development, Regional Parks
Erin Gorby, Division Manager, Parks West Area, Regional Parks
Teresa Maddison, Park Planner I, Regional Parks
Heather McNell, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Policy and Planning

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**1. February 4, 2026 Meeting Agenda****It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Regional Parks Committee:

- a) amend the revised agenda by:
- adding the late delegation from Candy Saga as Item C1;
 - reordering the agenda to address Item E3 before Item E1; and
 - adding the item dated February 2, 2026, titled “Metro Vancouver Development Cost Charge Program Update Progress and Next Steps” as Item F2;
- b) adopt the revised agenda for its meeting scheduled for February 4, 2026 as amended.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**1. January 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes****It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Regional Parks Committee adopt the minutes of its meeting held January 14, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS**1. Candy Saga**

Subject: Dog Management Program Review at Pacific Spirit Regional Park

9:03 am Director Hodge arrived at the meeting.

9:06 am Councillor Tan arrived at the meeting.

Candy Saga gave a presentation titled “Presentation to Regional Parks Committee, Dog Management Program Report, Objection to Trail Designation – Pacific Spirit Regional Park.” She provided feedback on the Dog Management Program review (Item E3). She noted that the public consultation results and the available data on dog-related incidents were not sufficient to justify the proposed changes to trail designations, given their potential negative impacts. Candy Saga requested that Metro Vancouver Regional Parks first implement better signage, enhanced public education, and a trial period of increased enforcement, followed by a reassessment of whether changes to trail designations are necessary.

D. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

No items presented.

E. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Per the resolution in Item B1 to amend the order of the agenda, the Regional Parks Committee considered Item E3 before Item E1.

3. Dog Management Program Review at Pacific Spirit Regional Park

Report dated January 23, 2026 from Erin Gorby, Division Manager, Parks West Area, Regional Parks, and Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, informing the Regional Parks Committee about the findings of the Dog Management Program review, and sharing the updated program for Pacific Spirit Regional Park.

Erin Gorby and Teresa Maddison, Park Planner I, Regional Parks, gave a presentation titled "Pacific Spirit Regional Park Dog Management Program: Review and Update." They outlined the challenges of managing dogs in Pacific Spirit Regional Park, highlighting the park's unique natural and cultural significance and its high visitation due to its proximity to a dense urban population. Staff provided an overview of the proposed updates to dog management, including improved signage, increased public education and enforcement, and changes to on and off leash trail designations. They emphasized that compromise is necessary to balance safety and accessibility for all park users.

Members discussed the high level of public interest in the review's outcome and the potential impacts of the proposed changes to the Dog Management Program in Pacific Spirit Regional Park. They noted that additional public engagement and further data collection is needed for a well-informed decision that balances the needs of all park users.

Members requested that staff continue gathering information to guide any future program changes and report back on the matter at a later date.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated January 23, 2026, titled "Dog Management Program Review at Pacific Spirit Regional Park."

CARRIED

The Regional Parks Committee proceeded by considering the remaining agenda items in chronological order.

1. 2026 Regional Parks Capital Program Update No. 1

Report dated January 23, 2026 from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, and Jeffrey Fitzpatrick, Division Manager, Parks Design and Development, Regional Parks, providing the Regional Parks Committee and MVRD Board with the first of three annual updates on the Regional Parks Capital Program.

Mike Redpath and Jeffrey Fitzpatrick gave a presentation titled "Capital Program Update: Regional Parks," which outlined the progress, schedule, and budget status of capital projects underway for Regional Parks.

In response to members' questions, Heather McNell, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Policy and Planning, noted that similar capital program reports are being brought forward to the MVRD/MVHC/GVWD/GVS&DD Boards through each committee prior to the April Board Budget Workshop.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated January 23, 2026, titled "2026 Regional Parks Capital Program Update No. 1."

CARRIED

2. Permitting Alcohol Consumption in Designated Areas of Regional Parks

Report dated January 12, 2026 from Paul Brar, Division Manager, Regional Parks Services, seeking MVRD Board direction for staff to bring forward a bylaw to amend the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024* that would transition the two-year pilot program permitting alcohol consumption in designated areas of select regional parks into a permanent year-round program.

Mike Redpath provided an overview of the report, informing members that staff are seeking Board direction to bring forward a bylaw that would transition this pilot program into to a permanent year-round operation.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the MVRD Board direct staff to bring forward a bylaw to amend the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024*, designating areas within regional parks where alcohol may be consumed on a permanent year-round basis, as proposed in the report dated January 12, 2026, titled "Permitting Alcohol Consumption in Designated Areas of Regional Parks."

CARRIED

Director Leonard and Councillor Wolfe voted against.

Director Ferguson was absent.

4. Manager's Report – Regional Parks

Report dated January 16, 2026 from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, presenting the Spring 2026 Nature Program Guide, previewing the upcoming Family Day nature walk and campfire event, and providing an update on the Fraser River Tunnel Project.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regional Parks Committee receive for information report dated January 16, 2026, titled "Manager's Report – Regional Parks."

CARRIED

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Upcoming Events – February 2026

2. Metro Vancouver Development Cost Charge Program Update Progress and Next Steps

G. OTHER BUSINESS

No items presented.

H. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Regional Parks Committee close its meeting scheduled for February 4, 2026 pursuant to section 226 (1) (a) of the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter* provisions as follows:

90 (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.

CARRIED

I. ADJOURNMENT**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Regional Parks Committee adjourn its meeting of February 4, 2026.

CARRIED

(Time: 10:36 am)

Hadir Ali,
Legislative Services Coordinator

John McEwen,
Chair

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To: Regional Parks Committee

From: Jeffrey Fitzpatrick, Division Manager, Design and Development, Regional Parks

Date: February 18, 2026 Meeting Date: March 4, 2026

Subject: **Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area and Delta South Surrey Greenway Update**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated February 18, 2026, titled “Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area and Delta South Surrey Greenway Update.”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area (BBECA) is a 2,359-hectare protected area containing a raised peat bog located in the City of Delta. The Delta–South Surrey Greenway (DSSG) extends from Mud Bay in Surrey to the Alex Fraser Bridge, running along the eastern boundary of the BBECA.

