

PENDER ISLANDS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (PIPRC)
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Monday January 17, 2022 (8:30 am)
Electronic By Zoom

Present: Tim Frick, Barry Mathias, Rob Fawcett, Derek Wolff, Hans Tammemagi, George Leroux, Andrea Mills, David Howe (SGI CRD Director), Paul Brent (Alternate Director CRD SGI), Ben Symons (Maintenance Contractor), Shannon Brayford (administrator)

Regrets: None.

Guests: Three members of the public

1. CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Southern Gulf Islands Regional Director David Howe called the meeting to order at 8:35 am and provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was recommended that item 8f "Trees in the Disc Park" be moved ahead to 6e.

By general consent the agenda was approved as amended.

3. COMMENTS, SGI DIRECTOR DAVID HOWE

Director Howe addressed the Commission and thanked everyone for their volunteer service. He provided remarks on the Commissioner appointment process and expressed his hope that the Commission now has the skill sets they were hoping for in new Commissioners.

4. NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE

Director Howe made three calls for the position of Chair.

Alternate Director Brent nominated Tim Frick.

Tim Frick accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were heard

Tim Frick was appointed to the position of Chair by acclamation.

Director Howe made three calls for the position of Treasurer

Alternate Director Brent nominated George Leroux.

George Leroux accepted the nomination

No other nominations were heard.

George Leroux was appointed to the position of Treasurer by acclamation.

Director Howe made three calls for the position of Vice Chair

Alternate Director Brent nominated Andrea Mills

Andrea Mills declined the nomination

A general discussion was held with several other commissioners noting that they would also not accept a nomination. Rob Fawcett accepted a general nomination

No further nominations were heard.

Rob Fawcett was appointed to the position of Vice Chair by acclamation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Minutes December 13, 2021, Regular Business Meeting

By general consent the minutes of December 13, 2021 were adopted as presented.

6. DELEGATIONS

None.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

a) Park Use Request: A member of the community, Catherine Ellis, provided an overview of her request for park use at Mortimer Spit. A discussion was held regarding the specific park. There was general consensus that the Commission will not be able to guarantee exclusive use and that the Commission would like to receive confirmation on the insurance requirements and also seek consultation on whether that use may disturb nesting birds.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded, that the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission approve the Ellis application pending all necessary approvals and insurances, with an understanding that exclusive use cannot be guaranteed. **CARRIED**

b) Tree Vandalism: The Commission reviewed an email from a local biologist identifying an incidence of tree vandalism. A discussion was held and it was noted that this is the second occurrence in this location. Options for proceeding were considered.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded, that the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission direct Chair Frick to report the vandalism of trees at Shingle Bay to Capital Regional District Bylaw enforcement with follow-up to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as necessary. **CARRIED**

c) Buck-Tiller Trail: A discussion was held regarding the community member's concern with dogs entering their private property and waste not being cleaned up. There was general consensus that the trails are well marked and that private property owners should consider contacting CRD Bylaw Enforcement or erecting marginal barriers as needed. It was further agreed that next Pender Post article will include a reminder for trail users to be respectful of private property. There was general consensus that Chair Frick shall respond to the writer.

d) Canal Erosion: Chair Frick and Ben Symons provided an overview of the issue of trees at risk of falling along the Canal. It was noted that this is a large and ongoing issue that would involve many agencies. There was general consensus that Ben Symons shall investigate the matter further and that Derek Wolff shall be the Commissioner lead on the matter.

e) Volunteering as Commissioner: It was noted that a member of the community had written with expressed interest in joining the Commission. There was general consensus that Shannon Brayford shall respond with thanks for interest and encourage them to join friends of the trails and to apply again in the fall.

8. REPORTS

a) Maintenance Report

It was noted that the report was circulated electronically.

Treated Wood to replace cedar: Ben Symons provided an overview of the matter and the rationale for moving to treated fir due to reduced supply of cedar available. There was general consensus that Ben Symons shall use cedar when possible and treated fir when necessary.

