

City of Port Moody

Minutes

Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Recreation
Commission held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 via Zoom.

Present

Councillor Hunter Madsen, Chair
Councillor Steve Milani, Vice-Chair
John Callaghan
John Grasty (left at 8:11pm)
Kate Le Souef
Haven Lurbiecki
Wilhelmina Martin
David Parker
Megan Traverse
Cleone Todgham

Absent

Rajeev Sharma (Regrets)

In Attendance

Tim Aucott – Senior Project Engineer
Esin Gozukara – Legislative Services Assistant
Jim LaCroix – Manager of Recreation
Jennifer Mills – Committee Coordinator
Robbie Nall – Superintendent of Parks
Julie Pavey-Tomlinson – Director of Environment and Parks
Ding Yu – Project Manager

1. Call to Order

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1.1 The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes

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2.1 PRC21/013

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission
meeting held Wednesday, July 14, 2021 be adopted.**

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Rocky Point Park and Old Orchard Park Master Plan Update

4.1 Ding Yu, Project Manager Attachments:

- a) Rocky Point Park and Old Orchard Park Master Plans, dated September 8, 2021
- b) Old Orchard Park – Visioning Exercise

The Director of Environment and Parks introduced the Project Manager, noting that the Project Manager's focus will be on the Urban Forest Management Strategy, the Parkland Acquisition Strategy, the Rocky Point Park Master Plan, and the Old Orchard Park Master Plan.

The Project Manager gave a presentation on Rocky Point Park and Old Orchard Park Master Plans, and the following was noted:

- the goal of the presentation is to receive updated feedback and further recommendations from the Commission;
- there is an opportunity to undertake the Rocky Point Park and Old Orchard Park Master Plans concurrently to take advantage of opportunities for coordination;
- the two parks have been identified as the anchors to Port Moody's existing waterfront park system;
- the Master Plans will consider programming, connectivity, habitats, and ecosystems to provide a holistic concept of the two parks and the waterfront; and
- the early engagement of stakeholders in projects is critical in generating meaningful feedback and identifying top themes.

The Project Manager requested Commission members' feedback on the Rocky Point Park Master Plan, and the following was noted:

- the underutilized parks in the City could be activated to improve neighbourhoods and help alleviate the demand on Rocky Point Park;
- the outdoor pool is a valuable asset and in high demand over the summer;
- the land at the end of the bay could be filled in to create more land and help address sea level rise and climate change concerns; and
- a decrease in onsite parking and non-resident access to the boat launch could help reduce demand.

Staff noted the following in response to Commission members' questions:

- parks and open spaces programming will be reviewed with a City-wide lens to help balance the desires and needs of the community and the needs of special programming, and to determine the types of programming suitable for each park;
- the scope and timeline of the Master Plans have not been finalized and the Commission will receive an opportunity to review and provide further feedback on the Draft Master Plans;
- the City is scheduled to undertake a sea level rise project to understand how the shoreline can defend against sea level rise, including climate change and greenhouse gas mitigation considerations;
- there are environmental elements in the Tidal Park that must be considered, including bird habitat and species at risk; and
- the data used for the Master Plans includes current GIS analysis and current proposed park areas.

The Director of Environment and Parks provided an overview of the Old Orchard Park – Visioning Exercise and requested Commission members' feedback on the Questions for Discussion, including Essential Park Experiences to Preserve; New Park Experiences to Add, and the Role of Old Orchard Park in City's Park System.

John Grasty left the meeting at this point and did not return.

Action: The Committee Coordinator to email the Old Orchard Park – Visioning Exercise Questions for Discussion to the Commission by Friday, September 10, 2021.

Action: Commission members to email completed Old Orchard Park – Visioning Exercise Questions for Discussion to Ding Yu at dyu@portmoody.ca by Saturday, September 25, 2021.

Shoreline Trail Boardwalk

4.2 Presentation: Tim Aucott, Senior Project Engineer Attachment: Inlet Trail Boardwalk Revitalization Project

The Senior Project Engineer gave a presentation on the Inlet Trail Boardwalk Revitalization Project, including information about the project's scope, key issues, extents, objectives, and progress to-date.

The Senior Project Engineer requested feedback from the Commission on the Project, and the following was noted:

- the boardwalk could be widened to accommodate two-way traffic and different user types;
- the design should consider projected future sea level rise changes;
- a floating boardwalk design could be considered to counteract sea level rise challenges;
- the location could include more signage about environmentally sensitive areas to help inform visitors and pet owners about the negative impacts of entering the areas; and
- the signage could be interactive using QR codes and would provide opportunities to share a range of information.

The Senior Project Engineer noted the following in response to the Commission's questions:

- the entire trail system will be reviewed for accessibility opportunities;
- the new design will most likely incorporate a railing;
- the designs being considered include a floating boardwalk and a design that can be constructed at current sea level which can then be raised in the future without having to undertake a full replacement;
- the City is considering plantings to deter animals from entering environmentally sensitive areas; and
- the City is considering installing interpretive signage to highlight the environmental features of the area.

COVID-19 Updates

4.3 The Manager of Recreation advised that proof of vaccination will be required to gain entry to the Recreation Complex beginning Monday, September 13, 2021.

The Superintendent of Parks advised that face covering signage has been reinstated and that COVID safety measures at parks are in alignment with Provincial Health Officer orders.

The Project Manager and the Senior Project Engineer left the meeting at this point and did not return.

**2021 Sports Award
90(1)(b)**

4.4 PRC21/014

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT, pursuant to section 90 of the *Community Charter*, this portion of the Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission be closed to the public as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:

- **90(1)(b) – personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity.**

The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission recessed at 8:39pm and reconvened at 8:52pm.

5. Information

Staff Updates

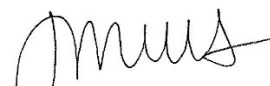
- 5.1 Staff noted that the Town Centre Tennis Court Renewal Project is scheduled for completion on Monday, September 14, 2021, and that a playground replacement asset management project will be commencing shortly.

6. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:02pm.



Councillor Hunter Madsen,
Chair



Jennifer Mills,
Committee Coordinator