



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: January 14, 2019
Submitted by: Environment and Parks Department – Parks Division
Subject: Consent to Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Service Amendment Bylaw

Purpose

To provide consent as a member municipality of Metro Vancouver Regional District Parks function for the inclusion of an extraterritorial area for a portion of Aldergrove Park located in the City of Abbotsford.

Recommended Resolution

THAT staff be directed to notify the Metro Vancouver Regional Board that the City of Port Moody consents on behalf of the electors to the approval of the adoption of Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Service Amending Bylaw No. 1290, 2019 as recommended in the report dated November 14, 2019 from the Environment and Parks Department – Parks Division regarding Consent to Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Service Amendment Bylaw.

Background

The City of Abbotsford withdrew from the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Regional Parks function in 2018. This created a unique situation for Aldergrove Regional Park, which straddles the border of the Township of Langley and the City of Abbotsford; it was agreed that a single local government should own and operate the Park. Given the majority of visitors originate from Metro Vancouver, MVRD agreed to continue to own and operate the park.

This ownership model created a problem because a portion of the Aldergrove Regional Park located in Abbotsford was outside the boundaries of MVRD. Section 333(4) of the *Local Government Act* requires that a service provided outside of the regional district boundaries must be identified as a separate participating area for the service “as if it were located in the regional district”.

Metro Vancouver requested a remedy from the Province to authorize an exemption to the statutory requirement. The Province is expected to enact a Regulation to authorize Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) to operate the regional parks service outside its boundaries for the portion of Aldergrove Regional Park located within the City of Abbotsford. The adoption of a bylaw to amend Greater Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Service Conversion and Amendment Bylaw No. 1024, 2005 is required, and two-thirds consent of all

service area participants is required before the Amending Bylaw can be considered for adoption by the Board.

Discussion

The proposed amendment of the service area to add an extraterritorial area to Aldergrove Regional Park, which will be considered for adoption by the MVRD Board, does not require any additional or new budget for Port Moody residents. MVRD Parks will continue to manage Aldergrove Park as it has been managed since its creation. There will be no changes for Port Moody residents, who can continue to visit Aldergrove Regional Park.

The MVRD Board has already approved the sale and transfer of the portion of the Aldergrove Regional Park lands within the municipal boundary of Abbotsford back to MVRD and the proposed amendment is required to include this area in the defined boundaries of the park service area. The proposed amendment does not change anything regarding the participation of Port Moody in the MVRD Regional Parks function and staff do not have any concerns with providing consent on behalf of the electors.

Other Option(s)

THAT staff be directed to notify the Metro Vancouver Regional Board that the City of Port Moody does not consent on behalf of the electors to the approval of the adoption of Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Service Amending Bylaw No. 1290, 2019.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications with this report.

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

There are no communications or civic engagement initiatives associated with this report.

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

The recommendation in this report supports Council's strategic plan objective of Exceptional Service, and more specifically forming effective relationships with service delivery partners, industries, and stakeholders to improve service delivery.

Attachment(s)

1. Letter dated November 4, 2019 from Metro Vancouver regarding Consent to Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1290.

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Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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