Metro Vancouver is advancing several initiatives within the BBECA and DSSG that are included in the MVRD Board-approved 2026 Regional Parks Capital Budget. These initiatives include replacing the 2.3-kilometre Delta Nature Reserve boardwalk with improved flood resilience and accessibility, undertaking improvements to 2.2km of the DSSG between 72nd Avenue and Nordel Way, planning for a new greenway access point and educational node at the former peat plant site, and continuing ecological restoration within the sensitive bog environment.

Together, these projects represent an integrated approach to enhancing public access, supporting education, and strengthening the long-term stewardship of the Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area.

PURPOSE

To provide the Regional Parks Committee with an update on the projects underway at BBECA and DSSG.

BACKGROUND

BBECA is a 2,359 hectare protected area that includes a raised peat bog, the largest undeveloped urban landmass in North America and globally unique because of its chemistry, form, flora, and large size. As an ecological conservancy area, the bog is closed to public access, with the exception of the Delta Nature Reserve boardwalk.

Metro Vancouver manages BBECA collaboratively with City of Delta. Metro Vancouver is responsible for maintenance, public access and safety, site security and infrastructure. City of Delta is responsible for hydrology and wildfire management.

The Delta South Surrey Greenway extends from Mud Bay in Surrey to the Alex Fraser Bridge, along the eastern edge of the BBECA.

PROJECT UPDATES

Metro Vancouver is advancing several key projects in BBECA and DSSG to enhance public access, education, connectivity and stewardship of this unique ecological area (**Attachment 1**).

Delta Nature Reserve Boardwalk Replacement

The Delta Nature Reserve, with its 2.3 km boardwalk network, functions as the publicly accessible portion of Burns Bog and has historically been the site for interpretive signage, public tours and events.

The boardwalk was constructed over 30 years ago by volunteers. It is at the end of its operational life and is no longer safe for public access.

Metro Vancouver is moving forward with replacement of the boardwalk to provide a safer, more resilient, and accessible experience for visitors. Hazard tree work is underway, with boardwalk construction anticipated to begin in Summer 2026 and conclude in 2027.

The new boardwalk will offer expanded capacity, new interpretive nodes, and opportunities for both informal and programmed education and events (**Attachment 2**).

Monthly updates are available on the Delta Nature Reserve Boardwalk Replacement Project webpage on Metro Vancouver's website (**Reference 1**).

Delta South Surrey Greenway

Planning is well underway to formalize the Delta South Surrey Greenway from Nordel Way to 72nd Avenue. This project will establish a multi-use route with improved flood resiliency, connecting to the Delta Nature Reserve boardwalk and establishing an important regional greenway link.

Concept design, stakeholder and First Nation engagement was initiated in 2025. The greenway corridor runs parallel to the salmon bearing Cougar Creek, Metro Vancouver South Surrey Interceptor and BNSF Railway line. Urban runoff, constrained downstream capacity beyond BBECA, and climate change have created challenges with flooding on site.

The greenway will be realigned in this area to avoid conflict with adjacent infrastructure, protect and enhance site ecology and respond to the hydrological conditions of the site. Planning will continue through 2026 with construction expected to begin in 2027.

Former Peat Plant – Staging, Access and Education

Metro Vancouver is assessing the feasibility of developing amenities at the former peat processing plant site south of 72 Avenue. The site's location along the greenway, its proximity to the Delta Nature Reserve boardwalk, and its previous disturbance within an otherwise sensitive bog environment, present a unique opportunity to provide critical staging facilities and amenities that support public access and education on Burns Bog.

Potential opportunities for the site include greenway connections, parking, operational facilities, educational and interpretive features, and a visitor centre. Planning is in the early stages, with additional engagement and technical studies required to inform the process.

Bog Restoration and Resource Management

Ecological restoration of the BBECA is guided by the Burns Bog Conservancy Area Scientific Advisory Panel (Panel) which includes external experts in bog ecosystems, restoration, and hydrology. In 2026, onboarding of new Panel members will continue. The Panel is also expected to initiate work on a detailed restoration plan for the BBECA.

In 2026, Metro Vancouver-led restoration activities in the BBECA will focus on removal of pine seedlings from the 2016 wildfire burn zone. This year's goal is to remove the seedlings and restore natural bog habitat to a 4.00 - 5.00 hectare site, building on progress from previous years.

Additionally, staff will be testing different treatments for invasive birch trees and continue the removal of scotch broom and Japanese knotweed at several sites in the BBECA.

ALTERNATIVES

This is an information report. No alternatives are presented.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The projects outlined in this report are funded in the Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Capital Budget. They are proceeding on time and budget.

In early 2026, as a result of the extension of the operating life of the Vancouver Landfill in Delta to 2050, it was announced that there would be a one-time \$10 million contribution to provide public amenities at the Delta Nature Reserve as well as an annual \$500,000 contribution to support restoration of the bog.

It is anticipated that the \$10 million contribution will support development of the peat plant site including a potential visitor center focused on bog interpretation and ecological education opportunities.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Metro Vancouver continues to work closely with City of Delta on all aspects of BBECA planning, development, stewardship and operation. First Nation engagement on all projects outlined in this report is ongoing.

CONCLUSION

Metro Vancouver is advancing several key initiatives to improve public access, ecological resilience, and regional greenway connectivity at the BBECA and DSSG including replacement of the Delta Nature Reserve boardwalk, formalizing the DSSG between 72nd Avenue and Nordel Way, planning a greenway node at the former peat plant site and ongoing ecological restoration of the bog environment.

A recent funding announcement of a one-time \$10 million contribution for public amenities and an annual \$500,000 contribution towards ecological restoration of the bog will contribute to these initiatives over the long term.

Together, the projects outlined in this report will enhance public access, educational opportunities, and long-term stewardship of the BBECA and DSSG. Staff will continue to provide regular updates as the projects move forward.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area and Delta South Surrey Greenway - Context Map.
2. Delta Nature Reserve Boardwalk Replacement Sketches.

