

CULTUS LAKE PARK BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 CULTUS LAKE PARK OFFICE BOARDROOM 4165 COLUMBIA VALLEY HIGHWAY, CULTUS LAKE, BC

Present Commissioner K. Dzaman – Chair

Commissioner J. Beesley – Vice Chair

Commissioner E. Jartved Commissioner T. Moul Commissioner D. Bauer

Staff Chief Administrative Officer – J. Lamb

Manager of Corporate Services / Corporate Officer – R. Litchfield

Chief Financial Officer - E. Lee

Manager of Park Operations – T. McKay

Manager of Sunnyside Campground & Accommodations – C. Volk Administrative Clerk, Communications & Events Coordinator – C. Baker

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and acknowledged 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.

(2) RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO CLOSED MEETING

Moved by: Commissioner Moul Seconded by: Commissioner Jartved

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to consider matters pursuant to the following sections of the Community Charter:

Section 90 (1), (d), security of the property of the municipality; (j) information that is prohibited or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act; (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

CARRIED

(3) RECONVENE

(4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5652-25 Moved by: Commissioner Moul Seconded by: Commissioner Jartved

(a) **THAT** the Cultus Lake Park Board approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2025; and

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

CARRIED

- (5) DELEGATION
- (6) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5653-25 Moved by: Commissioner Moul Seconded by: Commissioner Bauer

(a) **THAT** the Cultus Lake Park Board adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 20, 2025.

CARRIED

(7) ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Moved by: Commissioner Bauer Seconded by: Commissioner Jartved

(a) **THAT** the Cultus Lake Park Board approve the Environmental and Public Area's Planning Committee Meeting Minutes from June 9, 2025.

CARRIED

- (8) CORRESPONDENCE
- (a) Supporting the work of CLASS and Economic Valuation Study
 - Letter dated August 25, 2025, from Dave Clyne, Chair Cultus Lake Stewards
 - Letter dated February 23, 2025, from Daniel, T, Selbie, PHD

5655-25 Moved by: Commissioner Moul Seconded by: Commissioner Bauer

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
 - Letter dated September 7, 2025, from Jonathan Willcocks; Past-Commodore & Community Outreach, SIPC
- 5656-25 Moved by: Commissioner Bauer Seconded by: Commissioner Moul

THAT the Cultus Lake Park Board refer the request from Sudden Impact Paddling Group for a one-hour extension from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturday's. Staff to consider during budget discussions.

CARRIED

(9) CONSENT AGENDA

(10) REPORTS BY STAFF

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

 Report dated September 17, 2025, from Rachel Litchfield, Manager of Corporate Services / Corporate Officer

5657-25 Moved by Commissioner Moul Seconded by: Commissioner Jartved

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

- Report dated September 17, 2025, from Carmen Baker, Administrative Assistant, Communications & Events Coordinator
- Attachment 1; Event application
- Attachment 2; Map of run location

5658-25 Moved by Commissioner Jartved Seconded by: Commissioner Moul

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) REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS

(a) Cultus Lake Christmas

 Report dated September 17, 2025, from John Beesley, Chair, Community Events & Engagement Committee

5659-25 Moved by Commissioner Jartved Seconded by: Commissioner Moul

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

- Report dated September 17, 2025, from Commissioner, Darcy Bauer
- Article, Understanding Cyanobacteria Blooms: A Community Concern

Moved by Commissioner Bauer Seconded by: Commissioner Moul

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) COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

(13) PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Dave Clyne, Chair, Cultus Lake Stewards, 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, Chair, Cultus Lake Stewards 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 note discussion of fireworks. Vice Chair, Beesley also noted that the fireworks were fantastic last year.

(14) ADJOURNMENT Recess 7:40 pm

5650-20 Moved by: Commissioner: Bauer Seconded by: Commissioner Moul

THAT the Regular Meeting of the Cultus Lake Park Board held on September 17, 2025, be adjourned at 8:49 pm.

CARRIED

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the meeting of the Cultus Lake Park Board held September 17, 2025.

Kirk Dzaman

Chair

Joe Lamb

Chief Administrative Officer