

PENDER ISLANDS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (PIPRC)
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Friday, September 20, 2019 (9:00 am)
Plum Tree Court, North Pender Island

Present: Tom Bell, Susan Parr, Ray Pink, Derek Wolff, Arnie Alksne, Hans Tammemagi, Ben Symons (Maintenance Contractor), Shannon Brayford (recorder), David Howe (Director, CRD, SGI)

Regrets: None

Guests: Michael Symons, John Chapman

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tom Bell called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m. He noted that the Commission is meeting in the Traditional Territory of the Coast Salish People.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consensus, the agenda was approved as presented

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of August 16 2019, Regular Business Meeting

By general consensus the minutes of August 16, 2019 were adopted as presented.

b) Minutes of June 12, 2019, Commonality Meeting

By general consensus the minutes of June 12, 2019 were accepted as presented.

4. MAINTENANCE REPORT

Ben Symons reported that notices and signs have been posted regarding the boats being stored at Magic Lake. He reported that no responses have been received. A discussion of proceeding with the plan to move the boats was held.

A discussion of a walking trail at the Thieves Bay lawn was held. Ben Symons provided an overview of the quotes received for the project and a discussion of the budget was held. There was general consensus that the pads be completed as planned and that the trail improvements be considered for the next budget.

Chair Bell reported that a member of the public has indicated that he would like to donate funds for the purchase of improved playground equipment at Thieves Bay.

MOTION: It was moved by Hans Tammemagi, seconded by Susan Parr, that the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission approve the installation of three picnic table pads at Thieves Bay for a cost not to exceed \$1500.00. **CARRIED**

The Commission remarked on the improvements at the Enchanted Forest and complimented the new sign.

John Chapman provided an update regarding the Rope Capstan Trail, noting that one of the properties has been purchased and the new owner is maintaining the drainage of the ditch in a manner that appears to be remedying the excess water issue.

5. DELEGATIONS AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Chair Bell invited Michael Symons to speak to his offer to volunteer as a member of the Commission.

Michael Symons provided an overview of his former time serving on the Commission, his interest in volunteering again, and his professional background.

Each member of the Commission spoke in turn, describing their participation on the Commission.

6. PRIORITY ITEMS

a) School Use Agreement

Chair Bell invited John Chapman to provide an update on the matter.

John Chapman provided an overview of the agreement as it stands, noting that School District 64 is pleased with the result. He noted that the new arrangement will mandate formation of a committee to oversee the implementation of the agreement. He further noted that there will be two representatives of the community, through the PIPRC, and two members of the school on that committee.

Note: SGI CRD Director David Howe arrived at 9:43 am.

A discussion of third-party insurance, its need, and the requirements was held. John Chapman noted that there are options by which the Capital Regional District (CRD) can provide third party insurance for school users and the infrastructure required to ensure access to that for Pender Islands groups.

A discussion of which organization should manage the insurance matter was held. John Chapman recommended that the Commission work with the Pender Islands Recreational and Agricultural Hall Association on this matter.

John Chapman noted that he has circulated community concerns with the agreement. He highlighted points including access to toilet facilities, use of the meeting room, custodial costs for weekend use, and displacement of community groups for school events. He reported that these concerns have been addressed with the School Board and they are considering them.

There was general consensus with the Commissions support of the direction of the agreement and that John Chapman continue working on the matter.

NOTE: Chair Bell acknowledged SGI CRD Director David Howe and noted that he will need to depart shortly. There was general consensus that the agenda be adjusted accordingly.

Director Howe thanked the Commission for their work and noted that there may be changes in the composition of the Commission and thanked those who came in.

NOTE: Member of the public, Michael Symons departed the meeting at 9:57 am.

7. IN CAMERA SESSION FOR PERONNEL AND PROPERTY MATTERS

MOTION: Moved by Susan Parr, seconded by Arnie Alksne, that the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission go In Camera under Community Charter Section 92, for property and personnel matters. **CARRIED**

Note: See separate In Camera Minutes of the same date for the discussion that followed. By general consensus, the closed meeting was adjourned at 12:01 pm and the meeting was reopened to the public at that time.

Chair Bell reported the following motion in his Rise and Report:

MOTION: It was moved by Arnie Alksne, seconded by Derek Wolff, that Michael Symons be recommended to Southern Gulf Islands Capital Regional District Director David Howe as a Commissioner of the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission. **CARRIED**

MOTION: It was moved by Hans Tammemagi, seconded by Derek Wolff, that Bruce Alexander be recommended to Southern Gulf Islands Capital Regional District Director David Howe as a Commissioner of the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission. **CARRIED**

MOTION: It was moved by Susan Parr, seconded by Hans Tammemagi, that the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission approve the recreation funding as recommended in the Treasurer's report. **CARRIED**

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Bell reported that he would be resigning as a Commissioner effective immediately after the meeting. A discussion of the Commission moving forward and the transition until a new Chair could be elected was held.

There was general consensus that Hans Tammemagi would serve as acting Chair until the next meeting.

A general discussion of the status of Commission projects was held.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, October 18, 2019 at 9:00 am at Plum Tree Court.

10. ADJOURNMENT

By general consensus, the meeting was closed at 12:31 pm.