



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 in the Brovold Room.

Present

Councillor Steve Milani, Chair
Councillor Hunter Madsen, Vice-Chair
Barry Brown
Tyler Brown
Ruth Cox
Haven Lurbiecki
Steve McGinley
David Parker
Jeff Poste
Rajeev Sharma
Megan Traverse
Matthew Turnell

Absent

John Callaghan (Regrets)
Edward Dwyer (Regrets)
Caitlin Hickenbotham (Regrets)
Kate Le Souef (Regrets)

In Attendance

Lesley Douglas – General Manager of Parks and Environment
Kurt Frei – Environmental Technician
Jim LaCroix – Manager of Recreation
Jennifer Mills – Committee Coordinator
Julie Pavey-Tomlinson – Manager of Parks

1. Call to Order

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- 1.1 The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes

2.1 PRC19/016

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 be adopted.

The agenda order was varied at this point.

**Bear Management
Strategy – Update**

4. New Business

4.1 Lesley Douglas, General Manager of Environment and Parks

The General Manager of Environment and Parks and the Environmental Technician gave a presentation on Bear Management Strategy and noted the following:

- the City has applied to the Bear Smart Community Program that is aimed at addressing the root causes of bears and people conflicts and educating the public on their role in reducing conflicts;
- there are eight municipalities within BC that have achieved the Bear Smart Community status and these municipalities now have 30% less conflict with bears; and
- the next steps are to develop a human-bear conflict management plan and to apply to the Bear Smart Community Program.

Staff responded to questions regarding bears in Port Moody and the following was noted:

- the Tri-Cities Bear Aware Facebook page was created in August and will be used to promote awareness and share education;
- waste that attracts wildlife may fall under the Unsightly Premises Bylaw and residents are encouraged to file a complaint with the City; and
- meetings are scheduled with School District 43 to include bear-aware education in the curriculum.

The Manager of Parks noted that City recycling and solid waste receptacles are being replaced with bear-proof receptacles, that wildlife information and education is being included in new signage, and that site lines around playgrounds will be expanded for better visuals of wildlife in the area.

The Environmental Technician gave a presentation on the Beaver Management Plan and noted that an updated Beaver Management Plan is scheduled for presentation to Council in the Fall.

The Environmental Technician left the meeting at this point and did not return.

**Parkland Acquisition
Strategy Working
Group – Update**

*Amended by resolution
PRC19/018*

- 4.2 Haven Lurbiecki gave a presentation on the Parkland Acquisition Subcommittee Interim Report and noted that the ~~outline has been drafted and~~ full draft report will be presented at the October meeting.

The Chair and Vice-Chair noted that this is a very complex subject and thanked the Parkland Acquisition Strategy Working Group for their contributions.

Staff responded to Commission member's questions on the Parkland Acquisition Strategy and the following was noted:

- park and trail usage trends will be analysed by reviewing trail counters and statistics on park use trends across North America;
- the Development Cost Charges could be used to enhance parkland; and
- the environmentally sensitive area update will incorporate the ecological network principal that examines how urban ecological elements provide a higher level of connectivity.

**Review of
Happening Guide**

- 4.3 Jim LaCroix, Manager of Recreation
Link: https://www.portmoody.ca/en/recreation-parks-and-environment/resources/Documents/Recreation/Happening-Guides/PM_Happening-Guide_Fall-2019-REVISED.pdf

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

**2019 Sports Award
90(1)(b)**

- 4.4 PRC19/017
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT, pursuant to section 90 of the *Community Charter*, this portion of the Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission be closed to the public as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:

- **90(1)(b) – personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity.**

The agenda order was resumed at this point.

**Rocky Point Park
Visioning Exercise**

3. Unfinished Business

3.1 Attachment: Rocky Point Park Visioning Exercise
File: 01-0360-20-10

The Manager of Parks provided an overview of the Rocky Point Park Visioning Exercise and noted that only four completed exercises had been received.

Action: Commission members to email their completed Rocky Point Park Visioning Exercises to the Manager of Parks at jpavey-tomlinson@portmoody.ca by September 25, 2019.

Action: The Manager of Parks to give a presentation on the completed Rocky Point Park Visioning Exercises at October's meeting.

5. Information

6. Adjournment

6.1 The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.



Councillor Steve Milani,
Chair



Jennifer Mills,
Committee Coordinator