



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Seniors Focus Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Seniors Focus Committee held on Thursday, November 7, 2019 in the Brovold Room.

Present

Councillor Zoë Royer, Chair
Councillor Amy Lubik, Vice-Chair (arrived at 7:02pm)
Yolanda Broderick
Ruth Cox
John Crowther
Paulette Gurski
Malcolm Harkness
Connie Meisner
Tonny Scholten

Absent

Yvonne Harris

In Attendance

Liam McLellan – Social Planner
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 7:00pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes

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2.1 SFC19/020

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Seniors Focus Committee meeting held on Thursday, October 3, 2019 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Trails and Trail Accessibility

4.1 Presentation: Julie Pavey-Tomlinson, Manager of Parks

The Manager of Parks gave a presentation on the Trail Network Discussion and noted the following:

- the proposed Trail Network Plan will look at the trails' length, connectivity, user levels, user satisfaction, accessibility, and wayfinding;
- the goal of the Plan is to have trails that meet the needs of residents of all ages and abilities and to provide access to a range of trail experiences within Port Moody;
- the trails are designed to minimize environmental impacts and are inspected regularly from a risk management perspective; unauthorized trails can cause environmental damage and fragment habitats and are not inspected;
- the operating agreement with TORCA assists in the management of unauthorized trails and improves the safety and quality of the trails;
- trail counters have been reinstalled to gather data on annual user volumes and assist in determining where repairs will be required;
- the development of the Plan will help inform the work that is required to provide greater connectivity with the Master Transportation Plan; and
- the department is transitioning to an electronic work order system that will provide faster responses to maintenance requests and help establish a trail database.

The Manager of Parks answered Committee members' questions and the following was noted:

- the wooden boardwalk in Pigeon Cove is under review with consultants to determine replacement options;
- the trails are graded to shed water to avoid icy conditions and water pooling;
- the artificial lighting of trails in environmentally sensitive areas is challenging as it can effect wildlife and insect behaviour; the use of an LED headlamp is an alternative;
- the park bench inventory is currently being updated; commemorative benches and picnic tables are available through the Port Moody Foundation;
- the maintenance of branches and roots is included in regular maintenance where feasible; however, maintaining the paved surfaces can be difficult within the urban forest environment; and

- the nature trails are inspected and maintained by staff; however, the environmental aspects, archaeological features, and species at risk must be considered when looking at improvements in these areas.

Shoreline Trail Discussion

4.2 The Social Planner provided an update on the Shoreline Trail Field Trip and noted the following recommendations for the Trail:

- washroom signage;
- distance markers;
- more benches between Old Orchard Hall and the Recreation Complex;
- wheelchair parking next to the benches;
- accessible access to the waterfront;
- more garbage and dog waste receptacles; and
- improvements at railway crossing.

Age-Friendly Plan

4.3 The Social Planner gave a presentation on the Age-Friendly Focus Group and requested Committee members' feedback on the following topics:

- civic engagement; and
- health services.

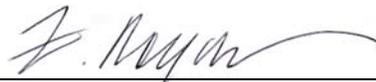
Committee members noted the following that could be included as topics:

- legal and accounting services; and
- resources for volunteering.

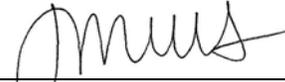
5. Information

6. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:04pm.



Councillor Zoë Royer,
Chair



Jennifer Mills,
Committee Coordinator