



qathet REGIONAL DISTRICT

TEXADA ISLAND RECREATION COMMISSION

AGENDA

Thursday, July 16, 2026

4:00 P.M.

Virtual and Gillies Bay Senior's Centre

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10. ADJOURNMENT

The TEXADA ISLAND RECREATION COMMISSION meeting was held at Virtually and at the First Credit Union, Van Anda, on March 19, 2026 commencing at 4:00 PM

Present: Joseph Scott, Chair
Brian Redman
Terry Hollo
Wendy Warn

Regrets: Julie Clarke
Rick Jones

Others Present: Sandy McCormick, qRD Area Director
Patrick Devereaux, General Manager of Operational Services
Caroline Visser, Operational & Cemetery Services Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

J. Scott called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Director McCormick called three times for nominations for Chair.

T. Hollo nominated J. Scott. There were no other nominations.

J. Scott accepted the nomination and was elected by acclamation. He resumed the meeting as Chair.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1. Minutes of the Texada Island Recreation Committee meeting - December 4, 2025

Moved and Seconded

THAT the minutes of the December 4, 2025 meeting of the Texada Island Recreation Committee meeting be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. DELEGATIONS & INQUIRIES

5.1. Rock Your Body Texada Club re Request for Grant Funds

S. Khan presented to the Commission regarding a grant request.

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Texada Island Recreation Commission award \$600 in grant funds to Rock Your Body Texada Club.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1. qRD Update:

- Sanderson Trail Upgrade
- Community Hall
- Farmer's Market
- Smithson Park (bench)

Sanderson Trail

- Could not find any issues with the trail. Will take another look based on the area identified by B. Redman.

Community Hall

- samples for flooring have been provided for review by Commission members
- a bit of sub-flooring still needs to be completed

Smithson Park

- washrooms will be opened after Easter, along with Shelter Point Park washrooms
- picnic tables are still being built

Van Anda Park

- Tribute bench going in

Emily Lake

- No update from the Province

Misc.

- grant successful from Community Forest; refinishing will happen this summer
- Finance Committee approved budget to go to the Board. Includes all the capital projects previously requested

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1. Letter dated January 15, 2026 from Texada Island Community Society regarding the Texada Island Community Hall

P. Devereaux responded on January 15, 2026 as attached. He noted that electrical updates are on the asset management plan, and he will bring details to the next TIRC meeting.

8. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

8.1. Community Hall

- **Flooring**
- **Curtain**

P. Devereaux is researching professional drapers. Chair Scott will meet with Rock Island Players on requirements and measurements for the quote, and Commission members will meet with locals with experience with stage set and design.

Discussion ensued on designation of the hall as an emergency response centre and need for updated cellular and internet service.

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Commission recommends to the Board that the Board update the cellular and internet service at the Texada Island Community Hall to achieve standard required for an emergency response centre.

MOTION CARRIED.

8.2. AED for Smithson Park

Chair Scott will have information to present at the next meeting. P. Devereaux will share recent quotes.

8.3. Interpretive Sign for Emily Lake Trail

A member of the community has requested this, similar to the information sign for the LaFarge walk. Chair Scott will have details at the next meeting.

8.4. Terms of Reference

It was noted that there are no provisions in the current bylaw for Zoom or hybrid meetings, though this is well described in the Board Procedure Bylaw. P. Devereaux will distribute the Board Procedure Bylaw for the Commission members to review. Recommendations for updates to the Terms of Reference will be discussed at the next Commission meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 4:00 p.m., location to be determined.

10. QUESTION PERIOD

T. Read enquired why there was no public meeting notification in the March Express Lines. Chair Scott explained that this was due to human error and confirmed the meeting was advertised with official posters.

11. IN CAMERA SESSION

11.1. Proposed Closed Session

THAT the Committee move in-camera and that the meeting be closed to the public on the grounds that the subject matter to be considered relates to matters covered by the *Community Charter* under section 90(1):

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the regional district or another position appointed by the regional district.

(n) the consideration of whether a committee meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2).

MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the open meeting adjourned and moved to in-camera at 5:16 p.m.

Joseph Scott, Chair

Patrick Devereaux, General Manager
of Operational Services



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May 13, 2026

S. McCormick, qRD area D representative

Dear Sandy

Re: Request for waiving Gillies Bay Park Rental fee of \$120

Hello Sandy,

I would like to extend my gratitude for the support that the qRD shows us in many ways.

