



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Parks and Environment Committee

Monday, November 18, 2024
Electronic Webinar via Zoom
at 7:00 pm

Present: Councillor D. Dilworth, Chair
John Callaghan
John Grasty
Sterling James
Trevor Kouyoumjian
Jonas McConville
Pedram Moshirfatemi
Andrea Rempel
Cleone Todgham

Absent: Councillor H. Lurbiecki, Vice-Chair
Christa Overbury
Damian Regan (Regrets)

In Attendance: Arsh Dhillon – Legislative Services Coordinator
Julie Pavey-Tomlinson – General Manager of Community Services
Nathan Taylor – Manager of Recreation
Sandy Tolentino – Project Manager of Engineering and Operations (re: item 6.2) (left 8:14pm)

Also in Attendance: Stephen Slawuta, RC Strategies (re: item 6.2) (left 8:14pm)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

2. Territorial Land Acknowledgement

The Chair provided the territorial land acknowledgement.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

3.1 Agenda

PEC24/021

THAT the agenda of the November 18, 2024, Parks and Environment Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Minutes

PEC24/022

THAT the October 21, 2024, Parks and Environment Committee minutes amend Item 6.3 discussion point “the possibility of an indoor pool” to “potential about an indoor pool somewhere in the city in the future”.

AND THAT the minutes of the Parks and Environment Committee meeting held on October 21, 2024, be adopted as amended.

5. Unfinished Business

6. New Business

6.1 2024 Committee Annual Report

Presentation: Manager of Recreation

Staff discussed the 2024 Parks and Environment Committee Annual Report and gave an overview of the key activities from this year as well as suggested focus areas for next year.

Committee discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

- opportunity in the future for committee members to participate in a meaningful manner using taskforces or subcommittees; and
- clarification on discussions regarding the Boathouse Restaurant Lease Agreements.

PEC24/023

THAT the Parks and Environment Committee endorse the 2024 Parks and Environment Committee Annual Report.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

6.2 Recreation Facilities Engagement Study

Presentation: Project Manager, Engineering & Operations and Stephen Slawuta, RC Strategies

Stephen Slawuta gave a presentation entitled “Recreation Facilities Study – Engagement Findings Summary Prepared by RC Strategies for the City of Port Moody” and referred to slides contained within the on-table package.

Committee discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

- citizen satisfaction analysis;
- Port Moody residents using public or private facilities at other municipalities;
- Leisure or recreation adjacent activities, for example, bbq space;

- distribution of recreation facilities throughout the city based on population density;
- indoor pool somewhere in the city;
- priority access to recreation programs registration for port moody residents;
- engagement with staff regarding their experience working at the facilities and feedback, including engagement with future youth who might work at the facilities;
- prioritization of resident needs over other groups and organizations who rent facilities;
- opportunities for multi-use facilities; and
- future engagement with the Parks and Environment Committee and next steps.

PEC24/024

THAT the “Recreation Facilities Study – Engagement Findings Summary Prepared by RC Strategies for the City of Port Moody” presentation presented on November 18, 2024, be received for information.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

Stephen Slawuta, RC Strategies, left the meeting at this point and did not return.

Project Manager of Engineering and Operations left the meeting at this point and did not return.

6.3 Priority Registration in Recreation Programs

Report: Manager of Recreation

The Chair provided brief overview regarding the Council decision for priority registration in recreation programs due to the trends at neighbouring municipalities and supporting residents of Port Moody.

The Manager of Recreation referred to the report entitled “Priority Recreation Registration for Port Moody Residents - Review of Pilot Project” contained within the agenda package.

Committee discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

- concerns regarding Port Moody resident ability to register for stick and puck drop-in sessions;
- popularity of stick and puck program at other municipalities;
- opportunity to review popular drop-in recreation programs;
- trends in registration for programs;

- culture of sharing facilities in the tri-cities; and
- challenges of two rinks and fair ice-time utilization.

PEC24/025

THAT the report considered at the Regular Council Meeting of November 12, 2024, - Priority Recreation Registration for Port Moody Residents - Review of Pilot Project - be received for information.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

7. Information

Jonas McConville provided an overview of the Mayor's Youth Summit highlighting feedback from youth, high levels of engagement, and success of the event.

7.1 Chair Updates

The Chair provided an update on:

- Committee appointments and deadline to apply; and
- Rocky Point Park and Old Orchard Park Master Plan endorsement by Council.

7.2 Staff Updates

The General Manager of Community Services provided an update on the new hire for the Director of Environment & Parks, Erin Embly.

The Committee engaged in roundtable discussions regarding community engagement, use of civic facilities, update on community projects, and future park projects.

8. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:52pm.

Councillor D. Dilworth, Chair

A. Dhillon, Legislative Services
Coordinator