

City of Chilliwack
CHILLIWACK PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025 – 7:30 AM
BOARDROOM – OPERATIONS CENTRE / ZOOM

Council Members: Councillor Jeff Shields, Vice-Chair

CPTAC Members: Marissa Klassen, Youth Representative
Pollaris Raymond, Chilliwack Park Society
Daris LaPointe, Community Representative
Gary Baker, Chilliwack Outdoors Club
David Hanson, Accessibility and Inclusiveness Representative
Victor Froese, Community Representative

Regrets: Councillor Harv Westeringh, Vice Chair
Brendan Kurtz, Parks Operations Manager
Nick Bello, SSA Mémiyehlhel Youth Mentorship Program
Bob Audet, Rotary Club of Chilliwack Trails Committee
Mike Woods, Fraser Valley Mountain Bikers Association
Kelly Hawes, Equestrian Representative

City Staff: Joe Koczur, Director of Public Works and Parks
Ashley Hunter, Recording Secretary
Richard Fortin, Manager of Parks Planning

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Shields called the meeting to order at 7:37 am and gave an Indigenous Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved /) That the Agenda for the Chilliwack Parks and Trails Advisory Committee
Seconded) meeting of Thursday, February 13th, be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved /) That the Minutes taken at the Chilliwack Parks and Trails Advisory Committee
Seconded) meeting of Tuesday, November 26, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. PRESENTATIONS**2024/2025 Parks Projects & Information**

Richard Fortin gave a presentation on a 2024 year in review and what's new for 2025;

2024

- Experience the Fraser had trail node improvements added and 48 parking stalls added to the Yale Road parking concept
- Salish Park had an accessible play area and rubber surface added to the park
- The pickleball court at Kinsmen Park on Portage were converted to basketball and hockey
- Horse trailer parking, access relocation, and 102 stalls were added to the No. 3 Road parking lot
- The MUGA sports courts were upgraded at Jinkerson Park and The Landing
- An accessible playground and rubber surface were added at Sardis Park
- MacSwan Park received a CSA 2-5 year playground which includes 2 guardian areas and was upgraded around the existing play area
- Webb Avenue Park was completed, including a playground, chess game, and outdoor fitness equipment
- The artificial turf was replaced at Townsend Park
- A CSA 2-5 play area which includes accessible play, a rubber surface, and 2 guardian areas was added to Townsend Park, completing the playground
- The installation of an accessible swing at Bill Kelly Park began in 2024 and the remainder will be completed in early 2025
- Development of a "cooling station" that was donated by Rodney Philippon in Philippon Family Park started in 2024 and will be completed in 2025

2025

- Little Mountain will see Phase 3, 4, & 5 of trail development in 2025 and 2026
- Walker Creek Park will be completed in 2025, a CSA 2-5 year old play area with a guardian area
- Development of Crestwood Park which would include a CSA 2-5 year old play area with a guardian area
- The rubber tile at Webster Park will be replaced due to failure
- The playground at Chehalis Park will be replaced as the wood play structure is not CSA compliant
- Replacement of the rubber surface at Cheam Spray park
- Jinkerson Park will receive a park upgrade to include an accessible play area; This includes replacing the wood fiber with rubber, installing additional accessible features, and pathway installation to play
- The artificial turf will be replaced at Exhibition Park
- Little Mountain West park development in 2025-2026

- Trail development on the Promontory West trail connections and Forest Gate Park trail & amenities (concepts guided by the Trail Network Plan)
- Trail development at the Falls Golf Course trail by way of blank Right of Way links using existing pathways and at Lefferson to Mt. Thom by Right of Way required of the east section (concepts guided by the Trail Network Plan)
- The exploration of an agreement with Enbridge for the Coast to Canyon Trail to establish a trail node on the Ferry Rd property to include parking, way finding, and a rest area
- Park acquisition for the North Sardis neighbourhood that was identified as deficient in public park space

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Roundtable check-in amongst CPTAC committee members ensued;

Firearms Use on Vedder Mountain Update

The committee was updated that a draft bylaw amendment has been created for council to consider at an upcoming council meeting. Joe advised that the Public Safety Advisory Committee also submitted a recommendation regarding firearms use on Vedder Mountain to council. The amendment recommendation includes any remaining crown land in the firearms prohibition within the city boundary.

Valley Rail Trail Crossing at Knight Road

All of the proper equipment required for the rail crossing and for the installation of a flashing crosswalk have been ordered to make this crossing safer for pedestrians and cyclists. It was noted that the placement of push buttons for crossings like this needs to be considered for accessibility for all users. Staff to review button placements at pedestrian crossings.

Aerial Place / Vedder Road Stairs

It was brought forward that a railing should be added to the stairs because of how steep they are and how close to Vedder Road they end. Staff agreed that this is a safety concern and will look into a guard rail to install between the stairs and road.

Stairs on Online Mapping

It was requested to add the locations of stairs to the online mapping system and Tourism information maps. City staff will make these changes.

Trans Canada Trail

Gary advised that the Chilliwack Outdoor Club looks after the trail from Chilliwack to Hope at this time and they are looking to rebuild the trail throughout the Coquihalla.

6. BUSINESS ARISING

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Chilliwack Parks and Trails Advisory Committee will be held at the call of the chair.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 am.

Councillor Jeff Shields, Vice-Chair