



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission held on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 via Zoom.

Present

Councillor Steve Milani, Chair
Councillor Hunter Madsen, Vice-Chair
John Callaghan
Ruth Cox
Edward Dwyer
John Grasty
Kate Le Souef
Haven Lurbiecki
Steve McGinley
David Parker
Jeff Poste
Megan Traverse
Matthew Turnell

Absent

Tyler Brown (Regrets)

In Attendance

Jim LaCroix – Manager of Recreation
Angela Crampton – Sustainability and Energy Specialist
Lesley Douglas – General Manager of Environment and Parks
Jennifer Mills – Committee Coordinator
Robbie Nall – Horticulture Supervisor
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

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2.1 PRC20/011

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Pollinator Project

- 4.1 Presentation: Robbie Nall, Horticulture Supervisor
Attachment: Pollinator Project
File: 01-0360-10-01

The Horticulture Supervisor gave a presentation on the Pollinator Project and the following was noted:

- the Pollinator Project is a new City initiative that focusses on enhancing and creating habitats for Port Moody's pollinators by creating more pollinator gardens and amending existing plantings to be more pollinator-friendly;
- the pollinators increase biodiversity and enhance the ecosystem by carrying pollen from the male to the female flowers which enables the plants to produce fruit and seeds that are vital to our food system;
- there are many native pollinators in BC with new species continually being discovered;
- the major risk posed to native pollinators is habitat loss;
- the Richmond Pollinator Pasture is an example of a local government initiative that improved pollinator habitats and was used as reference for Port Moody's efforts;
- the creation of wildflower pollinator habitats can be seen throughout Port Moody at locations such as the Shoreline Trail Multiuse Path, the Boathouse Raingarden, Glenayre Drive, Heritage Mountain Boulevard, and the Noons Creek triangle bed;
- the residents of Port Moody can help pollinators by avoiding pesticides and neonicotinoids, planting pollinator flowers, and leaving woody debris and stumps for pollinator habitats;
- the keys to pollinator gardens are: embracing a variety of plants to attract all types of pollinators; flower succession planning to have as much coverage as possible throughout the seasons; planting in clusters to make the area easier to see for pollinators; minimizing mulching to lessen habitat impacts; avoiding pesticides; creating pollinator habitats through gardening techniques such as leaving nesting areas by not flush cutting perennials; and using native plants such as gaillardia (blanket flower), agastache, yarrow, scarlet beebalm, swamp milkweed, and sedum purple emperor; and
- the Rocky Point Park Heart Bed is inspired by community art projects, is a tribute to frontline workers, and serves as a reminder to be kind to one another.

The Commission noted the following in response to the Pollinator Project presentation:

- the opportunity to create pollinator gardens in collaboration with local organizations, such as the Heritage Society, could be explored;
- the City could encourage residents to plant pollinator gardens in underutilized areas of their properties by offering incentives or by hosting a contest;
- the City could operate a program where home owners and strata properties would permit the City to plant pollinators on the properties; and
- the opportunity to involve students and seniors at long-term care facilities and The Club could be explored.

Staff noted the following in response to Commission members' questions:

- the summer recreation programming could include programming related to the pollinator gardens;
- the Pollinator Project work could be expanded into community and/or container gardens in the boulevard areas; and
- the implementation of mason bee boxes at the pollinator gardens is being researched and activities could include a community event where participants build the boxes.

The Horticulture Supervisor left the meeting at this point and did not return.

ESA Management Strategy Update

4.2 Presentation: Angela Crampton, Sustainability and Energy Specialist

The Sustainability and Energy Specialist gave a presentation on the Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) Management Strategy Update and the following was noted:

- the Official Community Plan (OCP) includes specific Development Permit Areas (DPA), authorized by the *Local Government Act*, related to environmentally sensitive areas which serve to protect the natural environment, its ecosystems, and biological diversity, and achieve low-impact land development;
- the Strategy update included incorporating landscape, legislative, and regulatory updates, revising zoning boundaries, and modernizing the existing DP process;
- a development application in an ESA triggers a specific evaluation process intended to protect the sensitive natural areas bordering and within developed areas, and

avoid or mitigate effects through low-impact development approaches;