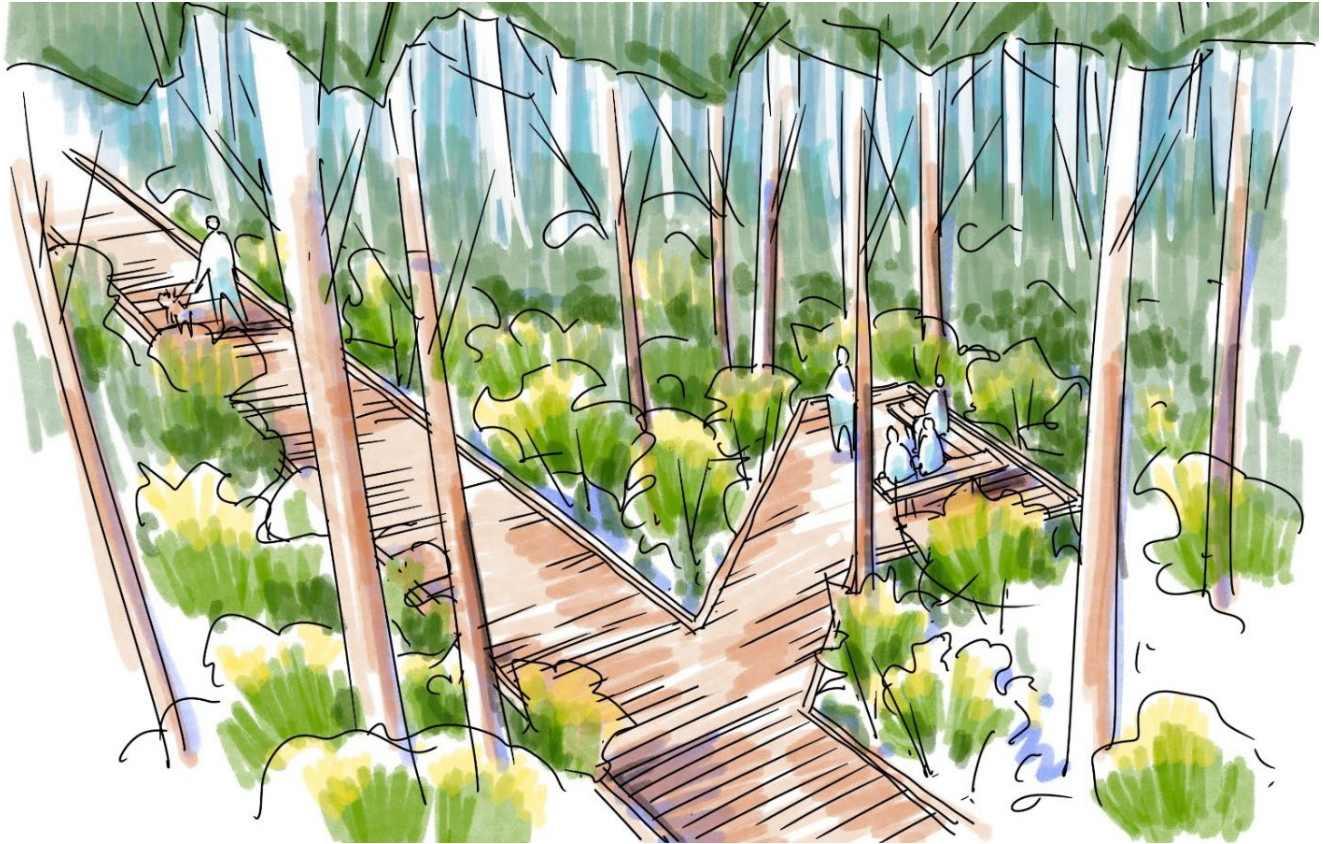
REFERENCES

1. Metro Vancouver (2025). Delta Nature Reserve Boardwalk Replacement Project. [Delta Nature Reserve Boardwalk Replacement Project | Metro Vancouver](#)

Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area / Delta Nature Reserve / Delta South Surrey Regional Greenway



Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area - Delta Nature Reserve Boardwalk Replacement Sketches





To: Regional Parks Committee

From: Jeffrey Fitzpatrick, Division Manager, Design and Development, Regional Parks

Date: February 18, 2026 Meeting Date: March 4, 2026

Subject: **təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park South Picnic Area Update**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated February 18, 2026, titled “təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park South Picnic Area Update.”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Metro Vancouver is developing public access to the təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra South Picnic Area to provide new opportunities to connect with nature and the cultural landscape, improve ecological resilience, expand capacity and enhance and the overall park visitor experience.

In 2024, the MVRD Board approved an amended Concept for the təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra South Picnic Area. The plan included retention of the Bole House for public use, enhanced open space and the removal of seven cabin structures.

Metro Vancouver continues to work closely with sə́lilwə́tə́ł (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) on all aspects of the project. Planning and detailed design are complete, and the project will be tendered once a waterline agreement is finalized and a building permit is issued by the local municipality.

This project is included in the MVRD Board-approved 2026 Regional Parks Capital budget. Construction is planned to begin in fall 2026 and conclude in 2027.

PURPOSE

To provide the Regional Parks Committee an update on the təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park South Picnic Area project.

BACKGROUND

Site

The təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra South Picnic Area is a 5 hectare site located at the western edge of təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park in City of Port Moody and Village of Belcarra. The site is set in mature forest along the shore of Burrard Inlet, immediately adjacent to the existing Main Picnic Area (**Attachment 1**).

Context

In 2017, the MVRD Board approved the Belcarra South Design Concept. The plan included the retention of six cabins and the Bole House in Port Moody in compliance with a municipal heritage designation. One cabin located in the Village of Belcarra, not protected by heritage designation, was also retained in the approved plan.