TINSHS is hosting its second Road Rally fundraising event this August 15th, 2026. We have booked the Gillies Bay Ballpark for the "Finish Line BBQ".

I come to you with another request for your support: Would there be a possibility of waiving the \$120 fee for the rental of the ballpark? As a charitable organisation, we always seek to minimise all costs so our money and energy can go towards our goal of creating safe, affordable, and accessible seniors housing on Texada Island.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Cathy Brown

President, TINSHS

pres@texadaseniorshousing.ca

Caroline Visser

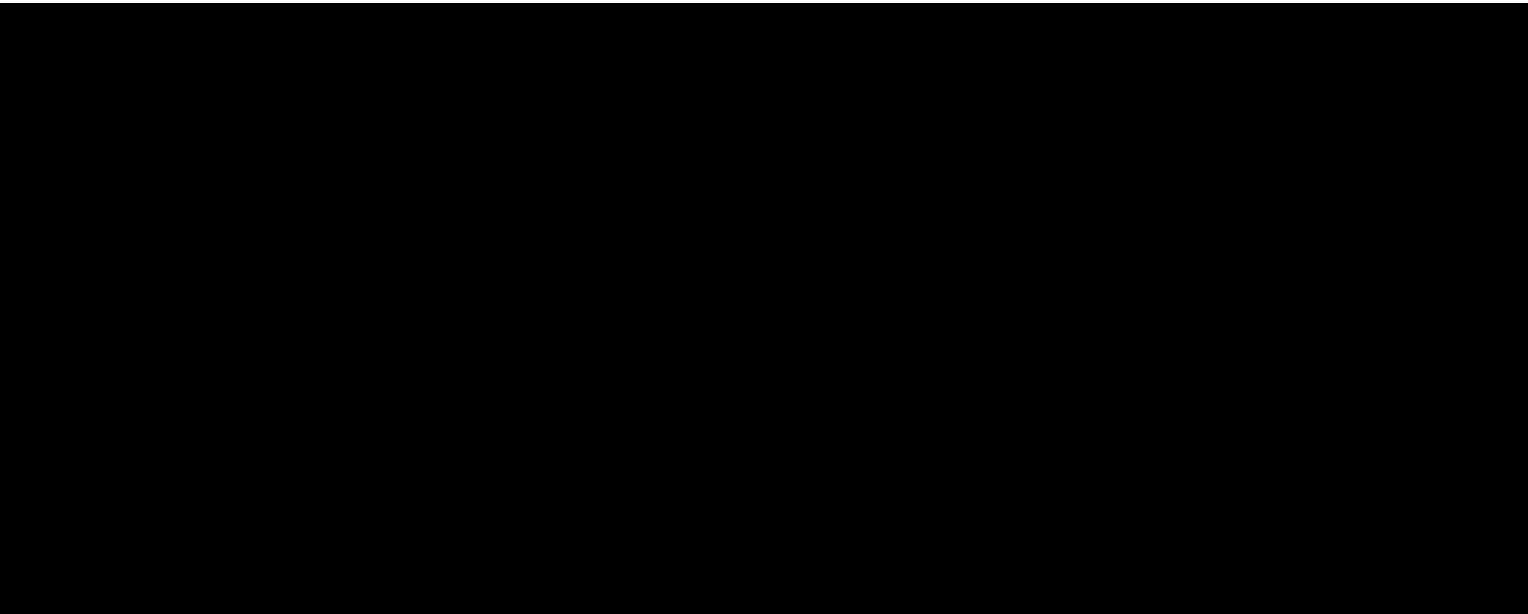
From: Joseph Scott <texanomic@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 1:16 PM
To: Caroline Visser
Subject: Fwd: Deep Woods Trail on Texada Island jeopardized by planned timber harvesting?

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I looks like this should be received as correspondence

Thanks

Joseph



Hi Joseph,
John Wood was having trouble reaching you by email, and asked me to forward Stefan Metzger's response. Very positive!

Best regards,
Brian

----- Forwarded message -----

From: John Wood [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, 9 Jun 2026 at 18:18
Subject: Fwd: Deep Woods Trail on Texada Island jeopardized by planned timber harvesting?
To: Sandy McCormick [REDACTED]
Cc: <planning@qathet.ca>, <Randene.Neill.MLA@leg.bc.ca>, Amrise - CCMPA
[REDACTED]

Dear friends,

Here is the reply from Stefan Metzger, the local Monticola representative.

