

PENDER ISLANDS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (PIPRC)
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Monday November 8, 2021 (8:00 am)
Electronic By Zoom

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

Regrets: David Howe (SGI CRD Director),

Guests: Larry Colcy (Commissioner Applicant)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McConchie called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was recommended that the Commission move item 7a, Discussion of the 5 Year Capital Plan, ahead to follow the Maintenance Report.

By general consent the agenda was adopted as presented.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Minutes October 18, 2021, Regular Business Meeting

By general consent the minutes of October 18, 2021 were adopted as presented.

4. DELEGATIONS

Chair McConchie invited Larry Colcy to address the Commission and share his reason for applying to join.

Larry Colcy shared his personal interest in the parks, his professional experience, and his long-standing history with the island.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

a) Dog Park: Chair McConchie provided an overview of the request from a neighbour to have the fencing removed from the dog park. Chair McConchie noted that remediation of that area is on the Commission's radar and that discussion of this will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

6. REPORTS

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

Ben Symons provided a brief overview of current work including his work to remove graffiti. A discussion of ways to work with the community to reduce graffiti was held.

Note: Item 7a was moved ahead in this agenda.

Chair McConchie provided an overview of the response from the CRD regarding the Five-Year Capital Plan. He noted that approximately \$100,000 needs to be removed from the budget.

A discussion was held regarding the projects and opportunities to reduce the overall budget. The Commission worked together to revise the document.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission approve the 5-Year Capital plan as amended.

CARRIED

A discussion was held regarding the Alice Church Trail project. The Commission heard an overview of community member's offer to build a trail that may better meet the objectives. There was general consensus that the matter shall be discussed at the next meeting.

b) Chair's Report

Chair McConchie reported on recent work including invasive species and discussions with the school regarding community use.

There was general consensus that community use of the school meeting room shall be discussed at the next meeting.

c) Treasurer's Report

No further items

d) Recreation Report

No report

e) Volunteer Committee

Hans Tammemagi provided an overview of Ilse Phillip's recent work and commended the initiative she has taken to bring in new volunteers for the trail program.

f) Communications

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

7. OLD BUSINESS

a) 5 Year Capital Plan

Note: this item was addressed earlier in the agenda

b) Meeting with PIRAHA

It was noted that a meeting date has not been set.

c) CVRIS Grant

Shannon Brayford reported that a formal response was received that the application was not successful.

A discussion was held regarding funding and grant options in the future for alternative transportation. Further discussion was held regarding both the benefits and challenges of having CRD involvement in alternative transportation options.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Provincial Tenure for Foreshore Access Renewal

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission, subject to confirmation from the maintenance contractor that there have been no material changes, approve the renewal of Crown Licences for Shingle Bay, McKinnon Road, Harpoon Road, and Bridges Road.

CARRIED

b. Archeology Review Project for Regular Maintenance

Shannon Brayford reported that the project is underway and appears to be running smoothly. She further noted that an unanticipated benefit of the project is that several of the Commission's parks and trails will be mapped with tags and photos of assets.

c. Appointment of Commissioners

Note: It was noted that this matter would be discussed in camera.

d. 6 Month Meeting Schedule

A discussion was held regarding the importance of a six-month meeting schedule. There was general consensus to meet on the second Monday of each month at 8:30 am.

9. IN CAMERA

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission close the public meeting under Section 90(1)(a) of the Local Government Act for consideration of an identifiable person for appointment to the Commission.

CARRIED

At 9:32 am Chair McConchie reopened the public meeting. He reported that a discussion had been held regarding new Commissioners, but no resolutions had been passed.

MOTION: That the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission recommend Larry Colcy be appointed to the Commission.

CARRIED

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be December 13, 2021 at 8:30 am.

There was general consensus that the next meeting shall include discussion of the projects adopted in the 5 year capital plan and initial planning

11. ADJOURNMENT

By general consensus, the meeting was closed at 9:36 am