

PENDER ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (PIPRC)

Minutes of Regular Meeting Monday, November 14, 2022. 8:30 am Zoom Conferencing/Community Hall

Present:

Commissioners: Rob Fawcett (Vice Chair), George Leroux, Larry Colcy, Hans Tammemagi, Andrea Mills, Barry Mathias, Sandra Tretrick, Paul Brent (CRD Director)

Guests –Justine Starke (CRD staff), Ben Symons (Maintenance Contractor), Melody Pender (CRD staff), Kelly Friesen (Recorder)

Regrets:

1) CALL TO ORDER

CRD Director Paul Brent the meeting to order at 8:34 am

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent the agenda was approved with additions

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By general consent the minutes of October 11, 2022 were approved, as amended.

4) Governance

a) Chair Appointment

The Commissioners voted George Leroux as the chair until the end of 2023

b) Commissioners Appointments

Chair Leroux asked for names of people who might have an interest in being commissioners. Melody Pender offered to place an advertisement in the Pender Post. Commissioner Hans Tammemagi advised the group he would not be accepting another appointment as Commissioner when his term ends at the end of the year. Commissioner Tretrick mentioned that policies on the website mentions that Commissioners are required to be from both North and South Pender.

5) Delegations and Public Presentations – no delegations or public presentations

6) Correspondence

a) [ex] Dog Park – a letter will be sent saying there is no discussion regarding the reopening of the Dog Park.

b) Thieves Bay Native Species Memorial Garden – it was suggested that a letter be sent thanking the writers of the emails and asking them if they wished to be part of committees planning these projects.

c) Mortimer Spit; Usage Enquiry – Commissioner Tretrick pointed out that the rules state the use of the parks require permits. Justine Starke explained that where businesses can operate depends on zoning (which is an Island Trust decision).

7) REPORTS

a) Maintenance – Ben spoke to his previously circulated report, highlighting; he and the previous chair were working on a sign for Mortimer Spit and that he would require another commissioner to work with him – Commissioner Tretrick volunteered to work with him on the sign. Schooner at Reef Park was suggested as a park that might be a good place for a restoration project. Ben was asked about the Big Trees trail (Carl Hampson) when that would go forward. Ben hiked the trail with the Conservancy representatives a year ago and is waiting for them to approve the path. Ben offered to speak with the Conservancy to see if they were ready to approve it.

At 9:14 AM Ben Symons left the meeting

b) Chair Report – no report

c) **Treasurer** – Chair/Treasurer Leroux commented briefly on the Treasurer's report, circulated in advance.

d) Recreation – Chair Leroux asked for volunteers for the Recreation committee. Commissioner Fawcett and Commissioner Tretrick volunteered.

e) Volunteer Committee – Commissioner Tammemagi gave an update on the current use of the Volunteer Committee. Planting trees requires Chance Find training; Justine Starke will investigate offering the training to volunteers.

f) Tree Planting – Commissioner Mathias has chosen the date of 9th of December for planting of tree at the Disc Golf Park, supplied by Chair Leroux (Fir), PEKA will provide (cedar and maybe some other species) free of charge. The Enchanted Forest is will also be requiring replanting once assessed. Commissioner Mathias will have a report for the next meeting. Planting dates will be chosen for January and February at the next meeting.

8) Master Plan / Projects

a) Support from the Community – Commissioner Colcy is asking for the background in how community support was assessed. Chair Leroux suggests everyone read the 2008 Master Plan documents and invite the former Chair John Chapman to the December 12 meeting to explain how they determined community support.

- b) Trails – Commissioner Fawcett explained the engineering issues and offered to revisit the quote received with the CRD staff member to see if the amount could be more cost effective.
- c) Thieves Bay – Commissioner Colcy is asking if the outhouse is being maintained. Architectural drawings are required for the engineering drawings so that is being worked on.
- d) Magic Lake Dock – waiting on Island Trust rezoning.
- e) Dog Park – will require a new commissioner to lead this project. There is a proposal for a trade with Parks Canada for a Shale Pit on South Otter Bay Rd in trade for the PIPRC park on Menzies Park. CRD Director Brent is working on this. This site will be discussed at the December 12 meeting. Justine Starke will circulate a map of possible Dog Park sites and a Commissioner will be needed to work with CRD Director Brent.

9) NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

a) Disc Park No Smoking Bylaw infractions – Commissioner Tretrick addressed her report and explained the follow up steps to her report. The recommendation is to raise awareness of the bylaw and for users of the parks to self-enforce compliance. Current signs will be required to be refreshed. Further recommendations are mention on the website and ads in the Chamber of Commerce tare away map.

b) Commissioner Tammemagi presented a motion to make an abstaining vote no longer a supportive vote.

Motion: it is moved that at future meetings of the PIPRC when a commissioner votes to abstain that commissioner is neutral on the motion, neither for nor against.

Commissioner Tammemagi / Commissioner Mathias

Commissioners Mills and CRD Director Brent oppose

Commissioner Leroux, Commissioner Fawcett, Commissioner Colcy, Commissioner Tretrick abstained

Commissioner Mathais voted in support

Carried

10) Resolution to go in Camera

Commissioner Fawcett / Commissioner Mathias

Carried

11) NEXT MEETING

Monday December 12, 2022 3:00 pm

12) ADJOURNMENT

By general consensus, the meeting was closed at 10:51 AM