



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Parks and Environment Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Environment Committee held on Monday, October 16, 2023, via Zoom.

Present

Councillor Diana Dilworth, Chair
John Callaghan
Gregory Curtis (joined at 7:04pm)
John Grasty
Trevor Kouyoumjian
Elva Ly, Youth Focus Committee Representative
Wilhelmina Martin
Pedram Moshirfatemi (joined at 7:05pm)
Kevin Ryan

Absent

Councillor Callan Morrison, Vice-Chair
Damian Regan
Cleone Todgham

In Attendance

Sarah Livingstone – Environmental Technician
Bryan Moffatt – Urban Forestry Supervisor
Julie Pavey-Tomlinson – Director of Environment and Parks
Sandy Tolentino – Project Manager
Vanessa Washington – Legislative Services Coordinator
Ding Yu – Project Manager, Parks Planning

1. Call to Order

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

2. Territorial Land Acknowledgement

The Chair provided the territorial land acknowledgement.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda

3.1 PEC23/011

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the agenda of the October 16, 2023, Parks and Environment Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes

4.1 PEC23/012

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Parks and Environment Committee meeting held on September 11, 2023, be adopted.

5. Unfinished Business

6. New Business

Trail Network Plan

6.1 Presentation: Project Manager

Staff gave a presentation entitled "Trail Network Plan" and referred to slides contained in the agenda package.

The Committee discussed the Trail Network Plan, noting that:

- the connectivity improvements between parks are highly anticipated; and
- washroom facilities and a rest area should be considered at Bert Flinn Park.

Staff answered questions regarding the following topics:

- the community feedback received regarding trails;
- if trail counters are used;
- development cost charges;
- the projected completion date for the Shoreline Trail;
- if certain classes of trails will become a priority with projected population growth; and
- the City's process for requests for proposals.

Tree Bylaw Update

- 6.2 Presentation: Project Manager, Manager of Policy Planning and Diamond Head Consulting Representative Camille Lefrançois

The Diamond Head Consulting Representative, Camille Lefrançois, gave a presentation entitled “Tree Protection Bylaw Review” and referred to slides contained in the on-table package.

The Committee discussed the tree bylaw update, noting that protecting trees should be prioritized rather than replacing them.

Staff answered questions regarding the following topics:

- non-native tree plantings in Port Moody;
- application of the two-for-one tree replacement strategy;
- tree canopy coverage;
- application of the tree bylaw in School District No. 43 lands; and
- penalties related to the removal of personally planted trees.

Invasive Species Management

- 6.3 Presentation: Environmental Technician

Staff gave a presentation entitled "Invasive Plant Management Program" and referred to slides contained in the agenda package.

The Committee discussed invasive species management, noting that:

- restrictions on the use of chemicals makes eradication of Japanese Knot Weed difficult;
- collaborating with strata councils on invasive species work would be impactful; and
- the Condominium Home Owners Association of BC (CHOA) could be a beneficial organization to work with.

PEC23/013

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the meeting be extended for up to ten minutes.

Staff answered questions regarding Japanese Beetles and unattended invasive species in the City.

Elva Ly left the meeting at this point and did not return.

7. Information

Chair Update

7.1 The Chair noted that the City is seeking input on how to best enhance and maximize spaces at Rocky Point Park and Old Orchard Park and encouraged the Committee to fill out the survey online on *Engage Port Moody*.

Staff Update

7.2 Staff provided the following updates:

- coastal flooding strategy work has begun;
- the Steam and Drainage Bylaw is being updated;
- in-stream work has been completed;
- trees are being removed and replaced along Forest Parkway for safety reasons; and
- the Tri-Cities Urban Forum is coming up at Douglas College.

Seniors Focus and Youth Focus Committee Updates

7.3 There were no Seniors Focus and Youth Focus Committee updates.

8. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm.

Councillor Diana Dilworth,
Chair

Vanessa Washington,
Legislative Services Coordinator