



**The Corporation of The Town of Cobourg
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
MINUTES**

**March 1, 2022, 1:00 p.m.
Electronic Participation**

Members Present: Emily Chorley
Beth Bellaire, Chair
Dora Body
Miriam Mutton
Richard Pope
Trish Whitney

Members Absent: James McGrath

Staff Present: Jodi Ware-Simpson
Director, Brian Geerts

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. **TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Traditional Land Acknowledgement was recited.

3. **APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Add West Headlands to the April agenda - Richard Pope

THAT the Agenda dated March 01, 2022 be approved as presented.

Carried

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

THAT the Minutes dated March 1, 2022 be adopted as presented.

Result: Carried

6. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

No delegations or presentations.

7. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

No Communications or Correspondence

8. REPORTS

8.1 East Pier Revitalization

Director Geerts provided an update.

The East Pier presentation, included in the agenda package, will be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 7th. From a process perspective, this design and consultation work forms part of the Capital works and capital budget process.

The Committee members provided the following comments/concerns:

- Page 14 – Parking recommendation seems contrary to public opinion (parking A vs. A&B is preferred). How will parking be controlled? How will emergency services access the site?
- Is there a safety wall for traffic on the west side? Is this an oversight?
- Trees on page 25 seem to be overly ambitious, and may damage infrastructure. Indigenous species of any future plants preferred.
- Possibility for lake water to ingress/egress, to improve on harbour water quality.
- Lighthouse not presented in viewshed options.
- Seating – will the splash wall block the view when seating? 42” wall may block
- Servicing – what will the servicing be?
- Storage – will there need to be a shed for multipurpose equipment to support events?
- Traffic flow – circular flow rather than vehicles backing up into pedestrian traffic

- Vehicular access needs to be better thought out, to prioritize complimentary uses
- Surfer access – how can they access the water? Is it allowed when diving/jumping are not allowed?
- Beach access – by coastguard building – is this ok -
- Pedestrian walkways – are they actually multi-purpose? Child safety
- What is the cost of this process? Will this project limit the town's opportunities for other capital works?
- How will vehicles know that parking is full, before they go all the way to the end?
- Missed opportunity: use a theme or creature to unify design and show well from overhead and oblique views

8.2 COVID-19 Regulations Update - Director Geerts

COVID Regulations were updated on March 1. This moved our area to the Exit Step of the 4 stage process. The most impactful change is the removal of the QR code requirement for indoor recreation screening. Mask wearing, passive health screening, and physical distancing requirements remain in place.

8.3 D'Aintry Park Update - Director Geerts

Parks staff met with the Planning department to discuss zoning options and approach. Staff will come back to Council with a joint departmental report on all items. Staff are working on a park development plan, considering accessibility and standard park elements.

8.4 Memorial Arena Ad Hoc Committee Update - Dora Body

Member Body provided an update regarding the Memorial Arena Ad Hoc Committee activities to date.

Member Mutton made a suggestion to take to the Committee - Could 2-3 story residential be added to the perimeter and leave the centre as a multi-purpose community space? This could be complimentary to the Tannery District plans.

8.5 Work Plan Review - Beth Bellaire

The Chair, Beth Bellaire, reviewed the 2022 work plan.

Tree and Bench Recognition Program - add to the work plan and mark as complete.

Youth - The Chair contacted the local high schools and St. Mary's advised that they would like to come to a meeting to make a presentation. The Committee agreed to invite them to the April meeting. The Chair will put together a list of questions and send to the school prior to the meeting which will include a short introduction of the Committee.

Victoria Square Project - The Committee agreed to add the Victoria Square project to the April agenda. The Secretary will invite Councillor Bureau.

Trails Master Plan - Progress report requested for May. Highlight plan versus actual.

Parks Master Plan - Progress report requested for June. Facility standards - present versus actuals.

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 Brookside

Citizens can provide feedback on Engage Cobourg
<https://engagecobourg.ca/brookside-youth-detention-centre-site>

11. COUNCIL MOTIONS

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

13. NEXT MEETING

April 5, 2022