

PENDER ISLANDS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (PIPRC)
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Monday September 13, 2021 (4:30 pm)
Electronic By Zoom

Present: Ben McConchie, Hans Tammemagi, Susan Parr, Arnie Alksne, Rob Fawcett, Tim Frick, Barry Mathias, Derek Wolff, Ben Symons (Maintenance Contractor), Shannon Brayford (administrator)

Regrets: Paul Brent (Alternate Director CRD SGI), David Howe (SGI CRD Director),

Guests: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McConchie called the meeting to order at 4:30 am and made a territorial acknowledgment.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consensus the agenda was approved as amended.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Minutes July 9, 2021, Regular Business Meeting

It was noted that a word was missing from the second paragraph on the second page.

By general consensus the minutes of July 9, 2021 were adopted as amended.

4. DELEGATIONS

None.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Dog Park Gate:** It was reported that a member of the community wrote to request that the gate at the Danny Martin Dog Park be reinstalled. A discussion was held and the Commission noted that they had agreed that removal of the gate was decided by resolution at a previous meeting and would not be overturned.
- b) Boat Storage at Magic Lake:** It was reported that a member of the public requested information on the process for storing boats at Magic Lake. A discussion was held regarding the storing and tracking of stored boats, including options for making sure boat owners can be identified. It was agreed that members of the community should be told to label their boats with their name and phone number.
- c) Carving at Danny Martin Park:** Derek Wolff presented an application from a local artist, Jordan Hamson, proposing to carve a recently fallen tree at Danny Martin Park.

MOTION: It was moved by Ben McConchie and seconded by Arnie Alksne that Jordan Hamson's application be approved. **CARRIED**

- d) Gold Fish Invading Magic Lake:** An email alerting the Commission to the presence of invasive gold fish in magic lake was discussed. It was noted that the Commission does not have

jurisdiction over the lake itself and that the writer should be directed to contact Magic Lake Water and Sewer.

6. REPORTS

- a) **Maintenance Plan:** It was noted that the report was circulated electronically.

Ben Symons noted that the septic tank at Shingle Bay requires replacement. Discussion of replacing the tank was held, including options and future plans.

MOTION: It was moved by Ben McConchie, and seconded by Arnie Alksne, that the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission approve up to \$6000 for the replacement of the septic tank at Shingle Bay Park. **CARRIED**

A discussion was held regarding the naming of the Ainsley Point trail. Hans Tammemagi noted that he wrote requesting indigenous consultation and invitation to name the trail, but has not received a response. There was general consensus that facilitating naming through the WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council was important to the Commission. It was agreed that Justine Starke shall be contacted for opportunities for consultation on the name and that the Commissioners return to the next meeting with name recommendations.

A discussion was held regarding the creation of the trail proposed by Karl Hamson that would extend toward Mount Menzies park. The Commissioners spoke in favour of moving forward with the trail and Ben Symons outlined the process moving forward.

b) Chair's Report

Chair McConchie reported that starting on September 20, 2021 the invasive species group will be on island to remove daphne. He provided an overview of the plan for removal and the parks that will attended to, time permitting.

Chair McConchie also reported that a neighbour to Gowlland Point has reported that the installed boulders have been placed in the wrong location. A discussion of the matter was held.

Chair McConchie reported that he spoke with Jesse Guy, Chief Financial Officer for School District 64, regarding improvements to the community use areas at the school, including the soccer field and roller rink. He further reported that he has noted that the community use agreement has not been finalized and he is seeking input from past Chairs on this.

c) Treasurer's Report

Susan Parr reported that the operational budget for next year is being finalized and that she anticipates delivering it at the next meeting.

Susan Parr noted that her role as signing authority should be coming to an end. Chair McConchie requested that a volunteer step forward and heard no offers.

Chair McConchie noted that a treasurer is a critical member of the Commission and that he will discuss the deficiency with SGI Director David Howe.

Tim Frick volunteered to approve cheques as an interim solution and it was agreed that this matter would be addressed at the next meeting.

d) Recreation Report

Shannon Brayford reported that cheques have been requested from the CRD and that recipients should soon have their funds in hand.

e) Volunteer Committee

No report

f) Communications

Hans Tammagi noted that he will be writing the Pender Post Article and will circulate it for comment.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. 5 Year Capital Plan

A discussion was held regarding the 5-year Capital plan, including prioritization of the projects and strategies to fund all projects when doing so exceeds the current capital budget. No decisions were reached.

There was general consensus that Chair McConchie shall approach David Howe and Paul Brent for guidance on completing the 5-year capital plan and report back at the next meeting.

9. IN CAMERA

None

10. NEXT MEETING

October 11, 2021 at 4:30 pm by zoom.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McConchie noted that Arnie Alksne had sent his resignation. The Commission thanked Arnie for his years of dedicated service and expressed how much he will be missed.

By general consensus, the meeting was closed at 6:26 pm