

# **Cultus Lake Park Board Regular Meeting Recap**

September 17, 2025

We would like to acknowledge that we are gathered here today on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Th'ewa':li First Nations.

We are grateful for the hospitality to live, work and play on these lands.

Please find a link to the Cultus Lake Park Board Regular Meeting Agenda here: <u>2025.09.17-Cultus-Lake-Park-Board-Agenda-Amended.pdf</u>

(8) The following *Correspondence* was received by the Board:

### (a) Supporting the work of CLASS and Economic Valuation Study

**THAT** the Cultus Lake Park Board consider funding during the 2026 budget discussion to support the Economic Valuation Study proposed by Cultus Lake Stewardship.

#### **CARRIED**

### (b) Sudden Impact Paddling Group - Parking Passes

**THAT** the Cultus Lake Park Board refer the request from Sudden Impact Paddling Group for a one-hour extension from 10 am on Saturday's staff to consider during budget discussions.

### **CARRIED**

**(10)** The following *Staff Reports* were approved by the Board:

## (a) Chilliwack Tourism Holly Jolly, 3D Display Idea

**THAT** the Cultus Lake Park Board approve Chilliwack Tourism's, Holly Jolly, 3D Display Idea to be displayed at Main Beach during the holiday season; and

**THAT** the Cultus Lake Park Board requests that park staff work with Chilliwack Tourism to finalize details of the Holly Jolly display and to confirm when the display will be available to the public during the holiday season for advertising purposes.

#### **CARRIED**

#### (b) Cultus Lake Cross Country Run

**THAT** the Cultus Lake Park Board approve the Cultus Lake Cross Country Run for Vedder Middle School event on October 16, 2025; and

**THAT** the Cultus Lake Park Board approve 75 parking waivers for Lot B.

#### **CARRIED**

#### (11) The following *Commissioners Reports* were read by the board:

#### (a) Cultus Lake Christmas

**THAT** the Cultus Lake Park Board Community Events and Engagement Committee recommends to the Board to host the Cultus Lake Park Christmas event to be held on Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Main Beach; and

**THAT** the Cultus Lake Park Board waive the parking fees in Parking Lot A and B and allow parking by donation on Saturday, November 22, 2025.

#### **CARRIED**

### (b) Understanding Cyanobacteria Blooms

**THAT** the Cultus Lake Park Board receive the Understanding Cyanobacteria Bloom report for information; and

**THAT** the Cultus Lake Park Board considers funding during the 2026 budget discussion to support options to reduce both the risk and growth of Cyanobacteria Bloom.

#### **CARRIED**

(12) The following questions were heard and answered during the *Public Question* period:

Dave Clyne, resident, noted that three (3) years ago there was significant covering on the lake. They had sent a sample to Dr. Selbie, and it turned out to be "rock snot", which has also been found in New Zealand. Dave noted he is very impressed with the Boards knowledge behind the topic of Cyanobacteria.

Commissioner Bauer inquired about the Milfoil dying off, does it wash away with the current, or is it rotting at the bottom of the lake?

Dave Clyne, resident noted that through his observation both happen. Milfoil is all around the lake, and slides into the current, which is how we've ended up with the issue in Sweltzer Creek.

Ernie Vance, resident, went on to speak about the reduction in Milfoil due to the Milfoil mats that were installed, as it takes away a lot of the oxygen. Ernie also spoke to the possibility of doing bird counting this year, their observation is that there are less seagulls; especially since Baily Dump has done their changes.

Coralea Towler, resident inquired about the Cultus Lake Christmas Event, if there will be fireworks.

Vice Chair Beesley noted we have a Community Events and Engagement Committee scheduled for September 18, 2025, at which the agenda creators notes discussion of fireworks. Vice Chair, Beesley also noted that the fireworks were fantastic last year.