

PENDER ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (PIPRC)
Minutes of Regular Meeting
10 Mar. 2025 3:30 pm
Zoom/Pender Community Hall

Commissioners: George Leroux (Chair/Treasurer), Andrea Mills, Cecilia Suh, Paul Kubik, Paul Brent, Sandra Tretick, Lisa Baille, Carolyn Cartwright Owers, Tim Frick.
Staff: Lori Seay-Potter (Recorder), Rob Fawcett (Project Coordinator), Ben (Maintenance Contractor) Erin-O'Brien(PICA Restoration contract)

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION to approve the 10 Mar. 2025 PIPRC agenda as amended to include Gowlland Point parking. M-Commissioner Brent, S-Commissioner Tretick. **CARRIED.**

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION to approve the 10 Feb. 2025 PIPRC minutes as corrected. M-Commissioner Kubik, S-Commissioner Brent. **CARRIED.**

4. **CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS ARISING**

4.1 Ellena Road: Commission is considering decommissioning of the trail. ACTION: Lori will contact CRD for background information on the site.

4.2 Dog Waste costs: Rising costs are creating budget pressures for the Commission. Strategies were discussed.

MOTION to discontinue providing dog waste bags effective May 1, 2025 following appropriate notification. M-Commissioner Brent, S-Commissioner Mills. **CARRIED.**

4.3 Dock replacement-Magic Lake swimming hole: For discussion under the Maintenance Contractor report.

5. **COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION**

5.1 Election of 2025 Vice-Chair: Sandra Tretick was acclaimed Vice Chair for 2025.

6. **DELEGATION:** None.

7. **OPERATION REPORTS**

6.1 Maintenance: Ben circulated a report prior to the meeting, and proposed a budget and workplan for an accessible replacement of the dock at the Magic Lake swimming hole for the 2026 Capital budget. A detailed installation plan will be provided for the April meeting. Vehicles are accessing the mudflats at Mortimer Spit - Ben will manage mitigation. Ben noted his support for the proposed Mosaic project with Three in the Tree. Ben will connect with PICA regarding tree management at Thieve's Bay.

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6.2 Restoration: Erin O'Brien's report, on behalf of PICA, was circulated prior to the meeting. Green waste dumping at Shingle Bay- a new NO DUMPING sign will be erected at site by Ben. A new trail at the Danny Martin site is being planned. A new grant will allow PICA to do community education on standing snags.

6.3 Capital Projects: Rob's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Schooner Way: Tree work has begun. Rob attended the proponent visit with bidding contractors. Final decision on award will be made mid-April.

Thieves Bay Pavillion: Ben and Rob visited the site to determine the best possible location for the Pavilion. Next step is an event with a tent installation to mimic the Pavillion footprint. A Canadian manufacturer has been identified. Rob will develop a project budget and plan for presentation to the April 2025 meeting.

Dog Park: Rob reached out to MOTT about enhanced parking capacity and safety at a proposed site. Commission discussed possible engagement strategies and site alternatives.

7. REPORTS

7.1 CRD Director: Director Brent offered thanks for PIPRCs good work.

7.2 Chair's Report: Maintenance Contract has been signed for next 5 years.

7.3 Treasurer Report: Financial year end is underway.

7.4 Communications: Sandra and George will focus April article on restoration work and dog waste issue.

8. PROJECTS

8.1 Projects – Dog Park, Thieves Bay Picnic Pavilion: reported under Operations.

8.2 Trail Inventory & Map Update: Tabled.

8.3 PIPRC Asset Mapping Update: Tabled.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Magic Lake Mosaic Proposal: The Commission agreed to proceed with the installation. ACTION: George will follow up with Three in the Tree.

9.2 Special Event Application - Pender POD/PICA Orca Day:

MOTION to support the special event application for World Orca Day from Pender POD and PICA on July 11, 2025 at Thieve's Bay and to waive any fee. M-Commissioner Brent, S-Commissioner Suh. **CARRIED.**

ACTION: Lori will notify Special Event applicants.

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9.3 **Gowlland Point:** Encouraging active transportation to the site was discussed and was referred to MAP - Moving Around Pender. Paul and Ben will visit site.

10. **NEXT MEETING:** April 14, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.

11. **MOTION TO ADJOURN** The meeting adjourned at 5:03 PM.

Minutes approved at the 2025-04-14 meeting.

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