



CULTUS LAKE PARK BOARD ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC AREA'S PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025

9:00 AM

CULTUS LAKE PARK OFFICE BOARDROOM
4165 COLUMBIA VALLEY HIGHWAY, CULTUS LAKE, BC

(1) CALL TO ORDER

(2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Page 1 (a) ***THAT*** the Cultus Lake Park Board Environmental and Public Area's Planning Committee approve the Agenda for the Meeting of August 25, 2025; and

THAT all delegation, report, correspondence and other information set to the Agenda be received.

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Page 3 ***THAT*** the Cultus Lake Park Board Environmental and Public Area's Planning Committee approve the Minutes for the Meeting of June 9, 2025.

(4) CORRESPONDENCE

(5) REPORTS BY STAFF

(6) NEW BUSINESS

(a) **Blackberries along Lakeshore Drive**

- Trimming of blackberry bushes

(b) **Irrigation**

- Challenges with irrigation

(c) **Trees**

- New trees for fall planting
- Tree protection in Parking Lot A

(d) **Fire Lane Forest**

- Maintenance

(e) **Milfoil**

- Matting/Replacement

(f) PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

(g) NEXT MEETING

(9) ADJOURNMENT

***THAT** the Cultus Lake Park Board Environmental and Public Area's Planning Committee Meeting held August 25, 2025, be adjourned.*



CULTUS LAKE PARK BOARD ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC AREA'S PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025
CULTUS LAKE PARK OFFICE BOARDROOM
4165 COLUMBIA VALLEY HIGHWAY, CULTUS LAKE, BC

Present Committee Members

Commissioner E. Jartved – Chair
Commissioner D. Bauer – Vice Chair – Via Zoom
K. Vander Helm
R. LeBlanc
B. Senft
G. Smit
G. Coton

Staff

Chief Administrative Officer – J. Lamb
Manager of Park Operations – T. McKay
Events Coordinator & Committee Clerk – H. Hill

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm and acknowledged that we are gathered on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the The'wa':li First Nation. We are grateful for the hospitality to live, work and play on these lands.

(2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: B.Senft Seconded by: K. Vander Helm

***THAT** the Cultus Lake Park Board Environmental and Public Area's Planning Committee approve the Agenda for the Meeting of June 9, 2025; and*

***THAT** all delegations, reports, correspondence and other information set to the Agenda be received.*

CARRIED

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by: G. Smit Seconded by: G. Coton

***THAT** the Cultus Lake Park Board Environmental and Public Area's Planning Committee approve the Minutes for the Meeting of February 24, 2025.*

CARRIED

(3) CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Letter of Request from Lakeshore Drive Residents

- Letter dated May 8, 2025, from D. Clyne on behalf of various Lakeshore residents.
- Committee members reviewed the letter of request from Lakeshore residents and noted that the area was originally planted with native species plants but has since become overgrown with invasive plants and blackberry bushes. Staff noted that in order for the request for work to move forward, financial resources will need to be appropriated, and an application made for a work permit that will also need to be approved by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and an Environmentalist.

Moved by: K. Vander Helm Seconded by: R. Leblanc

THAT the Cultus Lake Park Environmental and Public Area's Planning Committee recommends to the Board to direct staff to apply for a permit to have the blackberries removed as a starting point and reassess after the work is complete.

CARRIED

(4) REPORTS BY STAFF

Joe Lamb, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced the new Landscape/Gardener, Baljinder Singh, to the Committee members. Staff confirmed he will report to the Public Works Supervisor for daily tasks and to the Manager of Park Operations for special assignments.

(5) NEW BUSINESS

(a) CLASS Correspondence for Discussion

- Purple Loosestrife
- Car or House Washing Recommendations to Share to Residents
- Cultus Lake Park Tree Registry

Committee members noted they have spoken with members of Cultus Lake Stewardship Society (CLASS) to discuss a plan for the entire lake area. Committee members also noted they will contact the Fraser Valley Invasives Species Society (FVISS) to determine the best course of action for removing loosestrife. Staff asked the Committee members to notify them when they locate loosestrife within the park, and they will take action to remove it.

Committee members noted they have put posters on the Community Boards with respect to car washing as an educational awareness campaign and will ask the Cultus Lake Community Association to send out to their subscribers. Committee members also noted they could invite Dr. Dan Selbie to a public community event to provide further education on the health of the lake.

Committee members discussed the various reasons to consider having a Tree Registry within the park. Joe Lamb, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that staff could review the Committee Terms of Reference for next year with respect to education regarding trees and plants within the park, and that this program would require a request from CLASS to the Board for funding.

(b) **Volunteer Roles**

- Clarity on Areas and Planning for Weeding Board Committee System Policy

Joe Lamb, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that no one other than park staff should be weeding in the park, however, if Committee members wanted to organize a Volunteer Day, they would need to send the request to the Manager of Park Operations for approval. He also noted that if Committee members wanted to establish adoptable areas, they would require approval from the Board and CUPE Local 458 representatives.

(c) **Invasives**

- Blackberry Spray in the Fall

Joe Lamb, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that work for weed control will be done in the fall in Parking Lot B. He further noted that the Manager of Park Operations will meet with committee members at the south section for their input.

(d) **Mowing**

Committee members discussed different mowing heights for grass areas within the park. Committee members noted they could ask members of CLASS to invite the organizer of the Climate Fair for a delegation with the Board to discuss the benefits to wildlife in leaving the grass at higher lengths and planting clover in areas. Joe Lamb, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that mowing at different heights would require changing the mower set-ups, which would pose a challenge.

Committee members also noted they could ask members of CLASS to invite Mike Flannigan to discuss fire safety at a delegation with the Board in the fall.

(6) PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

(7) NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled for one (1) hour on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 4:00 pm.

(8) ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: G. Smit Seconded by: R. Leblanc

THAT the Environmental and Public Area's Planning Committee meeting held on June 9, 2025, be adjourned at 5:27 pm.

CARRIED