

City of Port Moody

Minutes

Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 in the Brovold Room.

Present

Councillor Steve Milani, Chair
John Callaghan
Edward Dwyer
John Grasty
Kate Le Souef
Steve McGinley
David Parker
Jeff Poste
Megan Traverse
Matthew Turnell

Absent

Tyler Brown (Regrets)
Ruth Cox (Regrets)
Haven Lurbiecki (Leave of Absence)

In Attendance

Councillor Hunter Madsen, Vice-Chair (Regrets)
Shashi Bandara – Project Engineer
Lesley Douglas – General Manager of Environment and Parks
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 7:04pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes

2.1 PRC20/005

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Shoreline Trail Project

- 4.1 Presentation: Shashi Bandara, Project Engineer, Engineering and Operations
Attachment: Shoreline Trail Sanitary Sewer and Trail Upgrades Project
File: 01-0360-20-10

The Project Engineer gave a presentation on Shoreline Trail Sanitary Sewer and Trail Upgrades Project and the following was noted:

- the project includes the replacement of two sanitary sewers located parallel to the Canadian Pacific railway tracks;
- the project is multi-phased with both sanitary sewers scheduled for replacement or rehabilitation in the coming years;
- the available funding is for 30% design and funding strategies will be presented to Council for the design and construction phases; and
- the construction is scheduled to begin in February of 2021.

The Project Engineer requested feedback from the Commission to inform the design of the Project and the following was noted:

- widen the entire trail;
- provide more rest areas;
- provide more signage to encourage people to move between Rocky Point Park and Old Orchard Park;
- install steel spans on the bridges;
- provide stroller access to playgrounds;
- provide connections to bike paths;
- provide weight bearing physical activities using environmental assets; and
- promote physical activity for children by providing opportunities such as Risky Play.

Staff noted the following in response to the Commission's feedback:

- the north side of the trail encompasses environmentally sensitive areas making widening the path challenging when attempting to strike a balance with usership and environmental values;
- the wayfinding work will be tied into the Joint Wayfinding Subcommittee work;
- the sanitary sewer budget cannot be used for trail upgrades;

- the railway crossings are being reviewed with Canadian Pacific to create secondary access;
- the lifespan of a new pipe is 75-80 years and about 50 years if trenchless or rehabilitated; and
- the addition of lighting poses environmental concerns and is not recommended as best practice in environmentally sensitive areas.

The Project Engineer left the meeting at this point and did not return.

Invasive Management Program

4.2 Presentation: Lesley Douglas, General Manager, Parks and Environment

The General Manager of Parks and Environment gave a presentation on Invasive Plant Management Program Update and the following was noted:

- the management of invasive plant species began 10-15 years ago and now includes species such as ants and beetles;
- the removal of plants generally occurs during the growing season;
- the Green Team brings people to the site and focusses on the removal of invasive species;
- the follow-up removal and restoration is a challenging area for local governments;
- the Plant Wise Program provides advice on plants you can purchase to replace where invasive ones were removed;
- the Invasive Plant Management training, education, and literature displays are provided at public events;
- the City hopes to hire an employee dedicated to working on invasive plant removal;
- the request for contribution of funds through development applications is included as part of a site's ecological plan;
- the training of staff to be cognizant of new species coming to the region is critical;
- the need for public awareness and education as well as resources is a major barrier; and
- the early detection and rapid response to these issues is critical to eradicating the invasive species.

2020 Work Plan

- 4.3 Attachment: Work Plan Projects for Parks and Recreation Commission
File: 01-0360-20-10

The Manager of Parks provided an overview of the draft 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan and the Commission noted that the establishment of a working group to review the trails and best practices from the region could help inform the Trail Network Plan.

PRC20/006

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the draft 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan be adopted as amended.

Action: The Committee Coordinator to send Megan Traverse’s email address to the Commission for formation of a Trail Network Plan Working Group.

Leave of Absence

- 4.4 Provided on-table.

The Chair provided an overview of the requested leave of absence and requested Commission members’ feedback.

PRC20/007

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT leave of absence be granted for Tyler Brown for the March and April 2020 meetings.

5. Information

Staff Updates

- 5.1 No updates were provided.


Five-Year Capital Plan Parks

- 5.2 Attachment: Parks: Project Costs
File: 01-0360-20-10

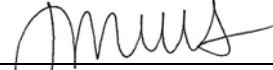
Action: The Manager of Parks to provide an overview of the Five-Year Capital Budget Plan items that require Consultant fees at the next meeting.

6. Adjournment

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



Councillor Steve Milani,
Chair



Jennifer Mills,
Committee Coordinator