

Parks and Natural Environment Advisory Committee

7pm February 18, 2026

1370 Crown Street – DNV Operations Centre

Minutes

Present: Michael Cliff, Chair
Maysa Tsang, Vice-Chair
Karin Jensen
Glen Parker
Adele Wilson
Hamish Fairweather
Steve Jenkins, Manager, Parks
Tamsin Guppy, Planner, Development
Planning
Sandra Corbeil, Section Manager,
Parks Capital Projects

Absent: Councillor Lisa Muri
Charlene Seward
Sandra Hartney
Johanna Moretto

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

- 1. Welcome and introductions**
- 2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2026**

Michael Cliff nominated as Chair for 2026

Moved by Adele

Seconded by Glen

THAT Michael Cliff will be committee Chair for 2026

Maysa Tsang elected as Vice-Chair for 2026

CARRIED

- 3. Approval of the Agenda**
Moved by Glen
Seconded by Adele
THAT the February 18, 2026 agenda is approved.

CARRIED

- 4. Adoption of June 2025 Meeting Minutes**
Moved by Michael

Seconded by Adele
THAT the June 2025 meeting minutes are adopted.

CARRIED

5. Approval of draft schedule for 2026 meetings

The following meeting dates were proposed and agreed upon by members.

- Wednesday, February 18
- Wednesday, April 22
- Wednesday, June 17
- Wednesday, September 23
- Wednesday, November 18

Moved by Michael

Seconded by Karin

THAT the 2026 meeting schedule is approved.

CARRIED

6. William Griffin Pickleball Update

Staff presentation on William Griffin Pickleball Courts.

- Presented mock-up of court area and design. The design shows 6 pickleball courts. Also, a micro-forest area, with logs and woodchips, from hazard tree cleared areas.
- Staff conducted a sound study to test noise levels. Natural sound mitigation exists (i.e. trees, 2 creeks, highway, far from housing). Results showed that noise was under DNV Noise Bylaw 7188 limits for noise. A committee member asked about sound dampening material. Staff answered that testing did not show need for it now but would reconsider in future, if needed.
- Environmental conditions were considered, and geotechnical and arborist assessments were conducted. Project plans include a raised court surface made from impervious material, a bioswale, and cut-off ditch. Additionally, this area has undergone hazard tree removals, part of the DNV Forest Resilience initiative, to ensure safety of the court area. Committee members expressed gratitude for the plan's attention to ecological concerns.
- A committee member mentioned they were in favour of pickleball over installing a parking lot since it will be good for Mosquito Creek – from a conservation perspective.
- A committee member mentioned concerns around people potentially parking on residential streets. Another echoed this sentiment. Concerns around bike lane going in and taking away some parking, making other street parking more desired. Another member suggested implementing pay parking in William Griffin lots.
- A committee member asked about cost – staff answered approx. \$625,000.
- A question was raised about rental revenue from pickleball. Staff mentioned court use permits are required on a yearly basis, but DNV does not charge per session. Member spoke in favour of implementing paid court rentals and expressed concerns around unfair access.
- A member asked if pickleball popularity will stick. Members and staff both speculated yes. A member asked if pickleball popularity subsides, could tennis court go in place? Staff said yes, relatively easy to repaint court.

- A committee member asked about installing a water station. Staff mentioned that this is TBD, since there is no water hookup, and the community center amenities are nearby.
- Next steps include external engagements with Sports Council, February 25th and North Shore Streamkeepers, February 26th. Construction design drawings are set to be completed by March 2026 with an estimated construction start in Summer 2026.

7. Park Zoning Bylaw Update

Staff presentation on Park Zoning Bylaw.

- Staff presented ongoing parks bylaw updates. Current bylaw has not been re-written since 1965. The re-write aims to streamline and simplify the processes.
- Introduced new draft parks zones:
 1. Parks and outdoor recreation zone – for parks with planned activity spaces, and for specialized activities.
 2. Natural parkland zone – for nature-focused green belts and forested parks.
- A committee member suggested that #2 should be divided into conservation and recreation areas. Staff responded that this would be tricky – gave examples of trail through natural forested areas – it would be difficult to delineate.
- Current bylaws were written at a time when single-family homes were predominant. For example, house height restrictions in current bylaw have resulted in deep basements; many have turned into secondary suites with window wells. The impact of this is that people are living in units with almost no light. Also, digging deeper has larger environmental impacts on soil.
- The re-write also includes:
 - Parks and recreational uses permitted in all zones (not just park zones).
 - Institutional zones updated to support indoor and outdoor.
 - In private development, additional requirement for landscape areas in residential zone. In addition to, updated requirements for onsite indoor and outdoor amenity spaces.
- Proposed creating a ‘specialized tourism & recreation’ zone for resort areas. Aims to protect forested areas and focus on revitalization of already impacted areas, like Grouse Mountain and Capilano Suspension Bridge.
- A member asked about Indigenous involvement – staff confirmed that Indigenous entities in area have been consulted.

8. Round Table

The committee was pleased to engage in this discussion and have their opinions considered in the decision-making process.

Staff asked committee members to think about three topics for discussion at the next meeting:

- a. Pay parking in parks
- b. Commercial operations in parks
- c. Off leash dog areas in parks

9. Member Updates

North Shore Streamkeepers (Glen):

- Fish ladder at Hastings Creek (at Hoskins Rd.) – working with Parks on how to improve and modify fish ladder instead of replacement since some chum got through this year.
- Lynn Creek rock reef has been installed at mouth to create a labyrinth for fish to move from ocean to freshwater. Also, the area has been rezoned to support conservation.

10. Next Meeting

April 22, 2026

Moved by DNV Staff

Seconded by Michael

THAT the next meeting will occur April 22, 2026, from 7-9pm at the District Operations Centre.

CARRIED

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.