In November 2023, the City of Port Moody rescinded heritage designation for the six cabins, at the request of sə́lilwə́təʔ. In 2024, the MVRD Board approved an amended concept for the təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra South Picnic Area which included new beach access, open space, the retention of the Bole House for public use, and the removal of the seven cabin structures (**Attachment 2**).

The amended concept reflected public engagement, discussions with sə́lilwə́təʔ, site conditions and opportunities. In 2025, the seven cabin structures were photo documented and removed. Initial site stabilization and restoration was also completed.

Progress Update

Since 2024 project planning and detailed design for the amended concept has progressed. The project will be tendered once a waterline agreement is finalized and a building permit is issued by the local municipality. Construction is planned to begin in fall 2026 and conclude in 2027.

Highlights of the planned park improvements include:

- Upgrading the Bole House to a bookable, multi-use facility (**Attachment 3**)
- Expanding the trail network, including an accessible waterfront trail, replacing a failing bridge, and adding beach access stairs.
- Adding new site amenities such as a picnic area, amphitheater, interpretive signage, sə́lilwə́təʔ art and cultural visibility displays (**Attachment 4**)
- Enhancing ecological conditions through creek and pond restoration, invasive species removal, replanting, and installation of protective fencing.
- Widening the existing road to support two-way traffic and fire truck access.
- Adding pocket parking to improve visitor access

sə́lilwə́təʔ Collaboration and Cultural Visibility

In February 2020, sə́lilwə́təʔ and MVRD entered into a *Cultural Planning and Cooperation Agreement* for təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park. The agreement formalized a cooperative relationship and has led to significant collaboration on initiatives throughout the park. Key areas of collaboration on the təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra South Picnic Area project include ecosystem restoration and cultural revitalization.

təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra South Picnic Area site is in a culturally important area. sə́lilwə́təʔ has been actively engaged in project planning, with particular focus on the development of interpretive and cultural visibility elements.

The interpretive and cultural visibility plan includes information on sə́lilwə́təʔ culture, the natural environment and settler history. The design team included sə́lilwə́təʔ community leaders and artists to provide graphic material, guidance and oversight for depictions of their culture. Proposed elements include interpretive displays, plant signs, and an art feature depicting sʔi:ʔqə́y (the great two-headed serpent) that stretched across Burrard Inlet according to sə́lilwə́təʔ oral history (**Attachment 4**).

Staff continue to work with the Nation on all aspects of the project including design details, finishing and site features.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no new financial implications. This project is included in the MVRD Board approved Regional Parks Capital Budget. It is proceeding on time and budget.

CONCLUSION

The təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra South Picnic Area project is proceeding. The purpose of the project is to provide new opportunities to connect with and learn about nature in a unique cultural landscape, expanded park capacity, and enhance ecological resilience.

Metro Vancouver is working closely with sə́lilwə́təł (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) on the project, which includes upgrades to the existing Bole House, enhanced open space and beach access, interpretive and cultural visibility displays.

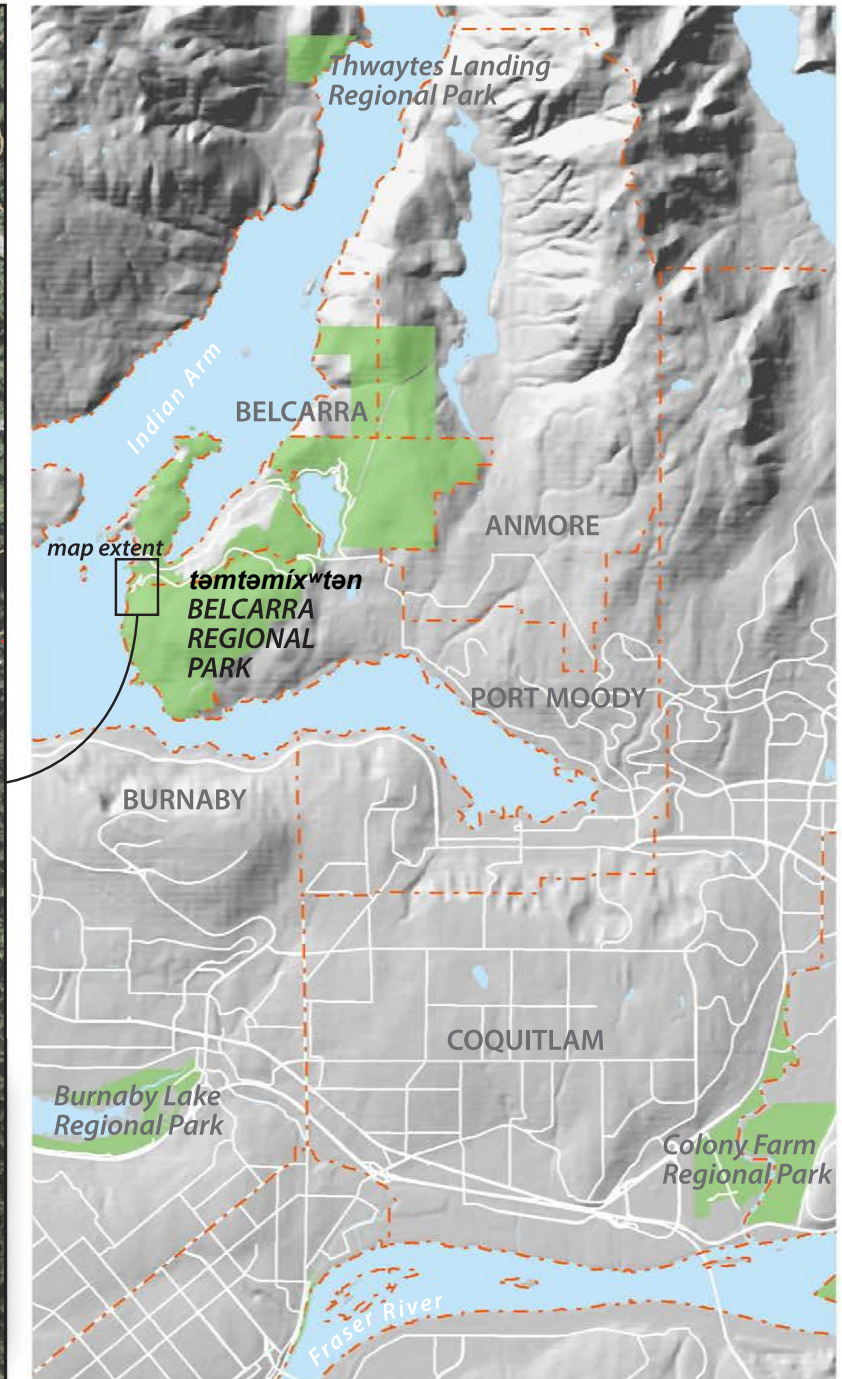
The project will be tendered pending completion of a waterline agreement, and the issuance of a building permit is issued by the local municipality. Construction is planned to begin in Fall 2026 and conclude in 2027.

