

PENDER ISLANDS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (PIPRC)
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
Thursday, March 15, 2012 (9:15 am)
Community Hall Lounge, North Pender Island

Present: Arn Berry, John Chapman, Colin McLarty, Margaret Alpen, Jim Pugh, Peter Clarke, David Howe, Michael Symons, Zorah Staar (PIPRC Recorder), with Ethan Smith (PIPRC Contractor) and Greg Lucas (PIPRC Subcontractor) present for part of the meeting.

Regrets: Pete Williams

Public: Keith Pincott

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Arn Berry called the meeting to order at approximately 9:19 am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by John Chapman, seconded by Colin McLarty, that the proposed agenda be approved. **CARRIED**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Moved by John Chapman, seconded by Margaret Alpen, that the February 16, 2012 PIPRC minutes be approved, as circulated.
CARRIED

4. FIRST IN CAMERA SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Jim Pugh, seconded by Colin McLarty, that the meeting be closed to the public for the purpose of approving In Camera Minutes and discussing property matters. **CARRIED**

Note: See separate In Camera Minutes of the same date.

MOTION: Moved by Michael Symons, seconded by John Chapman, to temporarily adjourn the In Camera portion of the meeting, and open the meeting to the public. **CARRIED**

Note: This was so PIPRC Contractors Ethan Smith and Greg Lucas, and also community member Keith Pincott could enter the meeting.

5. MAINTENANCE REPORT & DISCUSSIONS

Ethan Smith introduced PIPRC back-up Contractor Greg Lucas, who would again be doing most of the summer trail trimming, as well as rockwork and other tasks.

It was confirmed that Ethan Smith would be at the April 12 Commonality Meeting, to walk through the Enchanted Forest lookout and possibly Connery Crescent too.

Smith had emailed out his monthly Maintenance Report, and he now made additional comments and there was PIPRC discussion as follows:

- 5 dog waste stations had been installed and were being serviced;
- Ogden Road viewpoint steps had been upgraded;
- Mount Elizabeth and Welcome Bay interpretive signs had been replaced;
- Craddock Road Ocean Access base had been reinforced;
- PIPRC presentation to "Living Well" program occurred on March 8;
- windstorm cleanup continued over the past month;
- agreed that the 10 new 4-part PIPRC signs ("no fires etc.) could be put up at highly-used sites at Smith's discretion;
- no consensus to put any form of boat racks at Magic Lake at this time;
- Smith to follow-up about Ministry of Environment sign at Magic Lake;
- re: Mortimer Spit potholes, agreed that after winter storms, Smith would ask Bob Blenner-Hassett to bring a small machine to level a 2-car width;
- ditching, perhaps culverts, and other drainage work occurring at some sites;
- Smith asked to put concrete blocks under picnic tables to prevent rot.
- agreed by consensus that two young walnut trees from Pender Community Transition could be planted by PIPRC at Thieves Bay (as Community Nut Trees – Zorah Staar would follow-up with Smith).

Note: Ethan Smith and Greg Lucas then left the meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. PRIORITY ITEMS

None

8. REPORTS

8.1 Chair's Report (Arn Berry) - None

8.2 CRD Director's Report (David Howe)

David Howe reported that the budget had now been approved for the Community Hall improvements, and that 5 CRD staff had visited the Gardom Dam with Fire Chief Charlie Boyte and a representative of the Razor Point Improvement District. A related CRD report and recommendations were expected in future.

8.3 Treasurer/Financial Report

Treasurer Margaret Alpen reported that she had a good orientation session with CRD staff. She had emailed out the latest financial statements.

8.4 Recreation Report

None

8.5 Communications Report

Peter Clarke was writing the Pender Post article due March 20 (potentially about 5% park dedications), and Arn Berry might have time to write the April 20 article (about the Commonality Meeting). Margaret Alpen offered to attend an upcoming Pender Post meeting on behalf of the PIPRC.

8.6 Volunteer Coordinator's Report

It was agreed that Michael Symons could leave volunteer registration forms in the PIPRC folder of the Community Box at Pender Realty, and that he would contact Chris Grelson of the CRD about using a shorter form.

9. NEW / OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 April 12 Commonality Meeting

Arn Berry said that plans were falling into place for the April 12 Commonality Meeting, to start around 8 am at Poet's Cove Resort (time to be confirmed by email). Margaret Alpen said that she would contact Pender Taxi about picking up Commissioners from other islands. The CRD had suggested a motion to cover the Commonality Meeting budget.

Moved by Margaret Alpen, seconded by Michael Symons, that the PIPRC move \$800 from the accounting line for Purchase of Equipment (GL590200) to the line for Meetings (GL514880), to spend on the April 12, 2012 Commonality Meeting. **CARRIED**

9.2 Community Nut Trees – see last point at 5. above

9.3 Ainslie Point/Beaumont Access

John Chapman said that he had emailed MOTI for some information about the right-of-way that could lead from Ainslie Point to Beaumont Marine Park, and he proposed a site visit once there was a response.

9.4 March Broom Bash

The Broom Bash at Lively Peak had involved 11 volunteers in addition to PIPRC Commissioners, and had been quite a success in terms of removing a lot of broom. Chapman planned to do some follow-up tidying.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next PIPRC Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2012 (9:15 am, Community Hall Lounge).

11. SECOND IN CAMERA SESSION

MOTION: Moved by John Chapman, seconded by Michael Symons, that the meeting be closed to the public for the purpose of continuing discussion of In Camera property matters. **CARRIED**

Note: See separate In Camera Minutes of the same date.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at approximately 12:45 pm, at the end of the second In Camera session.