

Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission

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PIPRC Meeting Minutes: Monday March 9, 2026 @ 3:30 PM

In Attendance: Chair Tim Frick, Comms Andrea Mills, Lisa Baile, Carolyn Cartwright-Owers, Kevin Balmer, Cecilia Suh, Paul Kubik (via Zoom)

Staff: Ben Symons (Maintenance), Rob Fawcett (Projects Coordinator), Melody Pender (CRD), Matthew Coutts (admin), Katie Dentry (CRD), CRD Director Paul Brent (via Zoom), Justine Stark (CRD, via Zoom)

Regrets: Comm. Connie Sears

1. Call to Order: 3:31 pm

2. **Territorial Acknowledgement:** Read by Comm. Carolyn Cartwright-Owers.

3. Approval of 09 March 2026 Agenda

Note to include discussion of Disc Golf application and “Lot 66” discussion to New Business.

MOTION: That PIPRC approves the March agenda as amended.

M- Comm. Balmer S- Comm. Cartwright-Owers

Carried

4. Approval of 9 Feb. 2026 Minutes

MOTION: That PIPRC approves the February meeting minutes as submitted.

M- Comm. Balmer S- Comm. Baile

Carried

5. **Delegation(s)**

Robert Dill - South Pender Historical Society

-Spoke in favour of the Gowlland Point Signage and urged support.

- Liis Graham - Three on the Tree Production Society:

-Seeking permission for Hearts on the Heart Trail Project - installation on local Parks section of the Heart trail. Noted that she's aware she'll need Parks Canada support for another stretch.

6. **Correspondence and Business Arising**

6.1 Chair Report - nothing to note

6.2 Correspondence

- Actalent Service – clearance for hydro pole maintenance near Fire Hall #2

- Disregard, as this is Regional CRD decision
- Moving Around Pender – Proposal to paint rainbow crosswalk on Schooner Way – School Trail near school.
- Rob looked into it and MOTI does not allow decorated crosswalks. Has default crosswalk style they will allow under the circumstances. We can petition for an exception, but it will take time and effort to get approval. Will discuss with MAP.
- Raincoast Conservation – Permission for visual research at Oak Bluff.
- Concerns raised that the research team takes a significant amount of space near the picnic table over the summer, but consensus is to support assuming we can find a workable location. Ben (Maintenance) and Comm. Balmer will liaise.

MOTION: That PIPRC grants permission for Raincoast Conservation to conduct visual research at Oaks Bluff, subject to finding an acceptable position that minimizes disturbance to the public - away from the picnic table.

M- Comm Baile S- Comms. Balmer
Carried

Gulf Islander Mag – Asking PIPRC to advertise in 2026 magazine

MOTION: That PIPRC declines the opportunity to advertise in the 2026 Gulf Islander magazine.

M- Mills S- Balmer
Carried

6.3 Business Arising

-GINPR community liaison committee - priorities

MOTION: THAT PIPRC, through representative Comm. Paul Kubik and supported by Comms. Baile and Cartwright-Owers, ask the GINPR community liaison committee to prioritize the following efforts: multi-jurisdictional trail connectivity, concern about invasive species on Parks Canada land, and support of Hearts on the Trail project approval.

M- Cartwright-Owers S- Baile
Carried

6. Operations

7.1 Maintenance Ben Symons - maintenance ongoing, no major setbacks or concerns.

7. Projects

8.1 Capital Projects Rob Fawcett

- Discussed Schooner Trail completion (only crosswalks remain) and trail launch party. Progress made on Walk for Wellness program.

- Pavilion at Thieves Bay the next focus.
- Next steps at Danny Martin Park is to review the area for trail connections, which will be highlighted as priority. The area is too wet for immediate work to be done.

8. Finance & Communications

9.1 Treasurer's Report - Document transition from former treasurer ongoing.

9.2 Communications - Andrea Mills notes some online concern about the size of proposed Thieves Bay construction, but nothing significant.

- To write Pender Post: Comm. Mills.

9. New Business

9.1 First Nations Signage at Gowlland Point

MOTION: That PIPRC stands in favour of a proposal for First Nations signage on local park land near Gowlland Point Ocean Access, pending the outcome of CRD impact review.

M- Owers S- Baile

Carried

9.2 Hearts on the Heart Trail Project

Motion: THAT PIPRC approves and supports Three on the Tree's "Hearts on the Heart Trail" project.

M- Comm. Mills S-Director Brent

Carried

9.3 Disc Golf Event Application

MOTION: THAT PIPRC approves the submitted Disc Golf event application.

M- Balmer S- Comm. Baile

Carried

9.4 Renaming Lot 66

ACTION: That PIPRC establishes a subcommittee to look into renaming Lot 66. Subcommittee to include Comms. Baile and Cartwright-Owers

10. In Camera

MOTION: THAT the Pender Parks and Recreation Commission close the meeting pursuant to Section 90-1(e) of the Community Charter (land acquisition) and that CRD staff be allowed to attend and invite staff to attend.

M- Comm Suh S- Comm. Mills

Carried

Time In: 4:25 pm Time Out: 4:48 pm

11. **Next Meeting Date:** April 13, 2026 at 3:30 pm

12. **Adjournment:** 4:50 pm

MOTION: THAT PIPRC adjourn the meeting

M- Comm Mills S- Comm Baile

Carried