ATTACHMENTS

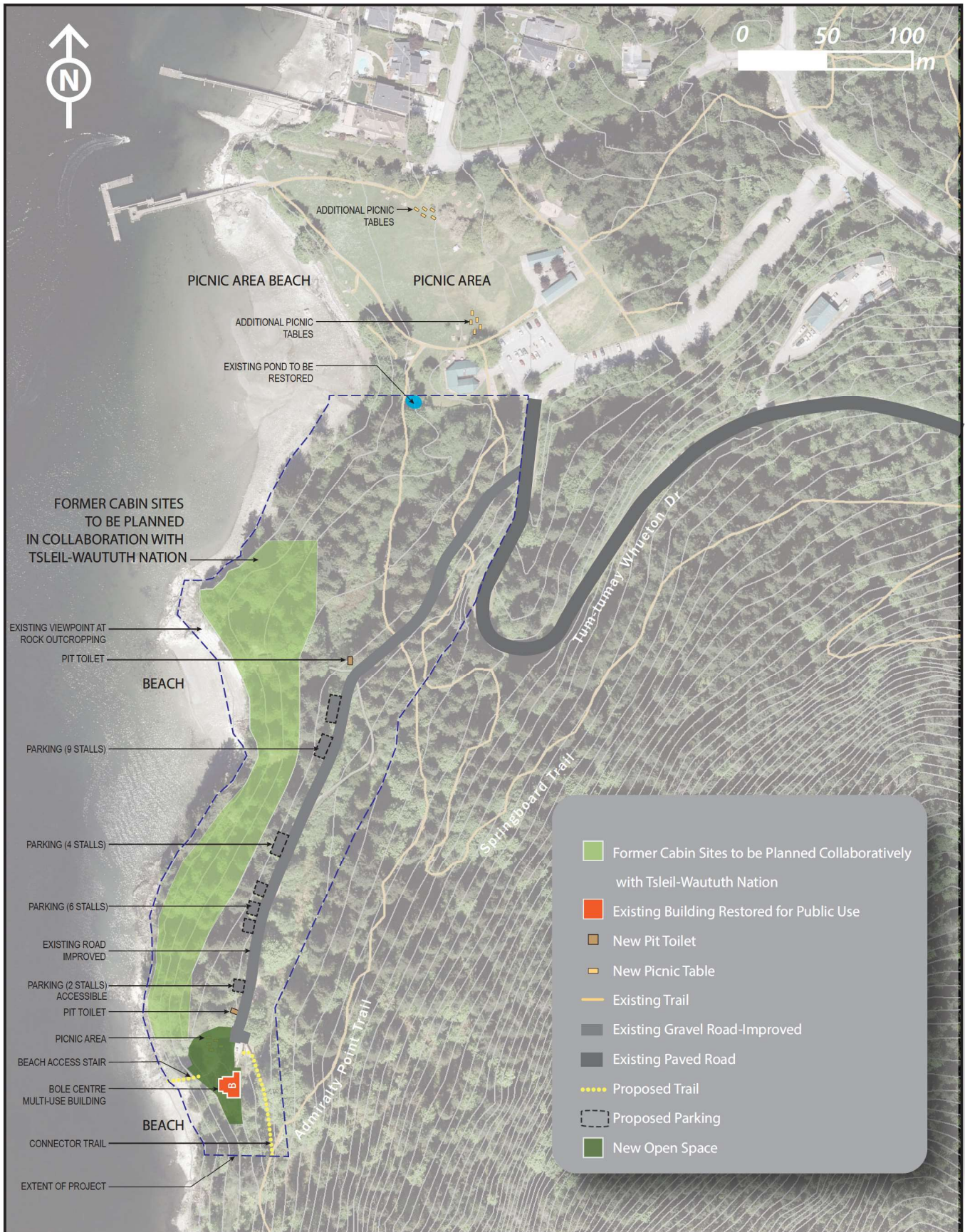
1. təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra South Picnic Area Project - Context Map.
2. təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra South Picnic Area Project - Design Concept.
3. təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra South Picnic Area Project - Bole House Rendering.
4. təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra South Picnic Area Project - Interpretive and Cultural Visibility Features.

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təmtəmixʷtən / Belcarra South Picnic Area - Context Map



təmtəx^wtən/Belcarra South Picnic Area Project - Design Concept



təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park South Picnic Area – Bole House, Beach Access and Amphitheater





təmtəxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park South Picnic Area – Interpretive and Cultural Visibility Features

