

PENDER ISLANDS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (PIPRC)
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 23, 2020 (10:00 am)
Thieves Bay Park, North Pender Island

Present: Michael Symon, Susan Parr, Bruce Alexander, Derek Wolff, Hans Tammemagi, Ron Underhill, Ben Symons (Maintenance Contractor)

Regrets: David Howe (Director, CRD, SGI)

Guests: Niall Parker (Moving Around Pender)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Symons called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consensus, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was noted that the minutes of February 2, 2020 had not been circulated and approval would be deferred to the next meeting.

4. DELEGATIONS

Chair Symons introduced Niall Parker of Moving Around Pender (MAP).

A discussion of the creation of 115 m trail to join MAP's trail cross private property and connect with George Hill was held. The logistics of connecting the trails and introducing a new entrance were discussed. There was general consensus that Ben Symons shall make the trail and collaborate with MAP to organize signage.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that, the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission shall extend the current trail to join with newly constructed Moving Around Pender Trail as discussed. **CARRIED**

5. MAINTENANCE REPORT

Ben Symons provided an overview of the report circulated electronically. The following matters were discussed

a. Magic Lake Swimming Hole

A discussion of the parking lot and ongoing matters with the neighbours was held. There was general consensus that Ben Symons shall ask the neighbouring property owners to block the connection between the two driveways. It was further agreed that Ben Symons shall upgrade the signage and that the upgrade shall include notice of 'No Overnight Parking'.

b. Found Road Ocean Access

A discussion of the interpretative signs requiring replacement was held and there was general consensus that efforts shall be made to redo the signs with Ben Symons contacting the Pender Islands Conservation Association and Chair Symons reviewing the PIPRC files.

c. Grading Mortimer Spit

A discussion of the ongoing pothole issues at Mortimer Spit was held. There was general consensus that Ben Symons shall investigate grading options with local contractors.

A recommendation to disallow vehicle access was made and there was general consensus that the discussion shall be revisited at a future meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a) School Joint Use Agreement

Chair Symons provided an overview of the matter, noting that the final revised document has been circulate and all parties appear to be happy with it. Chair Symons noted his own reservations.

A discussion of user group insurance matters was held.

b) Master Plan

Chair Symons and Hans Tammemagi provided an overview of the project's current status.

A discussion of how to proceed was held and there was general consensus that a separate meeting shall be scheduled once the physical distancing restrictions have been lifted. There was further consensus that Shannon Brayford shall be asked to facilitate the meeting with Chair Symons.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Symons provided an overview of correspondence received. He noted that he had responded to the request for a kayak rack at Peter's Cove and that he will respond to the person who contacted the Commission regarding possible commercial food truck operation at Magic Lake.

Chair Symons further reported that a letter of interest was received from a prospective Commissioner. A discussion was held and there was general consensus that the Commission shall develop a list of criteria for commissioners which includes minimum residency requirements and preferred experience level.

8. REPORTS

a. Director's Report

None

b. Chairperson's Report

No further items reported outside of agenda matters.

c. Treasurer's Report

Susan Parr provided a report and noted that the current operating budget for the end of March shows a positive balance. A discussion of potential projects was held.

d. Recreation Report

There was general consensus that Recreation will be a topic discussed at the Master Planning meeting.

e. Communications

A discussion of park signs was held.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussions were held regarding the customary acknowledgement of meetings on First Nations lands and the potential of holding the next meeting in an electronic format.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on May 15, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. The location of the meeting will be considered and announced dependent upon physical distancing guidelines at that time.

11. ADJOURNMENT

By general consensus, the meeting was closed at 11:55 a.m.