- the ESA Strategy assists in identifying park areas where environmental protection should be the priority or where more sensitive recreation uses are appropriate, where landscapes can enhance nearby habitat, where park dedication should be considered in the development process, or where management prescriptions should take environmental features into consideration;
- the data collection and mapping relied on the use of LiDAR which is aerial imagery that produces accurate 3D relief mapping;
- the Environment and Parks Department, with input from the Planning and Engineering Departments, worked with Diamond Head Consulting to refine the strategy, guidelines, and process to ensure that Port Moody's criteria aligned with the provincial and regional governments;
- the Strategy has classified three types of ESAs: forest, riparian (watercourses, lakes, and wetlands), and marine,;
- the forest ESA update removed the ratings and categorized all areas as sensitive and important;
- the riparian ESA update improved mapping accuracy, captured small stream segments and ditches, and delineated streamside setbacks protected in the Zoning Bylaw;
- the marine ESA update delineated the high watermark and outlined the City's jurisdiction regarding land developments above the high water mark;
- the Environmental DPA includes an assessment area around the ESA that offers the opportunity to identify restoration opportunities for the core habitat, and to ensure the protection of adjacent parkland; and
- the development permit guidelines protect, restore, and enhance ESAs and have differing requirements depending on the proximity and impacts to an ESA, the current site conditions, and the scope and scale of the development.

The Commission noted the following in response to the ESA Management Strategy Update presentation:

- the development applications adhering to the DPA guidelines could be monitored to ensure the areas are being protected;
- the Update could include considerations for climate change and sea level rise impacts; and
- the Sustainability Report Card could include a more detailed section for ESAs.

Staff noted the following in response to Commission members' comments:

- the Climate Action Plan includes the review of impacts to the natural environment and sea level rise, and recommends the undertaking of a sea level rise study;
- the Fraser Basin Council Regional Flood Management Strategy includes coastal flooding modelling for the Lower Mainland; and
- the Port of Vancouver will carry out reviews related marine management, such as shoreline hardening or deck extending, and the process can include multiple agencies.

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Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the Parks and Recreation Commission support the updated information as presented in the Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) Management Strategy Update.

The Sustainability and Energy Specialist left the meeting at this point and did not return.

Agenda items were varied at this point to address item 5.2

Staff Updates

- 4.3 Verbal Report: Julie Pavey-Tomlinson, Manager of Parks

This item was not addressed.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Review

- 4.4 Attachment: Parks and Recreation Master Plan Review
File: 01-0360-10-01

The Manager of Parks provided an overview of Parks and Recreation Master Plan Review and noted that the majority of projects listed are ongoing and many will be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

PRC20/013

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the meeting be extended for up to 30 minutes.

The Commission noted the following in response to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Review:

- the incorporation of more public art in parks and along major trails could include more information on how locations are selected;
- the recommendations developed by the Parkland Acquisition Working Group could help ensure that

- residents have equitable access to parkland, and inform a new parkland supply calculation; and
- the opportunity to improve children's physical activity and literacy should continue to be supported by acting on all grant opportunities.

Staff noted the following in response:

- the incorporation of more public art in parks and along major trails is considered a best practice and the locations selected for display are limited to City land and is led by Cultural Services;
- the development applications are reviewed from a parks perspective to ensure alignment with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the OCP; and
- the grant application for Inlet Field was not accepted and little feedback was provided; the funds are still allocated for the project and the City will reapply when applications are being accepted.

Action: The Parks and Recreation Master Plan Review to be included at a future meeting.

5. Information

Staff Updates

5.1 No updates were provided at this time.

Sports Award Brochure


Attachment: Sports Award Brochure
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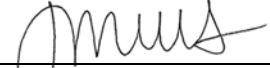
The Manager of Recreation provided an overview of the Sports Award Brochure and advised that the nomination criteria has been revised to include a Youth Sports Award which will be reviewed by the Youth Focus Committee, and that the Commission will review the adult Sports Award nominations in September. The Manager of Recreation requested that Commission members circulate the Sports Award Brochure to sports organizations and encourage the nomination of candidates.

Agenda item were resumed at this point.

6. Adjournment

6.1 The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:27pm.


Councillor Steve Milani,
Chair


Jennifer Mills,
Committee Coordinator