Best wishes,

John

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Stefan Metzger** [REDACTED]
Date: Tue., Jun. 9, 2026, 11:47 a.m.
Subject: Re: Deep Woods Trail on Texada Island jeopardized by planned timber harvesting?
To: John Wood [REDACTED]

Dear John,

Thank you for your email and for taking the time to explain the importance of the Deep Woods Trail to the Gillies Bay community. I appreciate hearing your concerns and I am aware of the trail and its value to local residents.

I would like to assure you that there is no intention to harvest old-growth forest in this area. The markings you observed were part of a reconnaissance and planning exercise only, and not a final harvesting decision. The specific area you mentioned has now been excluded from any immediate harvesting plans, for now.

The stand in question is primarily a 50–60 year old spruce plantation located within our management area. My initial idea was not to clear the area, but rather to selectively harvest certain trees while preserving the overall character of the forest and maintaining sufficient canopy cover to protect understory vegetation such as devil's club.

From a forest health perspective, many of the spruce trees in this stand are expected to decline over time due to spruce weevil impacts. My long-term goal would be to gradually encourage a more resilient and diverse forest by planting species such as cedar and maple where appropriate.

I care deeply about responsible forest management, wildlife protection, and long-term forest health. These principles were a major part of my forestry education in Germany and continue to guide how we manage the land today. Our approach across most of our ownership is focused on careful selective harvesting wherever feasible, with attention to ecosystem protection and community values.

I am very open to working together with the community regarding this area and would be happy to continue discussions to better understand local concerns and priorities surrounding the trail.

Thanks!

Cheers,

Stefan Metzger, ASFIT
Forest Manager/ Operations Forester/ Certified Hand Faller in BC

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From: John Wood [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 11:55 AM
To: Stefan Metzger <stefan.metzger@monticola.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Deep Woods Trail on Texada Island jeopardized by planned timber harvesting?

[REDACTED]

Hello Stefan,

I expect Rainer Muentner has forwarded this to you, but here it is again just in case he did not. It turns out that Laura Roddan is no longer the Regional Planner, so I have also forwarded this to planning@qathet.ca instead.

Best regards,

----- Forwarded message -----

From: John Wood [REDACTED]
Date: Sat., Jun. 6, 2026, 1:16 p.m.
Subject: Deep Woods Trail on Texada Island jeopardized by planned timber harvesting?
To: Monticola Forest Ltd <rainer@monticola.ca>
Cc: Laura Roddan <laura.rodan@powellriverrd.bc.ca>, Sandy McCormick [REDACTED] <Randene.Neill.MLA@leg.bc.ca>, Amrise - CCMPA [REDACTED]

Attn: Ole Ahrens

Dear friend,

My understanding is that Monticola is the professional forest management and consulting firm hired by Selkirk Mountain Forest Ltd to oversee its land holdings?

Maybe three weeks ago, Alfred Muma, a local artist, and I walked the Deep Woods Trail on Texada Island, just behind the village of Gillies Bay. We rerouted the trail a bit where a tree had come down across it, and also improved the crawl-over where a second tree, this one rotten, had come down.

Mid way along the trail's length, it approaches the logging road that runs in behind and parallels it for some distance. At the closest point to the trail, about 100 feet away, a creek goes under the road and then, one tree length away, crosses the trail.

Beside the logging road, on the east side of the bridge over the creek, a turn around area (or small landing) has been cleared on the same side of the road as the trail. Directly across the road, opposite this small clearing, a new road has been pushed uphill, going away from the trail in the other direction.

Immediately around the edge of the clearing, the trees have been marked with red painted slash lines, indicating trees to be cut. This new cleared area is about 100 feet away from the trail, and is clearly visible.

Either side of the creek, at some distance from each other, maybe several hundred feet (?), two lines have been marked in orange flagging, beginning at the logging road, crossing the trail and 'heading for the swamp' as Alfred phrased it. Red slash lines have also been painted on trees along these transects, again indicating trees to be cut.

The Deep Woods Trail is a special treasure for the residents of Texada Island. We will all mourn its loss if Selkirk cuts the trees in its vicinity. This is a public trail, located for the most part in a dedicated right-of-way. A copy of the title and the plan showing the surveyed easement are attached below, as well as the text of the information signs posted at each end of the trail.

