



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission held on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 via Zoom.

Present

Councillor Amy Lubik – Chair
John Callaghan
John Grasty
Kyla Knowles
Wilhelmina Martin
Connie Meisner
Leah Song

Absent

Councillor Hunter Madsen – Vice-Chair
Haven Lurbiecki (Regrets)
Pedram Moshirfatemi (Regrets)
Cleone Todgham (Regrets)
Megan Traverse (Regrets)

In Attendance

Esin Gozukara – Committee Coordinator
Devin Jain – Manager of Cultural Services
Kevin Jones – Senior Planner
Jim LaCroix – Manager of Recreation
Anna Mathewson – General Manager of Community Services
Robbie Nall – Superintendent of Parks
Julie Pavey-Tomlinson – Director of Environment and Parks

Also In Attendance

Derek Lee, Principal, PWL Partnership
Matthew McClenaghan, Senior Vice President, Development, Edgar Development
Matthew Wood, Principal, Acton Ostry Architects

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Minutes

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2.1 PRC22/013
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Woodland Park – Park System

4.1 Presentation: Edgar Group, PWL Partnership, and Pooni Group Attachment: Woodland Park – Park System

Matthew Wood, Acton Ostry Architects, Derek Lee, PWL Partnership, and Matthew McClenaghan, Edgar Development, gave a presentation on Woodland Park – Park System, and noted the following:

- Woodland Park project will be built in seven phases, and Hub Park and Cecile Bend Park are planned to be built during Phase 3 and 5a respectively;
- 13 acres of Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) and park space will be dedicated to the City upon completion of the project, and two-to-one tree replacement will be in place;
- the project's commitment is to provide two major park spaces as well as a network of publicly accessible Multi-Use Path (MUP);
- a permeable green network is envisioned where the surrounding neighbourhood will feel welcomed, and they will navigate it with ease without gates or fences on site;
- Hub Park will address specific recreation needs, and a variety of active and passive programming will be in place;
- MUP nodes will accommodate seating, public art placements, and cooling stations for dogs;
- a strata path located along Angela Drive and Cecile Drive will accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists;
- part of Cecile Bend Park could be used for events as the slope in that area creates a natural amphitheatre, and a deck could be added for yoga and relaxation, as well as smaller events;
- a fenced dog park is planned to be created, and a smaller plaza could accommodate food trucks and seating in Cecile Bend Park;
- Hub Park will include retail spaces, a small grocery store, and a daycare, and the exterior play area for the daycare is outside of the park area and will be designed separately;
- a shallow water feature, dog park, and cooling area for dogs are also planned for Hub Park;
- creating places that speak to the history and

environmental context of the place is a priority of the project;

- since the project is still at the planning stage, there are opportunities to detail out the programs and how they interact with each other; and
- a large black wall on one of the buildings will be activated with a public art installation.

The Commission noted the following:

- since the ESA cannot be utilized like a park, the total usable park space that will be added is important;
- future maintenance costs of the parks for the City should be considered;
- MUPs should be wider, approximately four metres would have been ideal;
- misting stations for residents to use during extreme heat events could be added to the park spaces; and
- public washrooms should be added to the design.

Mr. Wood, Mr. Lee, and Mr. McClenaghan noted the following in response to questions from the Commission:

- a two-to-one tree replacement ratio will be followed, and there will be an increase in canopy coverage in time as the newly planted trees grow;
- tree species will be selected that ensure biodiversity, deciduous trees, and trees that can grow tall are planned to be planted, and there will be enhancement planting for the ESA;
- three acres of usable park space will be created through this project;
- MUP on the streetscape will be bidirectional, designed to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists, and 3.5 metres wide throughout;
- the trail is planned to be three metres wide but in some areas, it will be two metres to accommodate the physical conditions of the site;
- the design work for Phases 1 to 3 is farther along, the construction is scheduled to begin in 2023, and development agreements will set out the terms for the management of the parks;
- for construction of Phases 1 to 3, removal and replacement of trees are required, and more mature trees are planned to be identified for retention in Phases 4 and 5;
- all the trees within the ESA will be retained, and a great effort will be put in for enhancement of the area by following the rules and principles in place;
- some of the trees along Angela Drive and Cecile Drive

will be removed to build the MUP, as building around them would negatively impact their health;

