



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 via Zoom.

Present

Councillor Hunter Madsen, Chair
Councillor Steve Milani, Vice-Chair
John Callaghan
John Grasty
Kate Le Souef
Haven Lurbiecki
Wilhelmina Martin
David Parker
Rajeev Sharma
Cleone Todgham
Megan Traverse

Absent

Chris Zhao

In Attendance

Shashi Bandara – Project Engineer
Theresa Cochran – General Manager of Community Services
Christel Guenette, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.
Jim LaCroix – Manager of Recreation
Robbie Nall – Superintendent of Parks
Julie Pavey-Tomlinson – Director of Environment and Parks

1. Call to Order

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- 1.1 The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes

- 2.1 PRC21/009
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held Wednesday, May 12, 2021 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Shoreline Sanitary/Trail Upgrade

4.1 Presentation: Shashi Bandara, Project Engineer

The Project Engineer gave a presentation on the Shoreline Trail Sanitary Sewer and Trail Upgrades Project, noting the following:

- the project includes the area from Murray Street to Old Orchard Park;
- project components include sewer main upgrades and the rehabilitation of the Shoreline Trail paved pathway;
- project constraints include minimizing impacts to habitats and trees, working around the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) right-of-way, and managing pedestrian/cyclists and sewer flows;
- paved pathway rehabilitation includes consistent widths and reducing grades to improve drainage and access points;
- other improvements include installation of wayfinding signage, trail access markers, kiosks, benches, handrails, wheelchair pads, and interpretive signs;
- construction is scheduled to begin in August 2021;
- detours during construction will be managed by the contractor and will vary during the phases of construction; and
- infrastructure will be installed to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists on loco Road prior to implementing detours.

Staff noted the following in response to questions from the Commission:

- temporary “No Parking” zones will be used as needed throughout construction on the south side of San Remo Drive;
- the intensity-duration-frequency (IDF) curve has been updated;
- sewer flow will be diverted through the gravity main;
- new benches will be installed at grade changes;
- a handrail and access points at existing staircases will be installed at Noons Creek;
- stakeholders will be engaged to populate interpretive signs;
- wayfinding signs will be located at key locations and include distance markers;
- Gold and Associates PC conducted an Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) and flagged locations to monitor during excavation;
- First Nation representatives will be on site during construction;

- no work will occur outside of regular work hours unless requested by the contractor within their bid;
- generators may be used during the evening at some locations;
- staff will consider assigning some trails as one-way;
- root barrier will be used to prevent tree roots from breaking up new asphalt;
- funding is not available to replace bridges and reduce grades along sections of the trail;
- restoration planting is planned;
- pollinated meadows will feature native perennials;
- trees will be planted in disturbed areas;
- existing trees will be assessed by an arborist and may require removal; and
- construction will occur outside of the heron breeding season and a buffer of 260m to their nesting area will be implemented.

**Parks and Recreation
Master Plan Update**

4.2 Julie Pavey-Tomlinson, Director of Environment and Parks
Attachment: Parks and Environment Master Plan Tracking
Sheet
File: 01-0360-20-10-01

The Director of Environment and Parks reviewed the Master Plan Goals, noting the following:

- the City regularly reviews connectivity with neighbouring municipalities;
- standardized signage will be installed along the Shoreline Trail;
- distance markers will be used to assist trail users of all ages and abilities to better navigate the trail network;
- Shoreline Boardwalk designs will be presented to the Commission;
- projects will be coordinated to avoid multiple trails being closed during construction;
- feedback was obtained from students on their preferred walking routes to school;
- Tidal Park remains a long-term objective for the City and is currently protected for conservation purposes in a long-term lease with the City; and
- online interactive maps are being developed to consolidate all trail information.

Staff noted the following in response to questions from the Commission:

- trail and walkways are included as a layer on Port Moody's GIS system;
- connectivity will be examined;

- residents have indicated a preference for trail variety;
- the City is examining how people can access various points of the City through the trail network;
- public input will be received to consider future connections;
- the House Post and Shoreline Boardwalk projects are being considered simultaneously;
- the Shoreline Boardwalk project includes improvements to existing infrastructure to determine safe boardwalk heights and mitigate flooding in certain sections;
- signage will be installed on the boardwalk to advise that dogs must be on a leash;
- during construction, two-way trails will be instituted to accommodate detours;
- the April Road acquisition will be included in the Seaview neighbourhood work plan;
- staff are monitoring for unauthorized trail building in the park network;
- a number of unauthorized mountain bike trails have been decommissioned;
- the City will be hiring a project manager to oversee parks projects;
- park land donated at the top of Heritage Mountain will be included within Noons Creek Park; and
- staff are working with Tri-Cities Offroad Cycling Association (TORCA) to recondition unauthorized mountain bike trails; people interested in building trails are directed to work with TORCA.

The Commission noted the following in discussion:

- unused Port Moody parkland should be utilized in future plans to meet the parkland ratio of 21.5 acres per 1,000 residents; and
- the 2000 Task Force Report recommendations that recommended measures to limit unauthorized mountain bike trail building may not be being met.

Pickleball/Tennis

4.3 Presentation: Julie Pavey-Tomlinson, Director of Environment and Parks
Attachment: Tennis and Pickleball Strategy
File: 01-0360-20-10-01

The Director of Environment and Parks gave a presentation on the tennis and pickleball strategy, and noted the following:

- a strategy will assist in responding to the current and future needs of tennis and pickleball services;

- objectives of the strategy include understanding existing inventory, examining projected needs to enhance service delivery, and expansion of outdoor recreation.

The Commission was invited to provide feedback on the following questions:

1. What are the priorities?
2. What criteria is important when considering outdoor courts?
3. Should the strategy focus on tennis or pickleball, or should other court sports be included?

Staff noted the following in response to questions from the Commission:

- pickleball courts were removed from Chestnut Court in response to noise complaints from residents;
- tennis and pickleball are popular activities;
- residents are experiencing challenges with accessing pickleball courts due to the COVID-19 restrictions; and
- different systems for court usage are used for tennis and pickleball.

The Commission suggested that a sound buffer be installed around pickleball courts located near to residential areas.

COVID-19 Updates

- 4.4 The Director of Environment and Parks advised that COVID-19 safety plans and updates will be provided on the City's website and a full report will be presented at the Commission's July meeting.

5. Information

Staff Updates

- 5.1 No updates were provided.

6. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:04pm.



Councillor Hunter Madsen,
Chair



Christel Guenette,
Recording Secretary