



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Parks and Environment Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Environment Committee held on Monday, June 19, 2023, via Zoom.

Present

Councillor Diana Dilworth, Chair
John Callaghan
John Grasty
Trevor Kouyoumjian (arrived at 7:02pm)
Wilhelmina Martin (arrived at 7:03pm)
Pedram Moshirfatemi (departed at 8:05pm)
Damien Regan
Kevin Ryan
Cleone Todgham

Absent

Councillor Callan Morrison, Vice-Chair

In Attendance

Tim Aucott – Senior Project Engineer
Jody Fitzpatrick – Acting Recreation Manager
Anna Matthewson – General Manager of Community Services
Julie Pavey-Tomlinson – Director of Environment and Parks
Chad Siemens – Project Manager
Vanessa Washington – Legislative Services Coordinator

Also in Attendance

Megan Turnock, Lees and Associates (re item 6.1)

1. Call to Order

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1.1 The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

2. Territorial Land Acknowledgement

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2.1 The Chair provided the territorial land acknowledgement.

Agenda

3. Adoption of the Agenda

3.1 PEC23/003

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the agenda of the June 19, 2023, Parks and Environment Committee be adopted as circulated.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes

4.1 PEC23/004

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Parks and Environment Committee meeting held on May 15, 2023, be adopted.

5. Unfinished Business

6. New Business

Parkland Strategy Update

6.1 Presentation: Megan Turnock, Lees and Associates

The Lees and Associates representative, Megan Turnock, gave a presentation entitled “Project Update: Engagement Results” and referred to slides contained in the agenda package.

Committee discussion ensued, with the following being noted:

- only certain park spaces appear to be exceeding capacity, many green spaces seem underused in the city;
- most playgrounds would be considered accessible in Port Moody as they meet the majority of requirements;
- three types of parks exist: local parks, neighbourhood parks, and district parks, and each fulfil different needs for residents;
- Rocky Point Park is often over capacity; while local parks are under capacity;
- residents are sometimes unable to utilize parks when they want to due to capacity issues;
- accessible parking during events at parks needs to be considered more thoroughly;
- with population growth and increased density, keeping parks from overcrowding should be a priority; and
- Bert Flinn Park is not accessible, and washrooms should be added to help remedy this.

The Chair noted the following:

- the increase of park use during the COVID-19 pandemic was substantial and usage levels have remained the same since; and
- parkland is being donated in new developments, such as in the Coronation Park development.

The Lees and Associates representative and staff answered questions regarding the following topics:

- the format and accessibility of the online parkland strategy survey;
- how the City stays abreast of accessibility requirements in parks and how new requirements are met;
- how accessibility requirements are expanding; and
- how to ensure park users are the ones using the parking spaces at parks.

The Lees and Associates representative left the meeting at this point and did not return.

**Shoreline Trail
Boardwalk
Replacement**

6.2 Presentation: Project Manager

Staff gave a presentation entitled “Shoreline Trail Boardwalk Replacement Project Update” and referred to slides contained in the agenda package.

Committee discussion ensued, with the following being noted:

- raising the height of the boardwalk is positive for safety reasons; and
- anti-slip measures are extremely important and should be evaluated carefully.

Staff answered questions regarding the following topics:

- the height of the new boardwalk;
- the weight capacity of the new boardwalk;
- maintenance vehicle access on the boardwalk;
- the type of material and surfacing being used;
- the funding sources for the project, such as grants; and
- if the boardwalk will be deemed a multi-use pathway.

Pedram Moshirfatemi and the Senior Project Engineer left the meeting at this point and did not return.

**Fees and Charges
Bylaw – Proposed
Updates**

6.3 Verbal Report: Acting Manager of Recreation

Staff provided an overview of the proposed updates to the Fees Bylaw and noted the following:

- fees are primarily determined by reviewing fees in other municipalities and inflation;
- there is a proposed 3% increase to all rates;
- the Super Senior fee increase will be eliminated; and
- youth rates are low compared to other municipalities.

Staff and the Chair answered questions regarding the following topics:

- Coquitlam’s funding sources for recreation programs;
- if Port Moody would consider adopting a residents first policy regarding enrolling in programs; and
- the difference in amenities in community halls and how this affects the fee structure.

PEC23/005

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the Parks and Environment Committee recommends:

THAT the proposed updates to the Fees Bylaw be approved as presented at the Parks and Environment Committee meeting held on June 19, 2023.

7. Information

Chair Update

7.1 The Chair provided the following update:

- National Indigenous Peoples Day is being celebrated at Rocky Point Park on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, with a House Post Blessing Ceremony and Feast.

Staff Update

7.2 The Director of Environment and Parks provided the following updates:

- 50 storm drains were marked with the help of local Girl Guides;
- evening bat counts are taking place throughout the summer and a program to loan Bat Packs from the Library is being created;
- the City will be implementing a monthly social media theme: June is storm drains and July will be plastic;
- trees are being ordered now for tree planting that will take place in the fall;

- the Queens Park pop-up park is complete and the pop-up park at Kyle Park is nearly done;
- Yoga in the Park took place on June 13, 2023, and Zumba in the Park took place on June 19, 2023; and
- each day in July and August between 10am and 3pm, two recreation leaders are scheduled to be at a different park and will be activating the space through activities, sports and arts and crafts.

Seniors Focus and Youth Focus Committee Updates

7.3 There were no Seniors Focus or Youth Focus Committee updates at this time.

8. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:49pm.



Councillor Diana Dilworth,
Chair



Vanessa Washington,
Legislative Services
Coordinator