



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Parks and Environment Committee

Wednesday, November 26, 2025
Electronic Meeting via Zoom
at 7:03 pm

Present: Councillor K. Knowles, Chair
Jacquie Boyer (Senior Focus Committee Representative)
John Callaghan
Stuart Doyle
Nicki Forster
Sterling James
Trevor Kouyoumjian
Lydia Mynott

Absent: Councillor C. Morrison, Vice-Chair
Pedram Moshirfatemi
Damian Regan
Luke Stannard

In Attendance: Tanya Bettles, Manager of Environment
Erin Embley, Director of Environment and Parks
Janis Knaupp, Legislative Services Coordinator
Sarah Livingstone, Environment Technician
Nathan Taylor, Manager of Recreation

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

PEC25/014

THAT the agenda of the November 26, 2025, Parks and Environment Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Minutes

PEC25/015

THAT the minutes of the Parks and Environment Committee meeting held on October 8, 2025, be adopted.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

5. Unfinished Business

6. New Business

6.1 Invasive Species Management Strategy

Presentation: Environmental Technician

Staff gave a presentation titled “Invasive Plant Management Program & Strategy” highlighting priority species, how they thrive, importance of a management plan, and about the City’s strategy, efforts, timing, and scope of work.

The Committee discussed the following topics:

- create a mailer photo card for residents to identify and report priority invasive species; and
- the invasive species removal volunteer event at Seaview Park on November 30, 2025, in partnership with the Lower Mainland Green Team and Green Teams Canada.

In response to questions, staff informed the Committee that:

- residents can report invasive species by emailing environment@portmoody.ca or by phoning City Operations; and
- Scotch Broom is a fire hazard due to flammable plant oils, dry plant material when it dies back, and tend to grow in large amounts.

6.2 General Environment Program Updates

Presentation: Environmental Technician

Staff gave a presentation titled “Parks and Environment Committee” providing an update on various projects including Habitat Islands, Lower Suter Brook restoration, 1440 Ioco Road, proposed housekeeping amendments to the Parks Bylaw, and Contaminated Sites Regulation Policy and Implementation Guide.

Regarding the Lower Suter Brook Restoration Project, the Committee offered comments that:

- consideration should be given to trail realignment route options; and
- nature trail connections are important in high-density communities like Port Moody and should be retained, celebrated, and upgraded.

In response to questions, staff informed the Committee that:

- funding was previously secured to complete the design phase, and staff will seek grant funding to move the project forward;

- realigning and lengthening the tributary adds additional creek area and watercourse capacity reducing flood risk;
- boardwalk and trail realignment aims to enhance habitat, keep people out of habitat areas, and address beaver/flooding impacts;
- relocation of the Works Yard is still under discussion by Council;
- limitations related to alternative trail route alignment; and
- no consideration given to date to close the trail route.

In response to further questions, staff informed members that:

- underground oil and fuel storage tanks are dealt with through the *Fire Code*, and potentially the *Environmental Management Act* with contamination remediation needs; and that banks require developers to conduct contaminated site assessment as a condition of financing, which would be considered through the development application process;
- the primary purpose of the Habitat Islands is habitat and beach protection, addressing impacts of sea level rise, and erosion prevention; there are not plans to encourage public use of the area; and
- Council received a request from Mossom Creek Hatchery to dedicate property at 1440 loco Road as parkland; the site is not suitable for residential development.

6.3 2025 Annual Report - Parks and Environment Committee

Report: Manager of Recreation

Staff referred to the on-table report highlighting suggested 2026 focus areas and a brief summary of the Committee's 2025 work plan activities. Members were informed that the 2026 Work Plan will also include opportunities for the Committee to provide further input on the Kyle Centre Redevelopment Project and an update on the Invasive Species Management Strategy.

PEC25/016

THAT the Parks and Environment Committee endorse the 2025 Parks and Environment Committee Annual Report.

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

7. Information

7.1 Chair Updates

The Chair thanked the Committee for their engagement and efforts in 2025.

7.2 Staff Updates

The Manager of Recreation provided an update regarding:

- the theme for the Mayors Youth Summit, scheduled for February 27, 2026, is health and wellness;
- the Youth Centre in the Recreation Centre is now available to adults and seniors, as part of the 'Youthful Lounge', Monday through Friday 9:00am-3:00pm to gather and make connections; and

- thanks to Committee members for their contributions to the Committee.

The Director of Environment and Parks provided an update regarding:

- staff efforts to keep parking lot areas clear and safe;
- the 'pop-up' being relocated to Pioneer Park;
- the tree bylaw will come forward to Council on January 20, 2026;
- dog management efforts as part of trail and parkland strategies; and
- thanks to Committee members for their contributions in 2025.

7.3 Seniors Focus Committee Updates

Jacque Boyer, Seniors Focus Committee (SFC) Representative, informed the Committee that the SFC also endorsed their 2025 annual report at their last meeting.

8. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:22pm.



Councillor K. Knowles, Chair



J. Knaupp, Legislative Services
Coordinator