Interpretive Signage

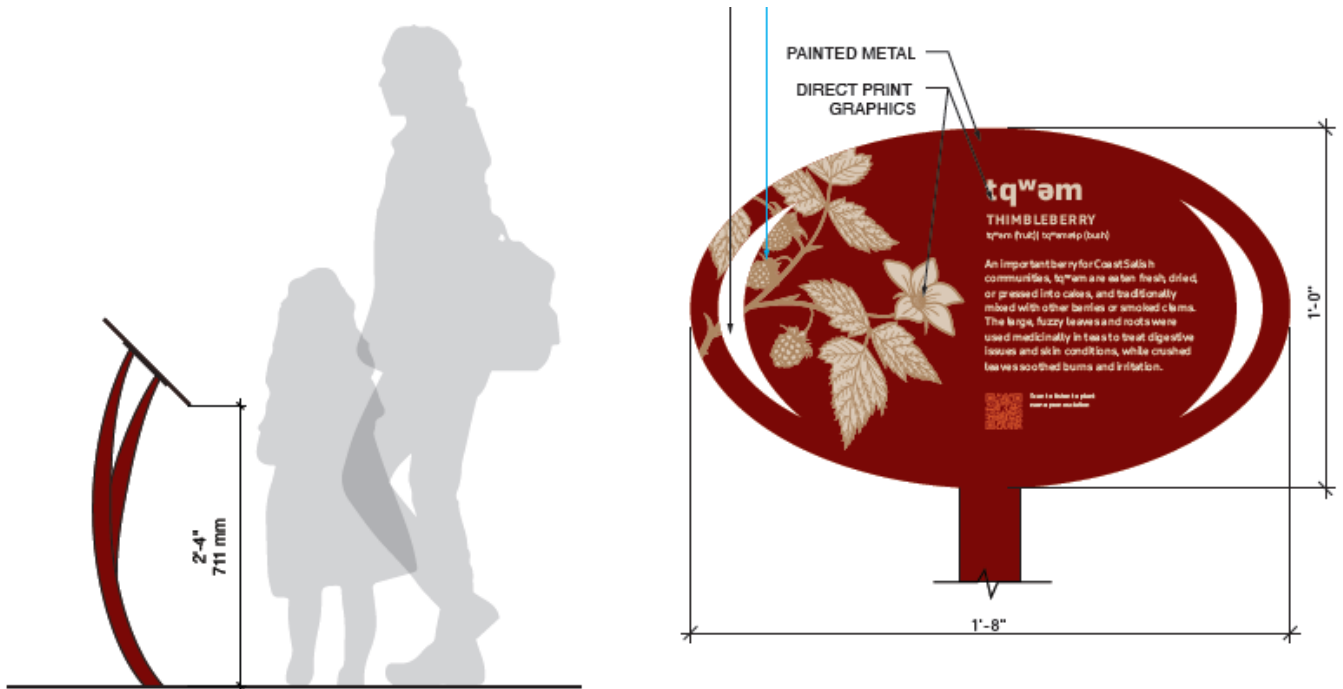


sʔi:ʔqəy (the great two-headed serpent)



Ecological Signage





Cedar Bough textures in concrete outside Bole House



To: Regional Parks Committee

From: Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Parks Planning and Resource Management, Regional Parks

Date: February 10, 2026 Meeting Date: March 4, 2026

Subject: **təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park – Admiralty Heights Plan – Phase 1 Engagement**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated February 10, 2026, titled “təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park – Admiralty Heights Plan – Phase 1 Engagement.”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks is initiating the engagement process for the development of a plan for the Admiralty Heights area in təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park (**Attachment 1**).

The Admiralty Heights area encompasses around 275 hectares of mature forest and is currently closed to the public. A plan for this area will be developed in collaboration with the sə́lilwə́təʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) and will guide decision making for resource management, area development, operations, and programming over the next 20 years. The process to develop this plan will start with engagement with sə́lilwə́təʔ, and expand to the public, and other interest holders.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform the MVRD board about the planning and engagement process for the Admiralty Heights area of təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park. Metro Vancouver and sə́lilwə́təʔ will work collaboratively to develop the plan, and will engage with sə́lilwə́təʔ, the public, the City of Port Moody, the Villages of Belcarra and Anmore, Parks Canada, BC Hydro, and other interest holders.

BACKGROUND

On February 18, 2025, sə́lilwə́təʔ and Metro Vancouver renewed their co-operation agreement — in place since February 2020 — to protect and enhance təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park while raising public awareness of sə́lilwə́təʔ cultural history within the area. The agreement identifies several projects including a plan for the Admiralty Heights area of the Park.

ADMIRALTY HEIGHTS PLAN DEVELOPMENT

The Admiralty Heights area consists of lands generally south of Tum-Tumay-Whueton Drive and within the southern and western limits of təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park (**Attachment 1**). This area lies within the City of Port Moody boundary, and has never been formally open to the public. While the area contains a large proportion of blue and red listed forested ecosystems that are of high conservation value, there is some habitat fragmentation due to previous use of the area by the general public and a motorcycle riding society.

This plan will guide the introduction of formal public access to this area, determining where trails should be formalized, how best to connect the area with existing parks trails in the wider park, and where to introduce other amenities.

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The Admiralty Heights Plan will guide decision making for resource management, development, operations, and programming over the next 20 years.

ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

The engagement process will focus on those likely to comment, be impacted by, or have a role in implementation in the Admiralty Heights Plan. Engagement will begin with səilwəʔ and then expand to the broader public and other park interest holders.

Scope of the Engagement

Staff propose two phases of engagement. Phase one will seek to understand values, issues, and opportunities to inform the development of a draft plan for Admiralty Heights. Phase two will seek feedback on the draft plan.

Proposed Methods and Timing

Method	Purpose	Timing
Tsleil-Waututh Nation (səilwəʔ) Community Engagement	Provide information that the project is being initiated, and learn about səilwəʔ community members' interests and priorities.	Summer 2026
Meetings with səilwəʔ Staff	Co-develop engagement approach and learn about səilwəʔ interests, priorities, and preferences for engagement.	Ongoing, beginning Spring 2026
Targeted Meetings	Provide opportunities for meetings with City of Port Moody, Village of Anmore, Village of Belcarra, and other interest holders to share process, identify issues, and solicit input.	Summer/Fall 2026
On-Site Public Engagement	An opportunity for in-park engagement; engagement will share process, identify issues, and solicit input.	Summer 2026
Online Feedback Form and Email Option	Provide options for input.	Summer 2026

A summary of phase one engagement and a draft plan will be brought to the Regional Parks Committee and the MVRD Board for consideration before initiating phase two engagement. The summary will include information on how input from engagement is considered in the draft Admiralty Heights Plan.

