



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 in the Brovold Room.

Present

Councillor Steve Milani, Chair
Councillor Hunter Madsen, Vice-Chair
Tyler Brown (arrived at 7:09pm)
John Callaghan
Ruth Cox
Edward Dwyer
Haven Lurbiecki
David Parker
Jeff Poste (arrived at 7:08pm)
Megan Traverse
Matthew Turnell

Absent

Barry Brown (Regrets)
Caitlin Hickenbotham (Regrets)
Kate Le Souef (Regrets)
Steve McGinley (Regrets)
Rajeev Sharma

In Attendance

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 7:07pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes

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2.1 PRC19/018

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 be amended by replacing “outline has been drafted and” with “full draft report” in Item 4.2 – Parkland Acquisition Strategy Working Group – Update;

AND THAT the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 be adopted as amended.

3. Unfinished Business

**Rocky Point Park
Visioning Exercise**

- 3.1 The Manager of Parks gave a presentation on the Rocky Point Park Visioning Exercise – Summary and provided an overview of the input received from Commission members' submissions.

The Chair requested Commission members' feedback on the exercise questions and the following was noted:

- add parkour to New Park Experiences;
- evaluate the option of limiting the hours of power boat launching;
- encourage visitors to park in nearby parking lots and introduce a shuttle service to transport visitors to the park entrance;
- consider closing the main parking lot;
- widen sidewalks in the park; and
- the large events in parks create a vibrant place that attracts people and generates money for the local economy.

The Manager of Parks noted the following in response to Commission members' questions:

- the boat launch is the only one in Port Moody Arm with access to the Burrard Inlet, the next closest launch is in North Vancouver. The boat launch is used by multiple users including commercial users; this item is anticipated to be included in the scope of work for the Rocky Point Park Master Plan update;
- the boat launch revenue contributes to the costs of the dredging work which is required to maintain boat access during low tides.

Action: The Manager of Parks to incorporate the input received from Commission members and provide an updated report for final review at November's meeting.

4. New Business

Parkland Acquisition Strategy – Subcommittee Update

- 4.1 Haven Lurbiecki provided an overview of the Parkland Acquisition Strategy – Subcommittee Update and requested Commission members' feedback on the report for incorporation into the final version of the report that will be submitted to Council.

Staff and Commission members discussed the report and the following was noted:

- Metro Vancouver's Regional Parks Land Acquisition 2050 has many valuable details that could be beneficial to inform Port Moody's Strategy;
- a greenspace master plan could be developed which would create a database of existing parks and their classifications which is part of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan; and
- the specialization of parks to encourage users to visit different parks should be explored.

The Chair and the Manager of Parks thanked the Subcommittee for their work and noted that this report must be submitted to Council before the end of 2019.

Action: Commission members to email any further feedback on the Subcommittee report to the Manager of Parks at jpavey-tomlinson@portmoody.ca by October 25, 2019.

Trail Network Plan

- 4.2 The Manager of Parks provided a presentation on the inputs into the proposed Trails Network Plan and noted the following:

- the development of a Trail Network Plan has been submitted for consideration as a future capital project which will support climate action, health and recreation, and environmental protection objectives;
- the proposed updates should include a review of universal accessibility requirements for trails and considerations for age-friendly infrastructure that supports trail use for residents of all ages and abilities;
- the overall goal is to provide a coordinated and extended network of trails and bikeways to provide better connectivity; and
- the Parks staff have reinstalled trail counters to provide future data on trail use.

**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.

**No Park Left Behind
– Site Visits**

- 4.4 The Manager of Parks requested Commission members' input on how they would like the site visits to occur.

Commission members suggested that each member can visit the smallest neighbourhood park closest to their residence and report back on their findings.

Action: The Committee Coordinator to email a Port Moody park map to Commission members.

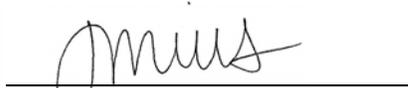
Action: Committee members to visit the smallest neighbourhood park closest to their residence and report back to the Commission at November's meeting.

5. Information

6. Adjournment

- 6.1 The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:01pm.


Councillor Steve Milani,
Chair


Jennifer Mills,
Committee Coordinator