- all trees in Cecile Bend Park will be retained;
- root pruning may cause a decline in the old trees, and it may be better to plant new ones;
- the parks will be fully accessible, and there are some steeper sections of the MUP, but different options will be provided through a more integrated network of pathways;
- Phase 3 is scheduled to be built first; therefore, the dog park will be available to residents in the short term; and
- public washrooms are planned to be built in Hub Park, and at the corner of the retail building.

The Senior Planner noted the following in response to questions from the Commission:

- Chateau Place is not included in this project, an Official Community Plan (OCP) Update is in progress, and currently there are no changes in surrounding parcels;
- the applicants secured one of the strata parcels in Highview Place for a road alignment to be built;
- the status of neighbouring areas of the ravine will not be evaluated under this application; and
- the next stage for this project is the receipt of staff comments.

The Superintendent of Parks noted that Hub Park will be classified as a neighbourhood park, the Parks Master Plan determines that the area is missing a park, and the ESA will be classified as a natural park.

Mr. Wood, Mr. Lee, Mr. McClenaghan, and the Senior Planner left the meeting at this point and did not return.

Pioneer Park Rentals 4.2 Devin Jain, Manager of Cultural Services

The Manager of Cultural Services noted the following:

- staff and the Brewhalla event organizers met to determine the most suitable location for the event, and agreed to move the event location to Inlet Field, as construction is not scheduled to commence on the Field until after the event;
- dependant on the outcome of the event; there may be an opportunity to host the event annually; and
- Crossroads Hospice Society, event organizers, and staff have met several times, and the Society was supportive of the event being held at Pioneer Memorial Park,

provided that they were given the opportunity to be included in the event to showcase their work.

The Commission expressed support for the change of location for Brewhalla and advised that any future events planned at Pioneer Memorial Park should be carefully vetted and the location should only be considered as a last resort. The Commission also noted that the Society deserves the recognition for the work that they do, and that feedback was received from Pioneer Memorial Park users advising they were upset with the event being held at Pioneer Memorial Park.

The Manager of Cultural Services and Wilhelmina Martin left the meeting at this point and did not return.

Neighbourhood Park Promotion Working Group Update

4.3 Neighbourhood Park Promotion Working Group

The Neighbourhood Park Promotion Working Group noted that after staff provides neighbourhood park maps, the next steps are to identify several parks to visit to make observations, prepare recommendations, and make a presentation to the Commission. The Neighbourhood Park Promotion Working Group also noted that an inventory of City parks along with a list of future parks would be useful.

Sports Award Nomination

4.4 Jim LaCroix, Manager of Recreation
Attachment: Sports Award

The Manager of Recreation provided an overview of the Sports Award, and noted the following:

- the nomination period is open until August 8, 2022;
- the Commission will identify up to two candidates at the September 2022 meeting to present to Council for consideration;
- Commission members are encouraged to share the information about the award with their networks; and
- except for the clarification regarding residency information, no updates were made on the nomination form.

5. Information

Staff Updates

5.1 The Superintendent of Parks noted the following:

- a stakeholder workshop for Rocky Point and Old Orchard Park Master Plans is scheduled to be held on June 22, 2022, and further information regarding the workshop will be provided;

- details regarding a House Post Walking Tour with the Manager of Cultural Services and the Project Engineer will be shared once a date is determined;
- pop-up events were held at Rocky Point Park (May 27, 2022) and Bert Flinn Park (May 28, 2022) for the Urban Forest Management Strategy; and
- a survey for the Urban Forest Management Strategy and Tree Protection Bylaw Review will be available on *Engage Port Moody*.

6. Adjournment

6.1 The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.



Councillor Amy Lubik,
Chair



Esin Gozukara,
Committee Coordinator