One end of the trail is at the Gillies Bay Ball Park where weekly farmers markets are held in the summer, as well as part of the venue for Sandcastle Weekend, our annual summer festival. Diagonally across the street from the Ball Park is the Gillies Bay Store. The other end of the trail is near the Texada Health Centre, and is directly across the street from the Thrift Shop and the long row of Community Mail Boxes beside the RCMP station. The trail is well used by the public, and greatly cherished.

Can you help us?

Best wishes,

John Wood

POWELL RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 502

A Bylaw to establish a recreation commission for Texada Island, Electoral Area ‘D’

This document is a consolidated version of the “Texada Island Recreation Commission Bylaw No. 502, 2015” and amendments thereto as set out in Bylaw No. 502.1, 2016, consolidated under the authority of Section 139 of the *Community Charter* S.B.C. 2003, c.26 and Powell River Regional District Bylaw No. 309, 1998.

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 176 of the *Local Government Act* a regional board may establish commissions;

The Board of the Powell River Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

DEFINITIONS

1. In this bylaw

“Board” means the Board of the Powell River Regional District.

“Commission” means the Texada Island (Electoral Area “D”) Recreation Commission constituted under this bylaw.

“Regional District” means the Powell River Regional District.

“Texada Island Recreation Assets” means property, including land, structures, and equipment, or an interest in property held by the Regional District under the authority of the Texada Island Recreational Specified Area.

MEMBERSHIP AND TERM

2. The Commission shall consist of the following members

- a) six (6) or eight (8) members at large who shall be residents of Texada Island (electoral area ‘D’);
and
- b) electoral area “D” director on the Board.

3. The availability of vacant positions on the Commission shall be advertised in the Texada Island newspaper.

4. The Texada Island Recreation Commission will advertise, review applicants and recommend candidates for appointment to the Commission to the Rural Services Committee.

5. The Texada Island Recreation Commission shall endeavour to maintain Commission membership that is broadly representative of the Texada Island community at large.

6. All Commission members shall be appointed by resolution of the Board. All members at large will be appointed for staggered two-year terms with one-half of the Commission ending on an odd numbered year and one-half ending on an even numbered year based on historical record.
7. The Board shall appoint the electoral area “D” director to the Commission annually “as a non-voting member”. **(Bylaw No. 502.1 added the text in quotes)**
8. A member’s term ends when the member no longer meets the Commission membership qualification under section 2(a).
9. An appointment to fill a vacancy on the Commission shall be for the remainder of the term of the member being replaced.
10. Members may be re-appointed at the discretion of the Board.
11. The Board shall have the power, by affirmative vote of the majority of its members, to remove a member of the Commission at any time, and any Commission member may resign at any time upon sending written notice to the Commission Chair.
12. A member of the Commission who misses two consecutive meetings without the approval of the Chair or without reason satisfactory to the Commission shall be deemed to have resigned, at which time the Commission shall notify the Board in writing in order that a new appointment can be made.
13. Members of the Commission shall serve without remuneration.
14. A Regional District staff member will serve as a liaison between the Commission and the Board and will provide advice and technical support as required. The staff liaison will not be a member of the Commission and will not participate in voting and will not be included when determining a quorum.

MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES

15. At its first meeting each year, the Commission shall elect from among its members, other than the electoral area “D” director, a
 - a) Chair who will preside over meetings of the Commission, and
 - b) Secretarywho shall carry out the responsibilities described herein and other tasks as the Commission may prescribe.
16. In the absence of the Chair, the members present shall appoint a member to act as Chair for that meeting or until the elected Chair arrives.
17. A majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.
18. All acts authorized or required to be done by the Commission under this bylaw shall be decided by a majority vote of those members present at a meeting.

