

PENDER ISLANDS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (PIPRC)
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Friday, November 20, 2020 (9:30 am)
Electronic By Zoom

Present: Paul Brent (Alternate Director CRD SGI), Hans Tammemagi, Susan Parr, Ben McConchie, Derek Wolff, Barry Mathias, Tim Frick, Rob Fawcett, Arnie Alksne, Ben Symons (Maintenance Contractor), Shannon Brayford (recorder)

Regrets: David Howe (Director, CRD, SGI)

Guests: 1

1. CALL TO ORDER

Paul Brent, acting as Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:36 am. He invited all members of the Commission to introduce themselves in turn.

2. WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONERS

Chair Brent invited all members of the Commission to introduce themselves in turn.

A discussion was held regarding the role of the CRD Director and Alternate Director. Members of the Commission expressed concern that decisions of the PIRPC may be overturned by the Director or Alternate Director.

There was general consensus that Paul Brent shall request guidance from CRD staff regarding the role of the CRD Director and Alternate Director, including the limitations of the decision power of the Commission and the of the directors

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consensus, the agenda was approved as presented.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of October 16, 2020, Regular Business Meeting

By general consensus the minutes were adopted as presented.

5. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE

Acting Chair Brent called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Hans Tammemagi nominated Ben McConchie.

Barry Mathias seconded the nomination

Ben McConchie accepted the nomination.

Paul Brent made two further calls for nominations and heard none.

By acclamation, Ben McConchie was appointed Chair.

Note: Newly elected Chair Ben McConchie assumed control of the meeting.

Chair McConchie called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Arnie Alksne nominated Derek Wolff.

Derek Wolff did not accept the nomination, but indicated he would serve for an interim if none could be selected.

Chair McConchie made a second call for the position of Vice Chair.

Paul Brent nominated Tim Frick.

Hans Tammemagi seconded the nomination.

Tim Frick accepted the nomination.

Chair McConchie made a third call for the position of Vice Chair.

Hearing none, Tim Frick was acclaimed as Vice Chair.

Chair McConchie made a first call for position of Treasurer

Paul Brent nominated Susan Parr

Hans Tammemagi seconded the nomination.

Susan Parr accepted the nomination

Chair McConchie made a second and a third call for the position of Treasurer and heard none.

By acclamation, Susan Parr was appointed Treasurer.

A discussion of the position of Commissioner in charge of Recreation Funding was held. There was general consensus that Susan Parr shall support the project for this year and that the matter shall be revisited in the future.

6. DELEGATIONS AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Lantern Festival

Hans Tammemagi provided an overview of the application and the group's plans. A discussion was held regarding the plans for the event and the impact of the newly released Provincial Public Health Restrictions.

There was general consensus that the request be declined based on the Public Health Order and that Hans Tammemagi shall communicate with the applicants.

8. REPORTS

a. Treasurer's Report

Susan Parr noted that the report had been circulated electronically. She highlighted line items that have been delayed in the reporting.

b. Maintenance Report

Ben Symons provided an overview of the report which was circulated electronically.

He noted that some users of the dog park have placed parking cones to block the parking at the immediate entrance of the dog park.

A discussion was held.

There was general consensus that it is not within the PIPRC's jurisdiction to condone or refute the actions. It was noted that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure may opt to intervene, particularly if they receive a complaint.

c. Recreation Report

Note: this discussion was held during Correspondence.

d. Pending Projects

a. Shed Roof: Derek Wolff provided an overview of the quotes received.

b. Ainslie Point Trail: Hans Tammemagi provided an overview of the community outreach and consultation process. He noted that Parks Canada's response is still anticipated and that one neighbour has written to speak against the installation.

A discussion was held regarding the process moving forward and there was general consensus that Hans Tammemagi shall await a response from Parks Canada prior to consulting with neighbours.

c. Community Justice Program for Dog Park Issue: Paul Brent provided an update on the matter and noted that meetings to bring together both sides of the issue are being planned. He noted that a timeline had not been set.

It was noted that the Commission shall provide initial names of community members who have been involved in the matter.

Note: Tim Frick departed the meeting at 10:52 am

e. Master Plan

Chair McConchie provided an overview of the work done in the past and noted that the previous chair had circulated the work he had done on the Master Plan. There was general consensus that a planning meeting be scheduled for December and that related documents be circulated prior to the meeting.

f. Communications

Hans Tammemagi provided an overview of the upcoming Pender Post document.

g. Other

- a. **Members at Large:** Hans Tammemagi reminded the Commission that Ilse Phillips had been interested in assisting the Commission and recommended that the Master Planning process include consideration of engaging with volunteers.
- b. **Representatives of MAP:** Ben McConchie noted that in the past there was conflict between PIPRC and Moving Around Pender (MAP). A discussion of transportation trails was held

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Recreation Funding: It was noted that the recreation funding recommendations were circulated prior to the meeting.

Chair McConchie noted a personal relationship with some of the organizations listed and that he would recuse himself should those applications be discussed.

Several Commissioners provided brief remarks in support of approving the recommendations as presented.

MOTION: It was moved by Susan Parr and seconded by Paul Brent, that the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission accept the funding recommendations as circulated.

CARRIED

11. IN CAMERA

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission shall close the public meeting to enter an In Camera Session under Community Charter s. 90(1)(k) for discussion of contract matters.

CARRIED

Chair McConchie reopened the public meeting at 11:52 pm and noted that there was not a Rise and Report.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, December 18, 2020 at 9:30 am via Zoom .

13. ADJOURNMENT

By general consensus, the meeting was closed at 12:00 pm.