



CULTUS LAKE PARK BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026

7:00 PM

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 Sunnyside Campground & Accommodations – C. Volk
Administrative Assistant, Communications & Events Coordinator – C. Baker

Regrets

Manager of Park Operations – T. McKay

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:32 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

5821-26

Moved by: Commissioner Bauer 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 and

(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

5822-26 Moved by Commissioner Moul Seconded by: Commissioner Jartved

- (a) ***THAT the Cultus Lake Park Board approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of August 19, 2026; and***

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

CARRIED

(5) DELEGATIONS

(6) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5823-26 Moved by: Commissioner Moul Seconded by: Commissioner Bauer

- (a) ***THAT the Cultus Lake Park Board adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 15, 2026.***

CARRIED

(7) ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

5824-26 Moved by: Commissioner Beesley Seconded by: Commissioner Jartved

THAT the Cultus Lake Park Board approve the Community Events and Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2026.

THAT the Cultus Lake Park Board approve the Community Events and Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes from August 5, 2026.

CARRIED

(8) CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) **Village Centre Redevelopment Project, New Questions**

- Letter received August 5, 2026, from anonymous regarding the Village Centre Redevelopment

5825-26 Moved by Commissioner Bauer Seconded by: Commissioner Moul

THAT the Cultus Lake Park Board receive the anonymous letter dated August 5, 2026 regarding the new questions on the Village Centre Redevelopment.

CARRIED

(9) FINANCE

(10) BYLAWS

(11) CONSENT AGENDA

(a) 2026 Second Quarter Reports

- Finance
- Parking
- Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement
- Public Works
- Sunnyside Campground and Accommodations
- Fire Department
- Lease Assignment
- Parking Waivers

5826-26

Moved by: Commissioner Moul Seconded by: Commissioner Jartved

***THAT** the Cultus Lake Park Board receive 2026 Second Quarter reports for information.*

CARRIED

(b) Cultus Lake Park Events

- Sunnyside Luau
- Munroe Avenue & Lakeshore Drive Private Block Party
- Private Wedding Shower
- Alder Street Block Party
- Horseshoe Tournament
- Private Birthday Party

5827-26

Moved by: Commissioner Bauer Seconded by: Commissioner Beesley

***THAT** the Cultus Lake Park Board receive the Cultus Lake Park Events reports for information.*

CARRIED

(12) REPORTS BY STAFF

(a) 2025 FireSmart Supports Program

- Report dated August 19, 2026, from Todd McKay, Manager of Park Operations

5828-26

Moved by: Commissioner Moul Seconded by: Commissioner Jartved

***THAT** the Cultus Lake Park Board approve all recommended dates and locations for the planned FireSmart Program activities, the goal is to raise community awareness regarding Cultus Lake Park FireSmart Program and disaster preparedness.*

CARRIED

(b) **Temporary Pruning Application Fee Waived**

- Report dated August 19, 2026, from Todd McKay, Manager of Park Operations

5829-26

Moved by: Commissioner Moul Seconded by: Commissioner Jartved

THAT the Cultus Lake Park Board approve a temporary waiver of tree pruning application fee in the amount of \$120.00 for FireSmart-related tree pruning applications from August 24, 2026 to November 20, 2026;

THAT the pruning application fee waivers be limited to a specific FireSmart activity and require the Manager of Park Operations approval; and

THAT tree pruning applications involving a substantial amount of removal of a tree's canopy or branch structure be reviewed by the Cultus Lake Park Board's consulting arborist prior to approval.

CARRIED

(c) **Chilliwack Cultural Centre - Music for Cultus Lake**

- Report dated August 19, 2026, from Carmen Baker, Administrative Assistant, Communications & Events Coordinator

5830-26

Moved by: Commissioner Jartved Seconded by: Commissioner Moul

THAT the Cultus Lake Park Board approve the proposed Chilliwack Cultural Centre - Music for Cultus event for November 7, 2026, from 6:00 am to 9:00 am at Main Beach.

CARRIED

(13) REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS

(a) **Community Events and Engagement Committee Recommendations for Cultus Lake Christmas**

- Report dated August 19, 2026, from John Beesley, Chair, Community Events and Engagement Committee

5831-26

Moved by: Commissioner Moul Seconded by: Commissioner Jartved

THAT the Cultus Lake Park Board approve the recommendation from the Community Events and Engagement Committee for Cultus Lake Christmas to be held on November 21, 2026, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm; 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 21, 2026.

CARRIED

Vice-Chair, Beesley, agreed to discuss potential funding for the use of equipment with the Community Events and Engagement Committee.

(14) COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

(15) PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Gary Lister, resident, spoke regarding the Village Centre proposal and raised concerns about whether the Park Board is following the appropriate planning process under Plan Cultus, the Park Act, the Community Charter, and related bylaws. He emphasized that Plan Cultus calls for a holistic review of lands and future development guidelines, and noted that several studies, including feasibility, financial, and traffic studies, have not yet been completed. Chair Dzaman explained that the Board has chosen a staged approach to reduce financial risk to the Park, rather than completing all studies before the final scope of the project is known. He advised that the Board is working with the proponent, Diverse Development, and intends to continue providing information publicly through meetings and frequently asked questions. Gary recommended that the project history and related information be summarized in chronological order for residents.

The discussion also addressed transparency, public access to information, and how the Village Centre project differs from municipally funded civic projects. Commissioner Moul clarified that the Board is not looking to finance the development as a cost to the Park, but rather to provide land in exchange for compensation or rent, making it a revenue-generating opportunity. Gary maintained that residents should have access to studies and due diligence before the project proceeds further. Chair Dzaman acknowledged that the Board will ultimately make the decision, with input from meetings and committees.

Laurel Shears thanked the Park Board for its work on Green Shores and then raised concerns about the condition of Sweltzer Creek. She explained that since bringing the matter forward at the June Board meeting, the issue with milfoil and muck in the creek has grown significantly, now covering approximately 30% of the creek's width. Laurel noted temperature differences between the water and the muck and expressed concern that the problem could worsen if no action is taken. She requested a clear action plan to address the issue.

Staff explained that the request to remove milfoil had been denied because it is considered fish habitat but noted that mats were expected to be placed back in the creek around August 20. It was also noted that garbage or debris could be removed, but the milfoil itself could not. Laurel expressed appreciation that the Board was beginning to consider possible action, while the discussion acknowledged that conditions in the creek remain a concern.

(16) ADJOURNMENT

5832-26

Moved by Commissioner Bauer Seconded by Commissioner Moul

THAT the Regular Meeting of the Cultus Lake Park Board held on August 19, 2026, be adjourned at 7:56 pm.

CARRIED

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the meeting of the Cultus Lake Park Board held August 19, 2026.



Kirk Dzaman
Chair



Joe Lamb
Chief Administrative Officer