



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 via Zoom.

Present

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

Absent

Steve McGinley (Leave of Absence)

In Attendance

Jim LaCroix – Manager of Recreation
Jennifer Mills – Committee Coordinator
Julie Pavey-Tomlinson – Director of Environment and 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

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2.1 PRC20/017

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

COVID-19 Updates

4.1 The Director of Environment and Parks and the Manager of Recreation provided COVID-19 Updates and the following was noted:

- the Park Host program is scheduled to wrap-up at the end of September 2020; this program was partially funded by the Provincial EMBC Reimbursement and the reinstatement of the Park Host program will be reviewed in the spring 2021;
- the City collaborated with the Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Advisory Committee, Regional Health Authorities, WorkSafe BC, Sport BC/VIA Sport, and BC Recreation and Parks Association to review and develop COVID Safety Plans for Parks and Facilities;
- the COVID-19 signage and safety plans to promote physical distancing will remain in place for the time being; if necessary, permanent signage installations will be reviewed to respond to vandalism of the signs;
- the sports fields have reopened with safety plans and additional considerations for COVID-19 in place;
- the summer revenues from the boat launch increased compared to spring revenues; field rentals and recreation were considerably lower than past years;
- the Recreation Complex has reopened with all activities requiring pre-booking; and
- the Recreation Complex has safety plans in place detailing the maximum number of occupants, markings on the floor, staff monitoring of activities, and regularly scheduled closures for cleaning between bookings.

The Commission noted that the one-way directional flow of the Shoreline Trail is a positive change that could be considered as a permanent alteration.

The Manager of Recreation left the meeting at this point and did not return.

Shoreline House Post Project

- 4.2 Presentation: Julie Pavey-Tomlinson, Director of Environment and Parks
Attachment: Shoreline House Post Project Update, dated October 2020
File: 01-0360-20-10-01

The Director of Environment and Parks provided an overview of the Shoreline House Post Project Update and the following was noted:

- the House Posts are scheduled for installation along the Shoreline Trail and at Rocky Point Park that will represent the Kwikwetlem, Musqueam, Katzie, Tsleil Waututh, and Squamish First Nations;
- the signage will be bilingual in English and Halkomelem, the Coast Salish dialect shared by the Kwikwetlem, Musqueam, and Katzie First Nations;
- the final siting location of some posts will be determined following the archaeological, geotechnical, structural, and environmental surveys of the areas;
- the Cultural Services Division will be reviewing a long-term asset plan for public art which will include the ongoing maintenance of the pieces; and
- the COVID-19 pandemic delayed the scheduled installations for the first two posts, which have now been rescheduled to 2021.

The Commission noted the following:

- the archaeological survey could unearth significant historical evidence; and
- the maintenance plans for the pieces could include the artists' participation to ensure preservation of the art.

Urban Forest Management Strategy

- 4.3 Presentation: Julie Pavey-Tomlinson, Director of Environment and Parks
To be distributed on-table.

The Director of Environment and Parks gave a presentation on Urban Forest Management Strategy and the following was noted:

- the protection of the Port Moody's green spaces is historically among the top priorities identified in community consultation for the Official Community Plan and has resulted in a park network that connects urban forests and habitats together;
- the trees in Port Moody are planned, planted, and maintained within the Urban Forestry Program with the majority of trees located in parks and greenbelts;

- the City of Port Moody is in the Coastal Western Hemlock biogeoclimatic zone which consists of western hemlock, western red cedar and Douglas fir; the second growth forests also have red alder, bigleaf and vine maple;
- the urban forests play a key role in the biodiversity of Port Moody through such things as standing dead or alive wildlife trees providing habitat for wildlife; wildlife habitat consists of food, water, shelter and safe rearing space which are all necessary elements for survival;
- the Urban Forest Management Strategy scope involves publicly and privately owned trees and understory vegetation in urban areas and includes the management of these forests including sustained planning, protection, restoration, and maintenance of trees and their habitats;
- the City's declaration of a Climate Emergency and the Climate Action Plan identified the need for the development of an Urban Forest Management Strategy to preserve the existing urban forests;
- the urban forests are essential to the Climate Action Plan as they can mitigate some of the predicted impacts associated with climate change;
- the initial canopy cover analysis was done to provide baseline information as part of the City's ESA Management Strategy Update in 2019 and found that the city-wide canopy cover is 56%, an overall decrease of 10% since 1999; the city's canopy cover in ESAs has remained constant as a result of these areas being protected by Development Permit Areas and the Tree Protection Bylaw; and
- the Corporate Policy for tree management directs staff to minimize tree removal for capital projects in situations where tree retention is not feasible; capital projects enlist the City's arborist early in the planning process to ensure that the design and construction minimizes the loss of trees and considers tree replacement.

The Commission noted the following:

- the Parkland Acquisition Strategy Working Group report could be included as a supporting document of the Urban Forest Management Plan; and
- the consideration of the psychological benefits of trees and healthy urban forests for the community could be included in the Urban Forest Management Plan.

Staff Updates

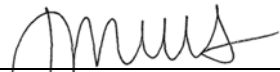
5. Information

- 5.1 There were no updates at this time.

6. Adjournment

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


Councillor Steve Milani,
Chair


Jennifer Mills,
Committee Coordinator