

City of Port Moody

Minutes

Parks and Environment Committee

Monday, April 15, 2024 7:01pm Electronic Webinar via Zoom

Present:	Councillor D. Dilworth, Chair John Callaghan Greg Curtis (joined at 7:04pm) John Grasty Sterling James Trevor Kouyoumjian Jonas McConville Damian Regan Cleone Todgham
Absent:	Councillor H. Lurbiecki, Vice-Chair Pedram Moshirfatemi Andrea Rempel (Leave of Absence)
In Attendance:	Arsh Dhillon – Legislative Services Coordinator Bryan Moffatt – Urban Forestry Supervisor (re item 6.2) (left at 8:15pm) Julie Pavey-Tomlinson – Director of Environment and Parks Nathan Taylor – Manager of Recreation Ding Yu – Project Manager of Parks and Planning (re item 6.1) (left at 7:53pm)
Also in Attendance:	Camille Lefrancois, Diamond Head Consulting (re item 6.1) (left at 7:53pm)

1. Call to Order

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

2. Territorial Land Acknowledgement

The Chair provided the territorial land acknowledgment.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

3.1 Agenda

PEC24/006

THAT "Leave of Absence Request - Andrea Rempel" be added to the agenda as item 6.5;

AND THAT the agenda of the April 15, 2024, Parks and Environment Committee meeting be adopted as amended.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Minutes

PEC24/007

THAT the minutes of the Parks and Environment Committee meeting held on March 18, 2024, be adopted.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

5. Unfinished Business

6. New Business

6.1 Tree Protection Bylaw Update - Review and Provide Feedback

Presentation: Project Manager of Parks and Planning and Supervisor of Urban Forestry

Greg Curtis joined the meeting at this point.

Camille Lefrancois, Diamond Head Consulting, gave a presentation entitled "Tree Protection Bylaw Updates" and referred to slides contained within the on-table package.

Committee discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

- communications with Port Moody residents regarding changes to the Bylaw and long-term community plan;
- permitting requirements when trees are an imminent risk to property and residents;
- replacement ratio at other local municipalities;
- requested information about any test pilots completed to see real impact of the proposed changes;
- changes to the permitting process; and
- studies conducted on survivorship of trees when using certain replacement ratios.

Camille Lefrancois left the meeting at this point and did not return.

The Project Manager of Parks Planning left the meeting at this point and did not return.

6.2 Urban Forest Management Strategy - Implementation Update

Presentation: Supervisor of Urban Forestry

The Urban Forestry Supervisor gave a presentation entitled "Take Root' Tree Giveaway" and referred to slides contained within the agenda package.

Committee discussion ensued regarding the following topic:

- providing information to residents about how new regulations will impact them;
- opportunities for collaboration with local community organizations;
- opportunities to engage the community; and
- canopy coverage statistics in Port Moody compared to other local municipalities.

The Urban Forestry Supervisor left the meeting at this point and did not return.

6.3 Feasibility Study for New Recreation or Community Facilities

Presentation: Manager of Recreation

The Manager of Recreation gave a presentation entitled "Feasibility Study for New Recreation Facilities - Overview" and referred to slides contained within the agenda package.

Committee discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

- looking at failures and successes of new recreation facilities at neighbouring municipalities to mitigate risks;
- youth accessibility to recreation facilities;
- lack of bike jumps for youth;
- planning location and construction of recreation facilities based on new housing requirements from the provincial government; and
- avoiding construction of single purpose facilities and combining buildings with other community needs.

6.4 Pilot Project - Seasonal Decorating in Pioneer Park

Memo: Environmental Technician

The Director of Environment and Parks provided a verbal report including a brief history, and an overview of the timelines and deliverables.

Committee discussion ensued regarding initiative restrictions for the program, including parks included in the program.

6.5 Leave of Absence Request - Andrea Rempel

The Legislative Services Coordinator provided information regarding the Leave of Absence request.

PEC24/008

THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Andrea Rempel for the April 2024, May 2024, and June 2024, Parks and Environment Committee Meetings.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

7. Information

7.1 Chair Updates

There were no updates at this time.

7.2 Staff Updates

The Director of Parks and Environment provided an update of upcoming events in the City of Port Moody.

The Manager of Recreation provided an update on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Play in the Parks Program.

7.3 Seniors Focus and Youth Focus Committee Updates

There were no updates at this time.

8. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:01pm.

Councillor D. Dilworth, Chair

A. Dhillon, Legislative Services Coordinator