

PENDER ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (PIPRC)

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Monday, December 12, 2022. 3:00 pm  
Zoom Conferencing/Community Hall**

**Present:**

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

**Guests** –Ben Symons (Maintenance Contractor), Melody Pender (CRD staff), Kelly Friesen (Recorder) Sue Long (local resident), Richard Sullivan (local resident), Lisa Bail (local resident), Erin O’Brien (Pender Island Conservancy), Koya Clare (local resident)

**1) Call to Order**

Chair Leroux called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

**2) Approval of Agenda**

By general consent the agenda was approved with additions.

**3) Approval of Minutes**

By general consent the minutes of November 14, 2022 were approved as presented.

**4) Business Arising from Nov 14<sup>th</sup> minutes**

a) Chair Leroux raised this issue that the motion to record abstentions as neutral contravenes CRD policy. Director Brent informed the Commission that abstentions are recorded as being in favour of a motion is a Provincial Government requirement.

b) Chair Leroux advised he had a phone conversation with John Chapman and will ask him to attend a future meeting to discuss the master plan.

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

**6) Correspondence**

a) Island Trust Conservancy – iNaturalist enquiry  
Commissioner Colcy agreed to investigate the request and inform the Commission of what is being requested at the next meeting.

b) Response to CRD Tobacco Inspector

Commissioner Tretrick advised of the follow-up undertaken concerning no smoking bylaws in the parks and on the trails.

## 7) Reports

- a) Director – Paul Brent (CRD Director) expressed his desire to assist PIPRC function and progress.
- b) Chair – George Leroux highlighted his report, circulated in advance.
- c) Treasurer – George Leroux highlighted the Nov-22 financial position of PIPRC, circulated in advance of the meeting. A question was asked regarding the \$3500/yr rental charge to PIPRC. This charge is for a portion of the rental cost of the CRD office at the Driftwood that is shared among several CRD related groups.
- d) Maintenance – Ben highlighted installation of the outhouse tank at Shingle Bay and ongoing planning and scheduling for Thieves Bay outhouse upgrade. In response to a question concerning the “Big Tree Trail”, Ben advised he is waiting on PICA’s response.

### At 3:40 PM Ben Symons left the meeting

- e) Volunteers – Commissioner Tammemagi updated on the Volunteer Committee. Commissioner Mills agreed to take the lead with the Volunteer Committee going forward.
- f) Native Species Replanting – Commissioner Mathias reported that 35 douglas fir and cedar trees were planted and protected with wire fencing at the Thieves Bay parking lot. Planting in the Enchanted Forest will take place in early January 2023.

**Motion:** *The PIPRC approves the planting of trees at the Enchanted Forest prior to the end of February 2023 for a cost of up to \$3000.00*

Commissioner Mathias / Commissioner Fawcett.

**Carried**

Commissioner Mathias will investigate a site for storage of invasive species that are being removed and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

## 8) Project Reports

- a) Thieves Bay – Commissioner Colcy reminded PIPRC that architecture drawings are required for the picnic shelter, he is working with Justine Starke to investigate this. Chair Leroux suggested that Commissioner Colcy look into the data files to find information about what was decided in the past. Getting the process started to have a cultural monitor involved was suggested.

b) Magic Lake – Commissioner Colcy informed the Commission that PIPRC had received the Licence of Occupation from MoTI for the Magic Lake Park. The site must now be rezoned by the Islands Trust before a dock can be built. The meeting discussed the abandoned boats at Magic Lake, Commissioner Colcy agreed to investigate.

c) Trails – Commissioner Fawcett updated on the Schooner Way trail engineering work required for planning and seeking funding for the trail.

d) Dog Park – Chair Leroux asked for a volunteer to lead the off-leash Dog Park initiative. Being none, it will be raised again at the January meeting.

## **9) NEW/OTHER BUSINESS**

a) New Appointments as Commissioners

Chair Leroux will talk further with the applicants for Commissioners and names will be provided to the CRD Director before the January meeting.

b) Recreation Grant Committee – no report

c) Monthly Public Newsletter – Commissioner Tretrick suggested that rotating the writing of the Newsletter to provide a variety of voices and information. Chair Leroux agreed to prepare the February article.

## **10) Resolution to go in Camera**

**Motion:** *to move in camera*

Commissioner Fawcett/ Commissioner Mathias

**Carried**

## **11) Rise and Report**

The PIPRC has renewed contracts for Jamie Debruin (Bookkeeping), Ben Symons (Maintenance) and Dave Wright (Lawn Maintenance)

## **12) NEXT MEETING**

Monday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 3:00 pm

## **13) ADJOURNMENT**

By general consensus, the meeting was closed at 4:35 PM