Welcome Bay: Ben Symons provided an overview of the matter. He noted that the ground continues to be unstable and that his recommendation is to wait for the slide to settle until new plans are made. He reported that, at this time, he cannot predict whether cut earth stairs or engineered stairs will be needed.

Ainslie Point Trail: Alternate Director Paul Brent noted that the WSANEC Leadership Council has been invited to comment and advise on the wording on the sign at the head of the trail.

Disk Park Trees: Barry Mathias provided an overview of the matter and his recommendation to plant additional trees at the bottom level of the disc park. He noted that he has identified a source for purchase of 10-20 gallon pots and provided an overview of a draft budget.

A discussion and revision of the draft budget was held. Treasurer, George Leroux, noted that the cost may be more appropriate as a capital cost.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded, that the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission approve up to \$2500 from capital expenses for the purchase and planting of trees at the lower portion of the Disc Park. **CARRIED**

b) Chair's Report

None

c) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer George Leroux reported that there was a delay in receiving the report from the CRD due to year end and that a financial report will be available at the next meeting. He noted that

there may be a small amount of unspent funds left in the operating budget from the last fiscal year.

d) Recreation Report

No report

e) Volunteer Committee

No report.

f) Communications

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

9. OLD BUSINESS

a) 5 Year Capital Plan, Discussion of Projects

Note: This item was moved to the end of item 9

b) Meeting with PIRAHA: No update

c) Weddings at Brook's Point: An overview of the matter was provided and was noted that members of the community had requested PIPRC's support to enforce no-wedding policies at Brooks Point, however, it is a regional park and not within PIPRC's jurisdiction. Alternative Director Brent offered to follow up on the matter with the CRD.

d) Alice Church Trail: Rob Fawcett reported that he met with the property owner recommending the alternative trail. The property owner reports that himself and neighbouring property owners would be supportive of a trail that would run from the Driftwood to Short Road. It was noted that there may be challenges for entering an agreement through Moving Around Pender and Alternative Director Paul Brent offered to discuss options with the CRD.

A discussion was held regarding the Capital Regional District Transportation Integration Plan and concerns with confused messaging between what PIPRC believes is possible and what the CRD is presenting they are capable of achieving. Rob Fawcett reported that he will request clarification at the upcoming community information meeting and will report back.

e) Community Use of School Meeting Room: It was noted that this matter was being handled by Ben McConchie. Chair Frick will follow up with the former chair.

f) Trees at Disc Golf Park:

Note: This item was discussed during 6e Maintenance Report

Note: Item 8a was discussed at this time.

Chair Frick provided a review of the items on the 5 year Capital Plan. The following projects were assigned to the Commissioners:

- Park Accessibility – Tim Frick and Andrea Mills

- Friends of the Trails Volunteer Committee – Hans Tammemagi
- Donors and Supporters – Rob Fawcett and George Leroux
- Dog Park Replacement – Tim Frick
- Shingle Bay – Rob Fawcett and Tim Frick
- Thieves Bay – Derek Wolff and Larry Colcy
- Magic Lake Picnic Area – Larry Colcy
- Danny Martin Ball Park – Derek Wolff
- Rink Resurfacing – Tim Frick
- Soccer Field Resurfacing – Tim Frick
- Disc Park Tee Box – Rob Fawcett
- Alice Church Trail – Rob Fawcett and Barry Mathias
- Big Tree Trail - Barry Mathias and Andrea Mills

10. NEW BUSINESS

a) Commissioner Orientation

Chair Frick noted the purpose of the upcoming orientation and that future dates will be forthcoming.

b) Public Meetings

It was noted that there is no longer a restriction on public meetings and it is a legislative requirement that public meetings have a public venue.

A discussion was held regarding the strain that the Commissioners are feeling regarding operating under heavy bureaucracy. The Commission members also voiced concern with the circumstances that surrounded the former Chair's departure from the Commission and a perceived lack of communication from the CRD to the Commission.

11. IN CAMERA

None

12. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be February 14, 2022 at 8:30 am

13. ADJOURNMENT

By general consensus, the meeting was closed at 11:19 am