Interest Holders

City of Port Moody, Village of Belcarra, Village of Anmore, Parks Canada, BC Hydro, other government agencies, other Metro Vancouver departments, community groups, and non-profit organizations will be engaged. A final list is to be developed.

ALTERNATIVES

This is an information report. No alternatives are presented.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Engagement will be completed using existing staff resources and budget.







CONCLUSION

Metro Vancouver and səliwətaᄁ completed pre-planning work to begin the Admiralty Heights Plan for təmtəmişˀtən/Belcarra Regional Park. The engagement process will obtain input from the səliwətaᄁ, the public, and interest holders. The information gathered will inform the development of a draft plan, which will be brought to the Regional Parks Committee and Board for consideration. After the draft plan has received endorsement, staff will deliver phase two engagement, to seek feedback on that draft plan. Once finalized, the Admiralty Heights plan will guide decision making for resource management, area development, operations, and programming over the next 20 years.

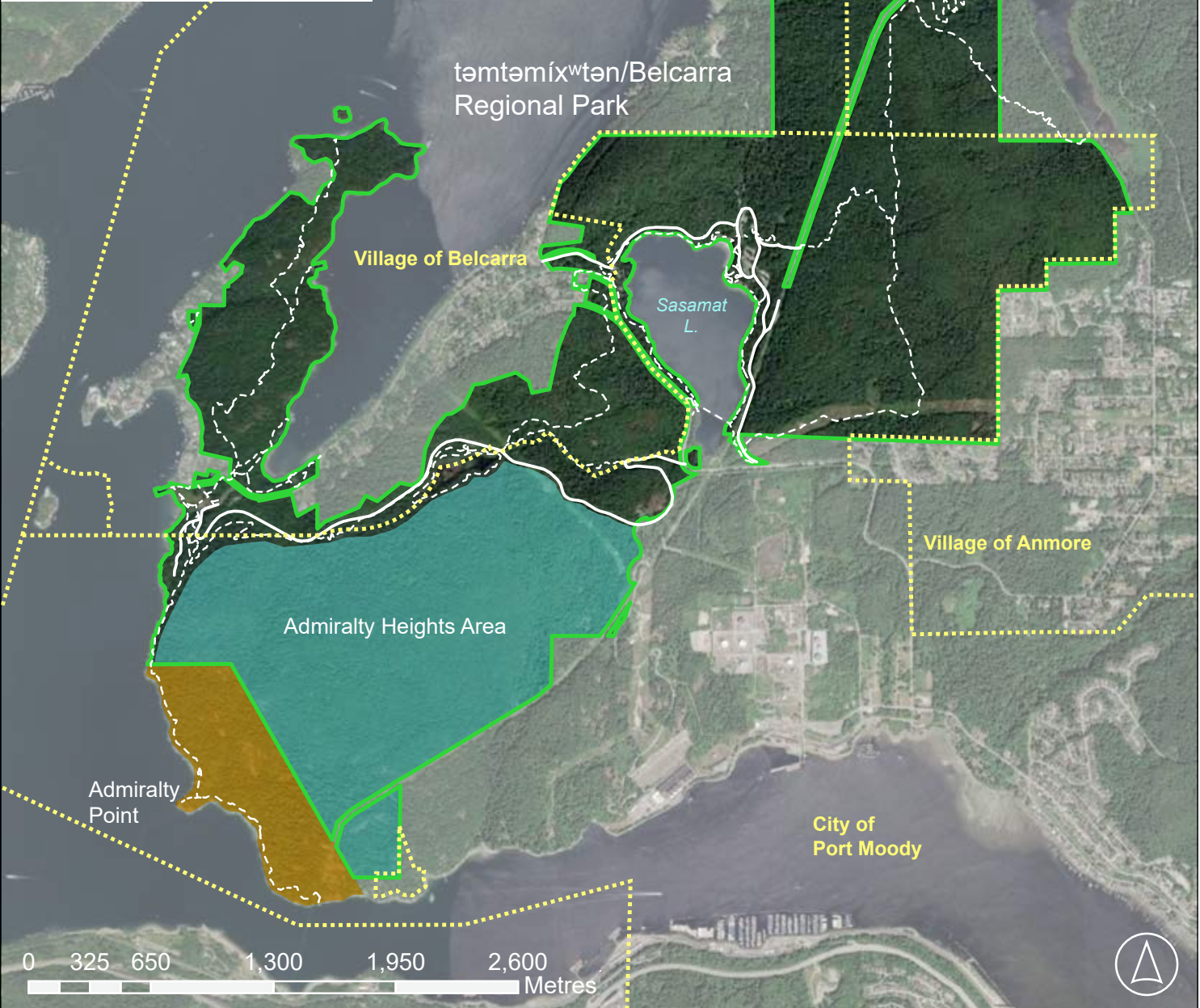
ATTACHMENTS

1. Admiralty Heights area within təmtəmişˀtən/Belcarra Regional Park – Location Map.

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-  Road
-  Trail
-  Regional Park Boundary
-  Admiralty Heights Area
-  Federally Managed Land
-  Municipal Boundaries

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To: Regional Parks Committee

From: Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks

Date: February 20, 2026 Meeting Date: March 4, 2026

Subject: **Manager's Report — Regional Parks**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated February 20, 2026, titled "Manager's Report - Regional Parks."

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attachment 1 to this report sets out the Regional Parks Committee Work Plan for 2026. The status of work program elements is indicated as pending, in progress, or complete. The listing is updated as needed to include new issues that arise, items requested by the Committee, and changes in the schedule.

REGIONAL PARKS SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION — CORRIDORS IN MOTION WORKSHOP

Regional Parks staff were invited to participate in a panel discussion at the Corridors in Motion Workshop held on January 21, 2026. This workshop was co-hosted by UBC's Rethinking the Right-of-Way lab, TransLink, and Vancouver Coastal Health to promote better understanding of active transportation networks. This workshop brought together a broad group of academics and professionals to develop a shared vision for coordinated data collection, sharing, and utilization.

