

PENDER ISLANDS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (PIPRC)
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Friday, May 15, 2020 (9:30 am)
Thieves Bay Park, North Pender Island

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

Regrets: David Howe (Director, CRD, SGI), Derek Wolff

Guests: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Symons called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

It was noted that Susan Parr had circulated a memo electronically regarding land acknowledgements. A discussion of the practice was held and each commissioner was invited to share their views. There was general consensus that a statement of acknowledgment shall open the meetings and further that the Commission make a concerted effort to share the histories of the sites and select appropriate names for new sites.

Susan Parr acknowledged that the meeting is been held on the unceded territories of the WŚÁNEĆ peoples.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consensus, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was noted that adoption of the minutes of February 22, 2020 had been postponed to this meeting.

By general consensus, the minutes of February 22, 2020 were adopted as presented.

It was recommended that on page 3 of the April 23, 2020 minutes the word “surplus” be replaced with “positive balance”

By general consensus, the minutes of April 23, 2020 minutes be adopted as amended.

4. DELEGATIONS

None

5. MAINTENANCE REPORT

a) Magic Lake Swimming Hole

A discussion of the neighbouring property installing a joining driveway to the swimming hole parking lot was held. There was general consensus that Bruce Alexander shall contact the property owner and request that they block off the driveway. It was noted that the property owners have received an email and have not responded.

b) Mortimer Spit

Ben Symons provided an overview of the recommendations of Ron Henshaw regarding the repair of Mortimer Spit. A discussion of the current use of the Spit and the tradition of driving to the end was held. There was general consensus that the Commission shall meet at the site to discuss the recommendations and consider options. Further, there was general consensus that the annual repair of the potholes shall be done for this season and that Ben Symons shall arrange this.

c) Pender Islands Conservancy Association (PICA)

Ben Symons reported that Pender Island Conservancy Association has a new member, Erin O'Brien, who is interested in increased collaboration with PIPRC. Chair Symons further noted that PICA has also requested installing a debris collection box at the PIPRC maintenance shed that would collect invasive species withdrawal.

There was general consensus that Ben shall meet with PICA to discuss the location and the reasonable expectations for traffic

MOTION: It was moved and seconded, that, on a trial basis, the Pender Islands Conservancy Association, be allowed access to the maintenance shed property for the installation of a bin for the storage of invasive species debris. **CARRIED**

d) Informational Signs

Hans Tammemagi noted the history of Bricky Bay recommenced that, in collaboration with the Musuem Society, a sign of the history be installed on site. The Commission discussed and recommended other sites where such informative signs could be installed. There was general consensus that Hans Tammemagi shall discuss opportunities for collaboration with the Museum Society and other related groups.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a) School Joint Use Agreement

Chair Symons noted that he has been in discussions with the Capital Regional District legal staff regarding the barriers that the agreement creates for community groups. He provided an overview of the insurance available to users deemed low and medium risk, and the requirements being placed on users who are deemed high risk.

The burden and barriers that the new agreement places on user groups was discussed.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Symons reported that the request for the Kayak rack at Peter's Cove has been responded to and it was recommended that they contact the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, as that is the owner of the property.

Chair Symons reported that he has received an email from Justine Starke (CRD) regarding recreation funding. He provided an overview of the directions received, noting that groups that are not able to carry out their recreation programming are to be directed to return the funding. There was general consensus that the Commission send an email to all user groups outlining the matter and that they revisit the conversation at the next meeting.

8. REPORTS

a. Director's Report

None

b. Chairperson's Report

No further items reported outside of agenda matters.

c. Treasurer's Report

It was noted that a report was circulated electronically. Susan Parr reported that the Commission is not seeing a decrease or increase in expenses due to the COVID-19 situation.

d. Recreation Report

No further items or discussion.

e. Communications

Hans Tammemagi will prepare the Pender Post article.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

None

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday June 19 at 9:30 a.m at Morimer Spit

11. ADJOURNMENT

By general consensus, the meeting was closed at 11:06 a.m. .