

Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission

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PIPRC Meeting Minutes: Monday, September 14, 2026 @ 4 PM

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

Regrets: Kevin Balmer, CRD Area Director Paul Brent

Staff: Ben Symons (Maintenance), Rob Fawcett (Projects Coordinator, via Zoom), Matthew Coutts (admin), Justine Starke (CRD Senior Manager, via Zoom)

1. Call to Order:

2. Territorial Acknowledgement provided by Chair Cartwright-Owers

3. Approval of September Agenda

Three amendments were presented: adding attendees to the delegates list to speak on Craddock OA, Moving Around Pender's Einar's Hill project, and the South Pender Historical Society's request to construct a native garden along with the new signage.

MOTION: That PIPRC approves the agenda as amended.

M: Comm. Kubik S: Comm. Sears

Carried

4. Approval of July Meeting Minutes

MOTION: That PIPRC approves the minutes as presented.

M: Comm. Baile S: Comm. Kubik

Carried

5. Approval of August Special Meeting Minutes

MOTION: That PIPRC approves the minutes as presented.

M: Comm. Kubik S: Comm. Sears

Carried

6. Delegation(s):

Seven South Pender residents attended the meeting to hear discussion and speak in opposition of the Craddock Bay OA improvement proposal.

Delegates: Karin Rolfes-Kubik, Jim Blakeley, Jan Blakeley, Shelley Henshaw, Susan Antifaev, Kathy Strong-Duffin, Bill Duffin.

Comm. Kubik presented the topic and Ben Symons (maintenance) spoke about the scope of the project. Discussion concluded after an appropriate amount of time.

7. Correspondence

8.1 Chair Report - nothing to report.

8.2 Correspondence

- TLC Kids Fund grant – Bouldering Wall successful (\$3151) - presented without discussion
- Discussion of Legacy Bench program - presented without discussion
- Annual IT monitoring of Enchanted Forest covenant - presented and addressed in maintenance report.
- Magic Lake South rock fall hazard - presented and addressed in maintenance report.

8. Business Arising

8.1 2027 Commission Vacancies

Commissioners made aware that the term limits had been evenly staggered and no positions were expected to be vacant come January. The CRD will still run a call for applicants, as it traditionally does.

8.2 Craddock OA project update (Kubik)

Issue addressed via delegations. Symons reports there has been a site meeting and that the project was worthy of pursuing. The need for clearer public awareness was highlighted.

Symons will put together visuals to help identify the issue and clarify the project scope, which is expected to be minimal. Expected for next session.

8.3 Recreation Grant update

Groups receiving rec grants from PIPRC have been alerted, PIPRC bookkeeper has been updated.

9. Operations

9.1 Maintenance Report from Ben Symons

Discussion of report as provided. Symons has support to proceed with the projects that fall under the maintenance purview.

Symons noted it is difficult to install benches along Schooner Trail as there is little clearance between the trail and private property. Possible options to be reviewed.

Douglas fir leaning over Danny Martin Park was flagged as a future concern for the site designated for the bouldering wall, as well as the pump track and baseball diamond outfield. The top of the tree could be leveled off and reduce tipping concerns.

10. Projects

10.1 Capital Projects Report from Rob Fawcett

Discussion of report as provided.

11. Finance & Communications

11.1 Treasurer's Report - Comm Frick gave an update on finances via Zoom, presentation of report to be held next meeting.

11.2 Communications

11.2.1 Social Media Update

Andrea will post online about the three-day closure of the swimming dock.

11.2.2 Pender Post -

Connie will write a report for The Pender Post, asking the public not to leave fairy doors in the Enchanted Forest Park, and an invitation to the public to attend meetings.

12. New Business

12. 1 Einar's Hill - MAP project

MOTION: That PIPRC supports Moving Around Pender to build the Einar's Hill bypass section of this important community trail that is on ALR land.

M: Comm. Baile S: Comm. Suh

Carried

12.2 Native Garden at Gowlland Point signage

MOTION: That PIPRC approves the proposed community native garden at a size reduced from that in the provided sketch, with the agreement that the South Pender Historical Society manage its upkeep in perpetuity.

M: Comm. Sears S: Comm. Baile

Carried

13. In-Camera

MOTION That the meeting be closed in accordance with Section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter to enable discussion of the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements.

M: Comm. Baile S: Comm. Suh

Carried

Meeting in camera: 5:35 pm

Meeting resumed: 5:50 pm

14. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 13, at 3:30 pm

15. Adjournment

MOTION: That PIPRC closes the meeting.

M: Comm. Cartwright-Owers S: Comm. Sears

Carried

Meeting closed: 5:51 pm