



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Parks and Environment Committee

Monday, November 20, 2023

7:00 pm

Electronic Webinar via Zoom

Present:

Councillor D. Dilworth, Chair
John Callaghan
Greg Curtis
Trevor Kouyoumjian
Wilhelmina Martin
Damian Regan
Cleone Todgham (arrived at 7:18pm)

Absent:

Councillor C. Morrison, Vice-Chair
John Grasty
Pedram Moshirfatemi
Kevin Ryan

In Attendance:

Anna Mathewson – GM of Community Services
Julie Pavey-Tomlinson – Director of Environment and Parks
Emily Phillips – Environmental Technician
Adam Shroff – Legislative Services Coordinator
Nathan Taylor – Manager of Recreation

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

2. Territorial Land Acknowledgement

The Chair provided the territorial land acknowledgement.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

3.1 Agenda

PEC23/014

THAT the agenda of the November 20, 2023, Parks and Environment Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Minutes

PEC23/015

THAT the minutes of the Parks and Environment Committee meeting held on October 16, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

6. New Business

6.1 City Event and Facility Zero Waste Strategy

Staff provided an introduction to the Facility Zero Waste Strategy and noted the following:

- the Sustainable event guide;
- recommendations on signage to communicate plans to park users and event participants;
- procedural changes in handling waste; and
- employee training and metrics.

Committee discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

- use of QR codes to reduce the volume of signage, reduce waste, and provide the ability to update the content easily and promptly; and
- the City's high waste diversion rate comparative to the rest of the region.

6.2 Truth and Reconciliation Project

Staff provided an update on the Truth and Reconciliation Project and noted the following;

- the project was started in 2021;
- recommendations made included training of staff and territorial acknowledgement development;
- a consultant has been involved;
- the project is moving into Phase 2 of the strategy;
- relationships with First Nations groups are evolving;
- the project allows for improved training and learning; and
- there is a staff working group tackling the matter.

Cleone Todgham joined the meeting at this point.

Committee discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

- the hiring of an Indigenous Relations Coordinator;

- the importance of the involvement of first nations and the development of relationship with them;
- the "In the Presence of Ancestors" project;
- the inclusion of the house posts in the Shoreline Trail;
- next steps for Belcarra waterfront cottages;
- the colonial history of the cottages and the recognition of pre and post-colonisation history;
- the Tsleil-Waututh Nation requested that cottages be removed;
- the Bowl House will become a cultural awareness centre;
- the understanding that naming of places would be a collaborative decision between all stakeholders with the inclusion of public engagement;
- the recognition of various immigrant groups to the area; and
- Metro Vancouver's decision making and engagement process such as that included in renaming Belcarra.

6.3 Recreation - Updates

The General Manager of Community Services introduced Nathan Taylor, Manager of Recreation.

Staff gave a presentation entitled "Play in our Parks Inaugural Summer 2023" and referred to slides contained within the on-table package.

Committee discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

- collaboration with youth organisations such as the Scouts and the Guides;
- appreciation for the inclusion of statistics;
- the desire to raise awareness of successes shown through these statistics via social media or other advertisement;
- the importance of communicating examples of ways in which City is benefitting residents;
- the possibility of integration with community events for promotions; and
- negativity on social media and the need to combat it with positive stories.

6.4 Community Stewardship

Staff provided an update on the Community Stewardship program and noted the following:

- a proposed centralised volunteer program;
- various drivers behind the proposed program structure;
- the Port Moody Bear Conservation program is stalled due to application not being recognised by the Province;
- the possibility of having a program for community groups to show off their civic pride;
- the list of criteria for applicants to meet to apply to become an environmental community group;
- examples of such criteria or activities;
- a municipal scan of comparable programs;
- the use of "catchy" names" for promotion; and
- the possible use of seasonal coop students.

Staff gave a presentation entitled "CoNES Program Branded Examples" and referred to slides contained within the on-table package.

Committee discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

- resource efficiencies as a result of combining programs;
- the maximisation of volunteer base;
- need for some form of dedicated coordination staff to manage this program;
- concern regarding volunteers performing some work that falls under City remit;
- the consideration of waivers for volunteers under a certain age;
- concern regarding the role and limit of remit for volunteers;
- overall support for the idea of volunteers;
- the challenges of working with volunteers without careful planning;
- positive increases of volunteerism following the Covid-19 Pandemic;
- the increase in volunteer groups reaching out to the City to provide information and activities for environmental efforts;
- stakeholder group collaboration; and
- efforts to increase volunteerism for seniors managing winter weather activity.

7. Information

7.1 Chair Updates

The Chair reported on the following topics:

- a regional Council-of-Councils meetings has been revived to meet twice per year;
- efforts in shared recreational facilities between municipalities;
- a data sharing regarding recreation program priority and adjacent municipality attendance at programs;
- the desire for an indoor pool in Port Moody; and
- the challenges involved in ongoing operating and upkeep of pools.

7.2 Staff Updates

Staff reported on the following topics:

- construction and landscape installations and design work at Inlet Field;
- the Rocky Point Park Master Plan updates;
- strata bylaw engagement program updates;
- seasonal lighting;
- Shoreline Trail project updates;
- parks staffing updates;
- bylaw updates;
- the exit location of San Remo drive snow removal;
- Master Transportation Plan engagement opportunities in relation to snow removal; and
- engagement opportunities regarding the Official Community Plan.

7.3 Seniors Focus and Youth Focus Committee Updates

The Seniors Focus Committee representative reported on the Age-Friendly recreation study and the desire for a Seniors Centre in Port Moody.

8. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:32pm.



Councillor Diana Dilworth, Chair



Adam Shroff, Legislative Services Coordinator