Over the past decade Regional Parks has worked to promote implementation of the Regional Greenway Network, better understand how visitors travel to regional parks as part of our efforts to promote sustainable travel choices, and remove access barriers to regional parks. The 2024 Regional Parks Visitor Survey found that 74% of visitors chose to drive to Metro Vancouver's regional parks. Of the remainder 14% walked, 6% took transit and 5% cycled or used an electric scooter.

The workshop highlighted the need to continue working collaboratively with member municipalities, TransLink, provincial agencies and academic institutions to facilitate a shift towards sustainable transportation options.

BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK — MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

In 2025, staff initiated the development of a new park management plan for Burnaby Lake Regional Park, as part of Metro Vancouver's commitment under the recently renewed lease with the City of Burnaby. Phase 1 of engagement, held from October 14 to November 30, 2025, focused on gathering public input and identifying opportunities to guide preparation of the draft plan. During this period, Metro Vancouver invited visitors to complete a survey and attend pop-up outreach events at locations in and around the park. Engagement with First Nations, key agencies, and community groups is ongoing.

Staff are now preparing a draft plan for further input and will present both the Phase 1 engagement summary and draft plan to the Committee and Board, seeking approval to proceed with a second round of engagement in summer and Fall 2026. Following that, staff will refine the plan based on feedback and prepare a final management plan for Committee and Board consideration in 2027.

DERBY REACH REGIONAL PARK — EDGEWATER BAR CAMPGROUND UPDATE

Edgewater Bar Campground will soon be opening for the season. Online registration went live at noon on February 1, 2026, and within just 24 hours, 1,897 registrations were received. Metro Vancouver Regional Parks looks forward to welcoming new and returning campers this season from March 1 to October 31, 2026. Derby Reach Regional Park offers campers and visitors an opportunity to enjoy the park trails, bar fishing, Fort Langley heritage and the beautiful views of the Fraser River and Coast Mountain Range.



Derby Reach Regional Park

REGIONAL PARKS EVENTS UPDATE

Pacific Spirit Regional Park — Family Day Campfire, February 16, 2026

The annual Family Day Campfire event held at Pacific Spirit Regional Park was well attended with participants enjoying time around the campfire, learning about owls, drumming, drinking hot chocolate and testing their park knowledge in a round of trivia with park interpreters. Six volunteers dedicated their time to support the event, all of which were recruited by the Pacific Spirit Park Society.

The next interpretive event taking place at Pacific Spirit Regional Park will be Night Quest on Friday, March 13, 2026, and Saturday, March 14, 2026. At Night Quest participants experience the park after sunset with decorated forest trails, glowing lanterns and animal characters sharing nature tales.



Pacific Spirit Regional Park

ATTACHMENTS

1. "Regional Parks 2026 Work Plan" dated February 20, 2026.

Regional Parks Committee 2026 Work Plan

Report Date: February 20, 2026

Priorities

1 st Quarter	Status
Regional Parks Committee Priorities and 2026 Work Plan	Completed
Dog Management Program Review at Pacific Spirit Regional Park	Completed
2026 Regional Parks Capital Program Update #1	Completed
Permitting Alcohol Consumption in Designated Areas of Regional Parks	Completed
Burns Bog Ecological Conservation Area - Delta Nature Reserve Update, and Delta South Surrey Greenway Update Project Definition	In Progress
Belcarra South Day Use Area Concept Implementation	In Progress
təmtəx'wtən/Belcarra Regional Park – Admiralty Heights Plan- Phase 1 Engagement	In Progress
2 nd Quarter	Status
Regional Parks Buildings Strategy	Pending
MVRD Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Amendment Bylaw	Pending
Visitor Use Management Strategy Update (Report)	Pending
Derby Reach Campground Concept Plan + Implementation	Pending
Regional Parks Annual Report 2025	Pending
Filming in MVRD Regional Parks Update (Report)	Pending
Aquatic Safety in Regional Park (Sasamat Lake)	Pending
Codd Wetland Management Plan- Initiation	Pending
George Ross Legacy Stewardship Grant Update	Pending
Regional Parks Capital Projects Update	Pending
Backcountry Safety Awareness Campaign	Pending
Draft Burnaby Lake Management Plan	Pending
3 rd Quarter	Status
Draft 2027 - 2031 Capital Plan Overview	Pending
MVRD Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw	Pending
Kanaka Creek Association Presentation	Pending
Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation Agreement	Pending
Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation Update	Pending
Pacific Spirit Park Association Presentation	Pending
Amendment to MVRD Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw 1426	Pending
Natural Resource Management Program Stewardship Program Update	Pending
Regional Parks Fees and Charges 2027	Pending

4th Quarter	Status
2027 - 2031 Five Year Financial Plan and 2027 Budget	Pending
Regional Parks Asset Management Plan	Pending
CTS Youth Society Update	Pending
Regional Parks Nature Programs Access Pass	Pending
Public Programming Strategy Implementation Update	Pending

Status = Pending, In Progress or Completed

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL PARKS
Upcoming Events
March 2026

DATE	UPCOMING EVENTS
10 MAR 2026	Piper Spit Bird Count BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK
13 MAR 2026	Night Quest PACIFIC SPIRIT REGIONAL PARK
14 MAR 2026	Night Quest PACIFIC SPIRIT REGIONAL PARK
18 MAR 2026	Nature Magic with Microscopes MINNEKHADA REGIONAL PARK
20 MAR 2026	Beaver Watch BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK
22 MAR 2026	How the Mighty Have Pollen KANAKA CREEK REGIONAL PARK
26 MAR 2026	Enchanted Forest ALDERGROVE REGIONAL PARK
28 MAR 2026	Snakes All A-slither CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK
29 MAR 2026	Critter Capers: The Case of the Strange Splashes MINNEKHADA REGIONAL PARK

**Note: For more information on Regional Parks Programs & Events, please visit <https://metrovancouver.org/events/events-calendar>*