



September Minutes

Tuesday September 9, 2025 – 10:00am

Meeting held Via Zoom

In Attendance: Wayne Stetski (President), Mel Turner, Nancy Wilkin, Mark Haddock, Bev Ramey, Tory Stevens, Colin Campbell, Bill Henwood.

Regrets: Kaaren Lewis, Ric Careless, Bob Peart.

Guest: Adriana Bacheschi, Director, National Parks (Terrestrial)
Establishment Branch

President Stetski thanked everyone for attending the meeting and acknowledged the meeting on traditional territories.

1. Approval of the Agenda

*Moved by Tory, seconded by Bill, that the agenda be approved. **CARRIED***

2. Approval of June Minutes

Wayne noted that he had discussion on the Nuchatlitz court decision with Mark and Ric. After discussion, Wayne decided not to send a letter to the Minister. The issue was tabled for further discussion.

*Moved by Colin, seconded by Bev, that the minutes be approved. **CARRIED***

3. Treasurer's Report

In Bill's absence, Mel reported that the General Account had just over \$2440 cash and a \$9,000 term deposit, and the Gaming Account had about \$5500.

Mel has submitted a \$10,000 request to the Gaming Branch for the upcoming year programs.

4. Round Table

Wayne noted that, as a result of the meeting with the two Ministers, there was an expectation of announcements. Wayne will follow-up with a letter.

Bill expressed concern about 30x30 implementation and has discussed with Minister Neill.

5. Guest Presentation

Wayne recognized Adriana Bacheschi for joining the meeting.

Adriana reported on 30x30 and Parks Canada's commitment to establish up to 10 national parks across Canada. In BC, a land transfer agreement is underway for the South Okanagan proposal but has been delayed. In addition, efforts have been made on the Flathead and remain interested. In northern BC is also an area of interest.

Victoria is still an interest for a national urban park.

On national marine conservation areas, efforts are ongoing. Bill noted his experience with the Strait of Georgia and asked about progress. Parks Canada has made limited progress. There is also a proposal to expand the marine landscape at Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.

Bill raised a concern about moving on implementing parts of the national system plan, given that agreements have been struck.

Colin opined that there was a lack of public and political support and suggested that Adriana suggest to the Elders on how that can be improved.

Bev asked about other urban national park candidates. At this time, there is only one effort per Province. Bev noted the considering Pacific Spirit.

Mel commented that there are several members who have experience with delivering national parks and would be available to advise on dealing with the province. He also noted that Parks Canada is not living up to its commitments for agreements struck.

Wayne thanked Adriana for contributing to the discussion.

Wayne will invite persons to discuss the national Ecological Corridors program.

6. Next Meeting

Next meeting: October 14, 10am.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.