

**Parks and Natural Environment Advisory Committee**

**7:00pm, February 21, 2024  
District North Vancouver - 1370 Crown Street**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Amy Tsang, Chair  
Karin Jensen, Vice-Chair  
Thomas Benett  
Genevieve Lanz  
Glen Parker  
Adele Wilson  
Michael Cliff (virtual attendance)  
Nicole Foth - DNV  
Steffanie Warriner – DNV Liaison  
Kim Malo – DNV Parks Clerk

**Absent:** Johanna Moretto  
Katrina Laube  
Charlene Seward  
Cllr. Lisa Muri

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

- Round table introduction of present attendees.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved by Adele**

**Seconded by Karin**

THAT the February 21, 2024, agenda is approved.

**CARRIED**

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

**3.1. November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, Parks and Natural Environment Advisory Committee meeting**

**Moved by Amy**

**Seconded by Karin**

THAT the minutes of the minutes of the November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, Parks and Natural Environment Advisory Committee are amended to reflect Thomas Bennet as absent from the meeting and are adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**4. Reports**

#### **4.1 DNV Clerks – Committee Orientation**

Genevieve Lanz, Acting Municipal Clerk, provided the committee with an overview of meeting procedures, highlighting the Committee Orientation Manual, Terms of Reference, roles and responsibilities of the Chair, Vice-Chair and members, and annual reporting to Council.

Genevieve Lanz left meeting at 7:36pm.

#### **4.2. Elect Chair/Vice Chair**

**Moved by Adele**

**Seconded by Karin**

THAT the Committee elects Amy as Chair and Karin as Vice Chair.

**CARRIED**

### **5. People, Dogs + Parks plan - update + discussion**

#### **5.1. Project introduction**

Staff provided a presentation on the People, Dogs +Parks Plan, highlighting the following:

- Growing population especially in multifamily homes resulting in an increased number of dogs needing outdoor areas for recreation. Parks objectives to make parks welcoming for all, sharing space with both people and dogs.
- Issues we have heard so far; Park Visitor experience, environmental quality, off-leash areas, commercial dog walking.

#### **5.2. Project Public engagement summary**

- Staff reported on the feedback from community members over time about the desire for opportunities to recreate with their dogs in parks, challenges about dogs in our parks.

#### **5.3. Discussion**

- The Committee agreed upon additional issues with general dog owner etiquette, waste being left or not disposed of properly, off leash dogs where not allowed or dogs in parks where not allowed such as sports fields. The Committee discussed bylaws and infractions and the benefit of more education and better signage.

#### **5.4. Next steps**

Staff encouraged members to share [www.dnv.org/dogplan](http://www.dnv.org/dogplan) with their contacts.

### **6. 2024 PNEAC work plan/schedule**

Summary/points:

- Review from the Staff Liaison regarding topics and placeholders. The Staff Liaison reminded members that more meetings can be called as required, or additional topics added.
- Member noted for date in November should state Nov 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Potential additional topics: Parks budget and sustainable funding mechanisms, noted no utility funding parks, comes from general taxation.

**Moved by Glen**  
**Seconded by Adele**

THAT the 2024 Meeting Schedule & Workplan is adopted.

**CARRIED**

**7. Roundtable**

- A member highlighted that the 10-year Strategic Plan is now 12 years old and dated, and requested a score card on status of what actions are in progress, completed, put aside. The Staff Liaison shared that the Strategic Plan is in scheduled for a Parks refresh (POSP). Members agreed a session around a report card would be informative and educational for all the members. The Staff Liaison indicated this would be scheduled this year.

**8. Next meeting:** April 17, 2024

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm.