



North Pender Island Local Trust Committee Record of a Public Hearing Proposed Bylaw No. 213

Date: November 23, 2017
Location: Pender Island Community Hall
4418 Bedwell Harbour Road, North Pender Island, BC

Members Present: George Grams, Chair
Dianne Barber, Local Trustee
Derek Masselink, Local Trustee

Staff Present: Robert Kojima, Regional Planning Manager
Justine Starke, Island Planner
Shannon Brayford, Recorder

Public Present: Approximately 26 members of the public present.

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Chair Grams recessed the Regular Meeting at 10:56 a.m. to hold the Public Hearing. He read a prepared statement outlining the content, purpose, and process of the Public Hearing.

Planner Starke provided a summary of the Public Hearing notice and the agency referrals that were received.

Chair Grams invited comments from the public.

Ron Miller expressed concern with traffic volume, traffic compliance and illegal behaviour ongoing at the park. He noted that Thieves Bay is the docking location for the water ambulance. He also expressed concern that the site will then be sought as a campsite.

Eleanor Heslop spoke against the application outlining several concerns with the negative impact the structure will have on the park and the neighbouring property owners.

Kathy Heslop expressed concern with tax money being spent on this project, and outlined projects on which the funds could alternatively be spent. She also listed examples of potential issues the structure could create for residents and neighbours.

Peter Ralph spoke against the application noting that the infrastructure of the park would not support the development.

Allen Waddel spoke against the application, noting that the park is currently used to its fullest by families and a covered structure would not enhance the use, but would attract illicit behaviour.

Rick Mudie spoke against the size and location of the current application, but expressed support of small covers over one or two tables that would provide shelter from the sun or rain.

Dale Henning spoke against the application, noting that people could bring their own portable shelters.

Majorie Levien spoke against the application and asked whether the application is truly being sought to enhance whale watching. She also wondered if the road and breakwater are private roads and therefore not a legal access for anyone except those who use the marina.

Rob Burnett spoke on behalf of the application as the Vice Chair of the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission. He addressed the following points:

- the intended source of the funding;
- additional concurrent improvements to the park currently being undertaken;
- support of the Magic Lake Properties Owners Association;
- revisions made to the proposal following prior feedback;

Loralee Gaur noted that she did not receive a notice of the application.

Eleanor Brownlee spoke against the development of the park in this manner.

Ron Miller requested that a traffic study and environmental impact report be conducted, and that Fish and Wildlife be involved. He also requested information on whether the relevant First Nations groups were notified.

Eleanor Heslop recommended that the picnic tables be provided with umbrella holes as an alternative. She also noted that irrespective of the source, the funding would still be tax money.

Gordon Resvick spoke against the application..

Allen Waddell asked for information on what inspired the project to build the structure.

Ron Miller noted that the park is reservable and that the picnic shelter could become a place that excludes residents. He argued that this is not consistent with the culture of the park and the community and he encouraged the Trustees to protect that culture.

Rob Burnett noted that the idea for the shelter came from Pender Island Park and Recreation survey responses at the Fall Fair over the past two years.

Loralee Guar requested clarification on the Fall Fair responses.

Ron Miller requested, should the bylaw be approved, that it specifically limits the construction to a single structure.

Chair Grams made three calls for further oral or written submissions from the public.

No further submissions were made.

Chair Grams closed the public hearing at 11:37 am

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A FAIR AND ACCURATE SUMMARY OF THE NATURE OF REPRESENTATIONS RESPECTING THE MEETING HELD.

RECORDER

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