



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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

3:30 PM

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 October 23, 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 August 25, 2025.***

(4) CORRESPONDENCE

(5) REPORTS BY STAFF

- (a) **UBCM 2025 CRI FireSmart Community Funding & Support Program Update**
- Verbal report dated October 23, 2025, from Todd McKay, Manager of Park Operations

(6) NEW BUSINESS

- (a) **Fir Lane**
- Dead Tree Removal
 - Invasives Removal
 - Pathway Maintenance
- (b) **Care for trees planted over the past 6 years**
- Pruning of lower limbs
 - Removal of competing canopy
 - Identifying growth problems
 - Restaking as indicated

(7) PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

(8) NEXT MEETING

(9) ADJOURNMENT

THAT the Cultus Lake Park Board Environmental and Public Area's Planning Committee Meeting held October 23, 2025, be adjourned.



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

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025
CULTUS LAKE PARK OFFICE BOARDROOM
4165 COLUMBIA VALLEY HIGHWAY, CULTUS LAKE, BC

Present Committee Members

Commissioner Jartved – Chair
Commissioner 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
Administrative Assistant, Communications & Events Coordinator – C. Baker

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 am 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: K. Vander Helm Seconded by: B. Senft

***THAT** the Cultus Lake Park Board Environmental and Public Area's Planning Committee approve the Agenda as amended for the Meeting of August 25, 2025; and*

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

CARRIED

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by: B. Senft Seconded by: G. Smit

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

CARRIED

(4) CORRESPONDENCE

(5) REPORTS BY STAFF

(6) NEW BUSINESS

(a) Blackberries along Lakeshore Drive

- Trimming of blackberry bushes

Committee members noted the new house on Lakeshore Drive by the parking lot and questioned if we are removing blackberries. They also inquired if we want to do anything regarding the walkway along Munroe Avenue and on the others side where the drainage ditch is as there are still blackberries in that area. Chair, Erika Jartved, noted that there was also knotweed located down across the DFO building as well.

Joe Lamb, Chief Administrative Officer, noted there is a plan to thin the area from 1 to 10 Lakeshore Drive. It is on schedule but as of October 3, 2025, our team will be working on setting up the Christmas lights and staff will leave this on the list as a takeaway. Staff have noted we have been spraying and using an environmentally non-toxic chemical. We have been applying treatments wherever we can and the committee noted that the work that is being done is great.

(b) Irrigation

- Challenges with irrigation

Committee members noted that irrigation has been set up as one system to include irrigating the lawn, the plants, however; there are overwatered areas that are causing extra growth. Joe Lamb, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that we are seeing that significantly at Main Beach, and noted that as soon as we turn it down the grass dies. It is all on the same system, the heads aren't broken out by way of plant irrigation and lawn irrigation. The only solution would be to dig it all up and put different zones in so there are different flow rates at different times.

Moved by B. Senft Seconded by: G. Smit

THAT the Cultus Lake Park Board Environmental and Public Area's Planning Committee recommend to the Board that some of the 2025 remaining committees allocated dollars to help with fixing the irrigation on the westside of Lot B parking lot.

CARRIED

(c) Trees

- New trees for fall tree planting

Committee members inquired about the plan for planting trees.

Staff noted that we will be putting up new trees in the fall and that we are to work with the committee on which kinds of trees. Trees that have died or are dying will be replaced. Staff have talked about presenting some numbers to the Board to fix Birch and Oak Street Park. It would be a good time to think of what additional trees we would want to put there.

- Tree Protection in Parking Lot A

Committee members stated that they heard we may be cutting down parking lot A's trees.

Staff noted that we are rehabilitating them, as they were not pruned properly at the nursery level. The trees that are being removed will be replaced.

Joe Lamb, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that we will be cutting down (3) three which have been assessed as dangerous.

- Wildfire Mitigation

Committee members inquired about a update on Wildfire Mitigation. Staff noted that we must put in our application with the Union of BC Municipalities and apply for a Fire Smart Coordinator position within UBCM. Staff also noted that we will be falling a bunch of dead trees up behind Munroe Avenue that are close proximately to houses.

(d) **Fir Lane Forest**

- Maintenance

Committee members noted that Fir Lane, Fir Street and parking Lot B require maintenance. Staff noted that they will investigate it, however staff are currently doing more of that type of work.

Committee noted that they have seen noticeable improvements.

(e) **Milfoil**

- Matting/Replacement

Committee members noted that many of the mats were damaged due to the atmospheric rain last year in Sweltzer Creek.

Joe Lamb, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that we have pulled out almost twenty damaged mats. The Board will have to review the Milfoil contributions in the budget. Options could be to allocate funds from the budget or request that the Environmental Committee agree to use the remainder after irrigation to buy the material to make the mats.

Further, staff noted that dredging the creek needs to be explored. Staff noted that they will discuss with DFO, if they will support the dredging. It was noted that dredging the creek could solve the Milfoil for at least a couple of years and in addition they noted a concern with the creek dredging with the water outflow when we are maintaining lake levels.

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

THAT the Cultus Lake Environmental and Public Area's Planning Committee recommend to the Board that any remaining money in the 2025 budget to be re-invested into the additional Milfoil mats.

CARRIED

(6) PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

(7) NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 3:30 pm.

(8) ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: G. Smit Seconded by: B. Senft

THAT the Environmental and Public Area's Planning Committee meeting held on August 25, 2025, be adjourned at 10:20 am.

CARRIED