19. All Commission members, including the presiding member, may vote on questions before it, and in all cases where the votes of the members present are equal for and against the questions, the question shall be negated. Any member who abstains from voting shall be deemed to have voted in the affirmative.
20. The Commission shall hold meetings as required but will hold a minimum of four (4) meetings a year.
21. Notice of Commission meetings will be posted on the Regional District website. Meeting notices will also be advertised in a local Texada Island newspaper whenever meetings are scheduled sufficiently in advance to suit the newspaper publication schedule.
22. Unless otherwise authorized by Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, all Commission meetings will be open to the public and held in a location accessible to the public.
23. Prior to each Commission meeting, the Chair, shall prepare an agenda which shall be circulated to the Commission members at least 24 hours in advance. The Commission may waive the requirement for advance notice of the agenda in emergency situations requiring a special meeting.
24. The Secretary shall prepare the minutes of Commission meetings. Copies of minutes shall be circulated to Commission members and forwarded to the Regional District staff liaison who shall carry out any actions required by the Regional District, including presenting to the Board or its committees any resolutions requiring ratification.
25. The Commission may adopt rules of procedure which are consistent with the *Local Government Act*, the *Community Charter* and the Regional Board Procedure Bylaw or this bylaw, as necessary.
26. Commission members shall abide by the conflict of interest provisions of the *Local Government Act*. Members who have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a matter under discussion shall not participate in the discussion of the matter or vote on a question on the matter. Where members believe they are in a conflict, they must declare the conflict and state the general nature of the conflict, and leave that part of the meeting where the matter is under discussion. The member's declaration shall be recorded in the minutes. The member shall not attempt before, during or after the meeting to influence the voting on any question in respect of the matter.

SCOPE AND DUTIES

27. The Commission shall act as an advisory body to the Board regarding the needs and use of public recreational facilities, programs and services in electoral area "D."
28. The Commission shall make recommendations to the Board regarding the acquisition of lands and facilities deemed necessary or desirable for the provision of recreational services in electoral area "D".
29. The Commission shall make recommendations to the Board regarding the following matters pertaining to Texada Island Recreation Assets:
 - a) long term planning, management and maintenance, and regular operation;
 - b) fees for use;
 - c) bylaws and policies for the operation and regulation of the assets and of Commission programs;
30. The Commission shall

- a) Manage the use of Texada Island Recreation Assets;
- b) Work in cooperation with other community organizations;
- c) Hear and consider representations by individuals, organizations or delegations of citizens with respect to recreation properties, facilities and activities, and with Board approval, act on such recommendations as the Commission deems to be in the best interest of all Texada Island citizens;
- d) Seek public input and assistance in the development of community recreation plans.

31. The Commission may

- a) Organize and conduct recreation programs for the benefit of electoral area “D” as provided for in the annual budget;
- b) With the approval of the Board, conduct surveys of recreational programs, facilities and properties and make recommendations and provide advice to the Board;
- c) Appoint advisory committees to deal with any special matters that fall within the scope and jurisdiction of the Commission. Such committees must include one Commission member and must report back to the Commission;
- d) Provide financial support for community groups and events as provided for in the annual budget.

32. The Commission shall annually recommend to the Board revenues and expenditures for inclusion in the Financial Plan of the Regional District for the Texada Island Recreation Commission. The recommendations shall be considered by the Board and accepted in whole or in part.

33. The Commission shall prepare, in consultation with Regional District staff, a long term capital plan to be reviewed and updated annually.

34. Acting in accordance with the financial procedures of the Regional District, the Commission may authorize expenditures provided for in its annual operating budget, as approved by the Board, but shall not otherwise have the authority to incur any expense, debt or obligation to the RD without the prior approval of the Board or its designated committee.

35. All monies received by the Commission shall be immediately provided to the Regional District for deposit and all such monies shall be recorded as revenue to the Texada Island Recreation Commission budget.

36. All items of revenue and expenditure relating to the activities of the Commission shall be accounted for in the financial records of the Regional District.

37. The Commission shall undertake other matters referred by the Board and shall provide reports as required by the Board.

SEVERABILITY

38. If any section, clause, sub-clause or phrase of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Bylaw.

TITLE

39. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “Texada Island Recreation Commission Bylaw No. 502, 2015.

40. Texada Island Recreation Commission Bylaw No. 437, 2010, is hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME the 22nd day of October, 2015.

READ A SECOND TIME the 22nd day of October, 2015.

READ A THIRD TIME the 22nd day of October, 2015.

RECONSIDERED and ADOPTED the 22nd day of October, 2015.

Chair

Corporate Officer

I hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 502 cited as the “Texada Island Recreation Commission Bylaw No. 502, 2015” as RECONSIDERED and ADOPTED by the Board of the Powell River Regional District at its meeting dated the 22nd day of October, 2015.

Corporate Officer

Dated at Powell River, B.C. this 23rd day of October 2015.