

PENDER ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (PIPRC)

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2023. 3:00 pm
Zoom Conferencing/Community Hall**

Present:

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

Guests –Ben Symons (Maintenance Contractor), Melody Pender (CRD staff), Kelly Friesen (Recorder) Dave Park (local resident), Carmen Rodd (local resident), Lisa Baille (local resident), Erin O’Brien (Pender Island Conservancy), Sue Long (local resident), Dave Hargreaves (local resident).

1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Leroux called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent the agenda was approved with additions.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By general consent the minutes of December 12, 2022 were approved as presented.

4) Business Arising from minutes

a) iNaturalist – Larry reported that the Enchanted Forest has been added to the Island Trusts Conservancy’s iNaturalist app. The app allows individuals to take pictures of flora and fauna found in the park and upload it.

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

6) Correspondence

a) Panda Bay stairs – the beach has eroded underneath the stairs; Ben will fix the problem for now and when the rest of the rock sacks fail another fix will be needed.

7) Discussion

a) Master Plan Review special meeting has been set for March 6 from 1 PM to 4 PM, it will be held in person at the Community Hall.

8) Project Reports

- a) CRD Director – Paul Brent provided an overview of the CRD’s current strategic planning cycle.
- b) Chair – George Leroux provided an overview of the Chair’s report, circulated previously and of his conversation with John Chapman.
- c) Treasurer – George Leroux addressed his report that was previously circulated. Two (2) budget line items were proposed for amendment:
 - i. An increase in Contract for Services of \$1900 (to \$4000) to reflect the recently renewed bookkeeping service contract; and,
 - ii. An increase of \$2500 (to \$5000) for additional tree planting and invasive control.

Motion: the Commission approves amendments to the draft operating budget totalling \$4400 to reflect increased service costs and the native species initiatives in 2023.

Commissioner Mathias / Commissioner Fawcett

Carried

- d) Maintenance –
 - i. Ben addressed his report highlighting the Bosun/Galleon Trail reroute, completion of the Shingle Bay outhouse upgrade, and status of work on the Thieves Bay outhouse.
 - ii. George requested, and Andrea volunteered, to work through a new Outhouse Maintenance contract.

At 3:40 PM Ben Symons left the meeting

- e) Volunteers – Commissioner Mills advised that she has received the data base.
- f) Recreation Grants – Commissioner Tretrick requested program information and required timelines; George agreed to send this information to Sandra and Rob.
- f) Native Species replanting – Barry reported on a \$7000 Grant application to the TD Bank for invasive species removal and revegetation, plans for daphne removal and ongoing tree planting.

8) Project Reports

- a) Thieves Bay – Larry advised that work is on hold pending Plan review.
- b) Magic Lake – the matter of rezoning was discussed and Larry agreed to work with Justine to advance the case to the Island Trust. The issue of abandoned boats at the site was discussed, and Sandra agreed to seek more information on the Commission’s degrees of freedom to take action.

c) Trails – Commissioner Fawcett outlined the planning and engineering requirements necessary to initiate work on the Schooner Way Trail (Ball Park to School), and the need for PIPRC to fund this initial work. Following discussion George agreed to assemble further information, circulate this to Commissioners, and then seek approval by an electronic vote.

d) Dog Park – the members discussed the potential for a “land swap” between CRD and Parks Canada involving CRD land in the vicinity of Mount Menzies and Parks Canada land along South Otter Bay Rd. Paul needs direction from PIPRC to advance discussions with Parks Canada. The South Otter Bay lands could potentially be used for outdoor recreation such as an off leash dog park and/or mountain bike park. George asked for a volunteer to work with Paul. None came forward. George agreed to work with Paul. Paul advised that the process, if successful, would take a very long time.

Motion: to support the exploration of a “land swap” with Parks Canada involving CRD land in the vicinity of Mount Menzies and Parks Canada land along South Otter Bay Rd.

Commissioner Mathias/Commissioner Fawcett

Carried

9) NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

a) Monthly Newsletter topics were discussed.

- Andrea volunteered to prepare the March newsletter.
- Barry volunteered to prepare the April newsletter.

b) Commissioner Orientation – no date currently set.

12) NEXT MEETING

Monday February 13, 2023 3:00 pm in person at the CRD Community Centre

13) ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, the meeting was closed at 4:43 PM